

# Cottage Grove Sentinel

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## Record National Income Affects Farm Situation

National personal, disposable income is estimated at 170 billion dollars in 1947, the largest in history, and 2 1/2 times the 1935-1939 average, according to data in a new outlook circular just issued by the extension service at Oregon State college. This high consumer purchasing power is the greatest force sustaining demand for farm products at the current high level, the authors of the circular state.

The data show a close relationship for many years between the gross value of farm food production and the national disposable income. Huge overseas shipments incident to the great wars have augmented this demand. The duration of these demands is the most uncertain aspect of the market outlook for farm products in 1948-

### KENNETH COLEMAN LEAVES

Kenneth A. Coleman who has operated the H. N. Traxler real estate office here in the Stewart building for the past year has closed the Cottage Grove office, which will be consolidated with the Traxler office at Creswell. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman will move to Portland, where Mr. Coleman will enroll in the Northwest Business College the first of the year.

1949, the report points out. Farm cost prices have also advanced with the rise in national income to the highest level on record, both for production and marketing. The national index of prices paid by farmers for commodities, interest and taxes rose 14 per cent from October 1946 to October 1947. Farm wage rates rose seven per cent. Meanwhile, despite sharp gains in a few items, the general level of prices received by farmers advanced only six per cent. Thus, the overall exchange value of farm products declined, although it improved on some commodities.

The national outlook for total

farm production in 1948 is less favorable owing to drought in the winter wheat belt east of the Rockies. Feeding ratios are also more adverse for the production of meat, milk and poultry products. Total agricultural production in 1947 was about 36 per cent above the 1935-1939 average, however, or nearly one-fourth more per capita.

The new outlook circular also contains sections on net farm income, land prices and rentals, and farm family living. A copy may be had on request to any county agent or direct from the college.

## Carbon Monoxide Dangerous Now

Cold weather now general in many parts of Oregon may lead to an increase in deaths from carbon monoxide gas, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has warned.

Exhaust fumes seeping into closed car interiors brings drowsiness and lowered alertness even though the concentration is not high enough to be fatal in itself, it was pointed out.

"The deadly effects of carbon monoxide probably has been a cause of more accidents than realized," Newby said. "The hazard is particularly great this year because of the large number of older cars on the road."

Leaking exhaust systems and defective floor boards were underscored as acute danger points in cold weather driving. Motorists are advised to keep at least one window partially opened to allow some flow of fresh air.

The colorless, odorless gas can easily accumulate in lethal amounts when a car is warmed up in a closed garage or the motor of a stationary vehicle run for a long time.

## Old Dobbin Fast Disappearing From Farms in Oregon

Poor old Dobbin, much revered horse of fact, fiction, and fantasy, has really gone away to stay and is apparently not going to make a comeback in Oregon, reveals Bert E. Black, extension statistician at O.S.C.

During the past decade the number of horses and mules in Oregon has declined 42 per cent, Black, in the agricultural economics extension department, declares in a new bulletin entitled, "Oregon's Specialty Animal Industries, 1936 to 1946." Most of the equine animals are found in eastern Oregon counties where a majority of them are saddle horses used in the livestock industry. Numbers of horses and mules totaled only 95,000 on January 1, 1947, as compared with 165,000 in 1936. Light horses alone are on the increase.

These statistics are in the new booklet which includes data on such Oregon specialty animal industries as farm raised fur and game, goats and mohair, rabbits for meat, apiary products and fish and sea food in addition to some other miscellaneous listings.

The value of farm marketings for the entire group amounted to about \$11,000,000 in 1943, the last year that totals are available.

Mink and fox numbers declined during the period 1940 to 1945. It is significant, however, that receipts from farm marketing for fox and mink furs and breeding stock totaled \$1,485,000 in 1945, or 55 per cent more than in 1942. Income from the fishing industry came to \$7,781,000 from a catch of 70,289,000 pounds in 1943 as compared to a value of \$1,995,000 from 57,741,000 pounds in 1936.

Copies of the bulletin, "Oregon's Specialty Animal Industries, 1936 to 1946," No. 679, may be obtained through any county agricultural agent.

## Lice Inflict Heavy Damage on Cattle DDT Treatment Cuts High Winter Losses

Lice are injurious to all types of cattle. Animals produce less meat and milk if lice are unchecked. Young animals and poorly-nourished old animals suffer most from lice.

The winter season is the time lice are bad on cattle. The louse population builds up then. Dr. Harold Gunderson, extension entomologist at Iowa State college, says one louse unchecked in fall means 1,000 the following March.

For lice control on cattle, DDT is being used successfully. Early in fall, before cold weather arrives, it is mixed with water and sprayed on the animals. After cold weather comes, a DDT dust is recommended. Farmers are being advised to use a dust containing 10 per cent DDT. Some of the powdered louse killers on the market contain less than 10 per cent DDT, but have other effective insecticides combined with the DDT.

The rotenone dusts recommended for cattle grub control can be used for lice control. Usually they are diluted for lice, to cover greater area and reduce the cost. For instance, one pound of a cattle grub dust containing 1 1/2 per cent rotenone can be mixed with two pounds of flour to make an effective louse killer.

## World's Largest Potato Yard Found in Chicago

The world's largest potato yard is located—not in Idaho, nor in Maine—but in the largest city near the geographical center of the nation—Chicago.

In the Wood street yards of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad,



an average of 20,000 carloads of potatoes are handled annually. Many thousands of tons of other vegetables also pass through this yard.

The yard is the central marketing point for potatoes, which come in from virtually every state in the union. Dealers and brokers assemble in the yard each day before dawn to buy, sell or reconsign an average of 36,000 bushels daily. The Wood street yard is a far cry from the wooden platform which served as a terminal years ago.

Strength of Plywood Douglas fir logs from which plywood is made are called "peelers," because thin sheets of wood are peeled from the log, then bonded together into the panels. Actually, tests undertaken at the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., have proved plywood has pound for pound strength even greater than that of steel.

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