

DAIRYMEN EAGER FOR NEW IDEAS

Sixteen Communities Visited by Recent Dairy Demonstration Tour.

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CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—Of the sixteen communities visited by the recent dairy demonstration on its 19-day tour of northwest and eastern Oregon, each has its own peculiar problems in increasing the prosperity of the dairy industry but practically all were alike in that dairymen themselves are as a rule eager to obtain latest information on most profitable methods for their business.

Some localities have worked out systems of economical feed and management but have a cow population below accepted standards for efficient production. Others have good cows in the main, but lack satisfactory marketing facilities while still others are faced with the problem of summer pastures and cheap succulent feed.

Profitable Market Outlet
Eugene, where the train was started on its tour by 1923 visitors who braved a torrential rain, has built up a profitable market outlet through the Eugene Farmers' creamery which has proved so satisfactory that the organization has scarcely lost a member through voluntary withdrawal. This county has greatly increased its feed resources through use of alfalfa and other legumes and is now turning to pasture development.

Albany, center of a region noted for fine cows, has no purely cooperative marketing association though a farmer's stock company handles most of the output. Here and in Benton county to the west, interest in irrigated pastures has been stimulated by the success of Eadine clover demonstrations carried out by the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis. On otherwise almost worthless land the college has established a pasture that carried close to four cows to the acre last year for six months.

Largely Unorganized
Dairymen of Polk and Marion counties who gathered at Salem and Donald for the train are largely unorganized from a marketing standpoint excepting for successful local cooperative creameries at Mt. Angel and Monmouth. Some preliminary work has been carried out by the new bargaining association being formed in the Portland milkshed. This region is also a center of fine dairy herds where many of the world records have been established. In Marion county considerable interest is shown in the new irrigation well on the Sam Brown ranch which, though being used on a fruit farm will give much practical information on the possibilities of using similar wells in establishing irrigated dairy pastures.

OLD MAN MORTON'S SON, ELMER

by Oscar Hitt



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At Wilsonville in Clackamas county this matter of irrigated pastures attracted wide attention for the major problem of Willamette dairymen at present is considered to be this matter of summer pasture. Western Oregon's heavy rainfall of some 40 inches a year ceases abruptly in late spring and with it goes opportunity for continuous pasturing which is the foundation of most outstanding dairy sections. In most parts of the valley, investigations show, irrigated pastures can supply this deficiency.

The Tualatin valley in Washington county has some 15,000 cows most of the production of which goes to Portland as whole milk. This region is vitally interested in the new cooperative marketing organizations and heard with pleasure the favorable reports on it from state and federal marketing specialists. Herd improvement work in this county has been sporadic, however, and better cows are said to be needed.

In the neighboring county to

the north, Columbia, dairymen are coming in to take the place of reduced revenues that followed depleted forest wealth. Vernonia, formerly the land of the logger almost exclusively, is now producing dairies. Scappoose with its 5000 acres of reclaimed lake land is looking to the Portland market for milk to make dairymen the foundation for its new agricultural industry. Rainier and Clatskanie are in somewhat similar positions with the lower Columbia cooperative dairy association expanding into that territory to provide established market outlets.

Clatsop county, the home of the biggest and most successful dairy cooperative in the state, has no marketing problem other than to continue the economical production of the high quality products that has carried its output to premium markets. In contrast to the Tillamook dairymen, who joined them in greeting the demonstration train, Clatsop has not raised the standard of production per cow to the point needed, according to local authorities.

Rapid progress is being made even in this regard by the Clatsop dairymen, however, and some 68 scrub bulls have been replaced by purebreds in the last 10 years. The feed problem there has been largely solved by the almost universal use of methods of legume production developed by the branch experiment station at Astoria and by cooperative purchasing of concentrates.

In the mid-Columbia region dairymen have entered to balance the once specialized and top-heavy fruit growing enterprise. Hood

Air Passenger Service To Be Extended Soon

PORTLAND, Ore., June 19—

On May 15, Varney Air Lines inaugurated a passenger service over a portion of its mail lines, Portland to Salt Lake City. It was decided by officials of the company at that time that no passengers would be carried on the Seattle, Tacoma, Portland or the Spokane, Pasco, Hope, popular demand has changed this. L. D. Cuddeback, vice president of the Varney company, announced today that passenger equipment would be placed in operation sometime during the first part of July between Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, and Spokane and Pasco. Daily passenger service will be offered to connect with the portion of the lines already offering passenger accommodations, Portland to Salt Lake.

This addition to the Varney service will give people of the Puget Sound section as well as those of the Spokane and Inland Empire section a direct air service to the far east. The Varney ships will connect directly with the Boeing tri-motor service at Salt Lake City. This service extends on through to Chicago. At Chicago it is possible to get any number of directions by the regular mail schedule which leaves Seattle 3:40 p. m. and Tacoma 4:00 p. m. daily. The Business Man's Special will depart from Spokane 5:45 p. m. daily. This section will arrive at Salt Lake 7 a. m. and Chicago the following evening, 6 p. m. This is approximately 24 hour service to Chicago. The west-bound will leave Salt Lake 10:00 p. m. and arrive in Spokane 4:15 a. m., Tacoma 7:35 a. m. and Seattle 7:50 a. m. the next morning.

The name of the service out of the northwest will be, The Night Mail "Business Man's Special." The passengers will be carried on the regular mail schedule which leaves Seattle 3:40 p. m. and Tacoma 4:00 p. m. daily. The Business Man's Special will depart from Spokane 5:45 p. m. daily. This section will arrive at Salt Lake 7 a. m. and Chicago the following evening, 6 p. m. This is approximately 24 hour service to Chicago. The west-bound will leave Salt Lake 10:00 p. m. and arrive in Spokane 4:15 a. m., Tacoma 7:35 a. m. and Seattle 7:50 a. m. the next morning.

Chicago furnishes about \$250,000 worth of food to the world each year.

River county dairymen joined with their Washington neighbors in a big meeting at White Salmon where better cows was the central topic of interest.

What Would Be Result At Game If Lights Wink?

By Russell J. Newland

(Associated Press Sports Writer)
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Now that night baseball is an established fact in Sacramento, it might not be a bad idea for Harry Williams, the league president, to draw up a set of handy pocket rules to meet any emergencies.

Say, for instance, what would happen if with the score tied in the ninth inning, one of the home town players belted out a potential home run just as the lights went out? A smart opposing infielder could have an extra ball cuffed in his pocket. Who would there be to dispute his word that he could see in the dark and had made a beautiful backhand catch?

Even Truck Hannah, of the Los Angeles Angels, should be able to steal a base under such circumstances. Imagine the embarrassment of a pitcher to have the lights turned on and have Truck merely having walked across the diamond from first to third.

But then, what is gravy for the runner might be road beef for the pitcher. Many a nerve wracked moundman, no doubt, has prayed for darkness, especially if he had just walked three men and with winning runs on base, the heaviest hitter in the league strode up to the plate. If the lights had been conveniently turned out at the time, it would be no difficult matter to walk three strikes over or even under the plate.

Several solutions may be at hand for Mr. Williams. A phosphorus painted ball might do the trick. It should give the spectators quite a thrill to watch it describe its parabola. At that case the fielders' gloves should be covered with phosphorus except for a round spot in the center. If the ball were caught the glove would be entirely covered.

Pocket flashlights, too, would come in handy or perhaps small beacons could be attached to the players' caps. The old fashioned night lamps lit by oil are not recommended as the smoke might blow in the players' eyes.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to equip all the umpires with night binoculars.

Something should be done.

Think of the unfortunate umpire who just made a glaringly bad decision surrounded in the dark by a group of hostile players.

Instead of rain checks, the management should issue "darkness" checks. Postponed games to be played in the moonlight.

Every main event boxing contest now has its preliminaries. When Jimmy Britt fought Joe Gans in 1908, instead of preliminaries a noted quartet of the time sang songs. At that almost anything would be preferable to some of the prelims that are put on nowadays.

Oldest Relic Of 'Phone Industry

THE DALLIES, Ore. (AP)—D. J. Butcher, district manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, acquired in Arlington what he believes is the

oldest relic of the telephone industry in Oregon.

It is a wooden mouthpiece, which also contained the receiver of a phone system used in a pioneer building of the Gilliam county town. The instrument, turned from a heavy piece of wood, contained a thin wooden diaphragm. A small metal hammer is attached to the back of this indicating that taps with this were used to call a party on the opposite end of the line.

The unique telephone instrument was presented to Butcher by Raymond Crowder, Arlington newspaper man, who said it was found when the old Higgs building was being raised. Butcher said he sent it to the company museum at Portland.

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