

Dairying important in Curry Summer Ramblings

CURRY COUNTY ECONOMIC SURVEY Report of the Dairy Committee

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A review of the recommendations made by the dairy committees in the 1938 and 1947 conferences was presented by the secretary. Following this review Mr. Ray Zumwalt, was elected by the committee.

A discussion then took place regarding present standing and population trends. It was agreed by the committee that an estimated 75 percent increase has taken place in county population since 1950. The increase between 1940 and 1950 and 44 percent and the projected estimates would indicate a 144 percent increase between 1950 and 1975.

In view of this trend it was felt by the committee that dairying in Curry County would probably shift from a production of milk for manufacture to a production for fluid, Grade A, milk.

It was pointed out that high costs and increased taxes would milk production.

This brought up the question of cow members to supply the milk required, presently and in the future.

It was agreed among committee members that if present production was all diverted to fluid milk outlets, a surplus amount would result. However, with the bulk of present production going into manufacture a deficit exists in Grade A milk. The committee felt that a balance between fluid milk and milk for manufacture would come in the near future. The committee felt that as the change occurred gradually strict attention should be paid to population growth.

The committee recommends 35 cows as an economical unit for this area and that if a hired hand were to be used, an additional 20 head should be added. Present labor cost present the economical employment of labor for less than the additional 20 head. It was felt by the committee that any increase in present cow numbers would result in overstocking of the present pastures. Because present day herds are producing more milk per cow than in previous years smaller sized herds are

commended for the future, unless, of course, increased population, reduced taxes, lower wage rates and more feed becomes available.

Feed: It was recommended by the committee that grass silage and grain supplements be incorporated into the farm management plan to bring about a more uniform and stable production of milk. The summer feed is ample, but feed during the winter months is scarce.

It was pointed out that one of the big problems confronting a grass silage grain supplement program is the high cost of grain. It was recommended by this committee that action be taken by the county to have a road constructed over the mountains into the valley that would enable trucks to bring grain into the area at lower rates.

Some discussion took place regarding the proper manner of handling grass for silage. Here, the committee could not reach an agreement. Some members felt that adding molasses was necessary, while others felt that they were getting very good results by just blowing the chopped grass into the silo with no tramping or supplements being added. Still others felt that the high costs of grain was prohibitive and until the price of butter fat was increased, no great change in present feeding methods would take place.

The committee felt that perhaps some management studies, if conducted on the basis of an average herd, would help to bring about a greater use of silage feeding. This, of course, would result in better fed cows and greater production during the winter months.

The committee recommends that research by OSC be continued to find new grasses that are adapted to this area that will have greater milk producing capabilities and better adaptation for silage.

It was recommended that trial plantings be conducted in the county on new varieties and that demonstration plots be established and maintained.

It was brought out that ladino clover had been used by some dairymen with good results. Some committee members felt that New Zealand White had not been given a fair trial in this county, and that more work with this grass should be carried out.

Irrigation: The committee feels that irrigation in this county is a necessity although the costs connected with it are high. Particularly the electricity. Not sure what can be done about this, but would like to see it reduced.

It was suggested that perhaps a more scientific approach could be applied to irrigation. This discussion led to the following recommendation:

That OSC conduct research in this county to determine the amount of water to use and the time of application. This would have to be conducted on individual farms as the soil types and grass varieties vary from farm to farm.

Weed Control: Weeds in this county are growing problems. Continued work is needed to bring about an effective weed control program. It was felt by the committee that cooperative efforts with adjoining areas was a must. Control measures are applied to Curry county, but flood waters, cause reinfestations. Some pasture sheep. Good results have been obtained when the sheep were fenced.

Enforcement of present weed control laws would break many pests.

Disease Control: It was recommended that present work by the Livestock and Dairymen's Associations on county disease control measures be continued. It was also recommended the present testing include tests for Lep-tos and Vibrio.

The committee felt that Mastitis was growing problem and quite prevalent in nearly all herds in the county.

A recommendation was made that OSC and the USDA conduct more research aimed at learning more about this disease and a control for it.

It was felt by the committee that the Federal Govt. should establish facilities in local areas to test for Mastitis and the farmer should not have to pay for this test.

Income & Taxes: The committee felt that the tax load should be shifted from the farmers and ranchers and be made more equitable between all persons of the state.

This committee recommends a state sales tax and the money collected should be earmarked for schools.

The committee agreed that incomes could probably be increased through better management practices. They favored a testing program, but felt that most dairymen would not participate. Enough cows are being culled without testing.

The committee recommends that standardizing of milk be done away with. They feel that by so doing a high quality product would reach the consumer and that less butterfat would be going into surplus commodities.

If standardizing is to be continued, than the butter fat content should be increased.

Quality: The committee feels that present laws are controlling the quality of milk and the present laws are adequate.

SHEARING TIME NEARS
 Sheep are being brought in from the ranges in preparation for shearing. Loads of wool sacks are being hauled out to the shearing pens and when the sheep are in, their fleeces sufficiently dry from the fog and dew, shearing will be on from dawn to dusk and there'll be a bunch of wool-less woolies on the range and a pile of jam-packed wool sacks ready for market.

JAMES DAVLIN IN KOREA
 James P. Davlin son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Davlin of Brookings, and Airman 2nd Class has arrived at Osan Airbase, Korea to begin a year's tour of duty. He assigned to electrical work. James graduated from Mt. Angel high school and enlisted in the airforce about a year ago.

INITIATIVE PETITIONS
 Coos county clerk have been busy verifying signatures on initiative petitions. When these signatures are checked to see the signers are actually registered voters, they are returned to the sponsors who, in turn, file them at Salem for inclusion on the ballots.

So far, these petitions concern lowering voters' age to 18, a bill advocating the election of a lieutenant governor (sponsored by the State Grange and labor and Farmer groups) and another to close all coastal streams south of the Columbia to commercial fishing.

If the required number of signatures are had throughout the state, these initiatives, at least, will appear on the November ballots.

EDITORS COMING
 Four metropolitan travel editors will be spending several days along this coast in August sponsored by the Oregon Coast Association. They are Herb Beck of the Chicago American; Polly Noyes of the San Francisco Chronicle; Jerry Lloyd of the Los Angeles Examiner and Roy Dunlap of the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

LANDSLIDE BUSINESS
 One of our many visitors from inland was recently out to Harris Beach to collect a jar of water from the Pacific to take home with him. The tide was in at the time and an Old Timer was sitting near by so the young man asked if there was any charge for the water. The Old Timer mumbled "Ten cents". The young man paid up and collected his water.

The next day, at low tide, the young man returned with a friend who also wished to purchase some water. They found the Old Timer absent from his post and then they observed the depth of the water. "Why the old man must have done a landslide business!"

if we would tell them about it, take time out to take them out to see it, or encourage them to explore it themselves.

Along the way, too, are breathtaking beauty spots where one thrilling momentary glimpse or camera shot or pitch their tents, momentarily throughly convinced they could just live there forever.

And, it is much more than likely, that one would thus rest by the side of the trail with naught to disturb for on week on end although but an hour without the whirr of a motor, ding of a phone, or knock on the door, no matter how well meant, would sustain one long after returning to civilization.

It is safe, out there, with common precaution for the tiniest of children but the larger they are with increased comprehension, the greater the impression it will make upon them in reflection later in life.

In our own Curry county there are over 1600 square miles and it is away on the safe side to say that fully half of it is composable to many, many thousands of acres of what would be jealously regarded as park in less fortunate areas. At least several million of people would be happy if even a small portion of it was as handy to them as it is to us.

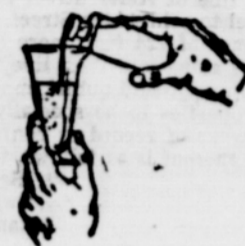
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Bank Premises (Including Branches)	10,688,660.76
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	13,927.34
Interest Earned	2,894,519.64
Other Resources	762,658.32
Total	\$ 808,197,869.77

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 20,000,000.00
Surplus	20,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	19,005,621.36
Total	59,005,621.36
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	3,583,677.77
Acceptances	13,927.34
Dividends Declared	650,000.00
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Other Liabilities	5,680,067.95
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