

Local Farmers to Get Benefit Better Incomes

A prospective increase in consumer purchasing power and a corresponding increase in farm production are the two most significant forecasts made at the National Agricultural Outlook conference held recently in Washington, D. C. reports L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college, who represented Oregon at this annual meeting.

A voluminous report on the outlook for all major crops and animal products was compiled from the national viewpoint. Copies of this are in the hands of all county agents who will be glad to go over any part of it with those interested. Breithaupt is now engaged in localizing parts of the national report to Oregon conditions. His conclusions will be issued by the college from time to time in the form of regular agricultural situation and outlook reports.

The first of these for the new crop year will deal with horticultural crops, plans for which are usually made in the winter. The importance of the prospective rise in purchasing power is shown by the fact that the Oregon farm price index has shown an almost exact correlation with the national industrial payroll index.

For example, the average farm price index in Oregon for the five depression years was 57.4 per cent of the 1926-1930 period. In the same years the national United States factory payroll index was 58.4 per cent or just one point difference.

If the consumers' purchasing power increases 10 per cent for 1937 as is now predicted and if a larger acreage of crops with a higher average yield is realized as is also predicted, national farm prices may be expected to average about the same as in 1926.

Even if farm prices merely remain at the 1935 level, total farm income will be somewhat greater for the country as a whole, Breithaupt points out. A part of this income will doubtless be needed to meet higher farm costs which are now in prospect, but undoubtedly part of it will be used in improving farm homes and family life.

Road Construction Nears County Line

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ned throughout the winter with adequate crews, this section of the highway will be ready for base rock by fall.

Most of this particular section follows the flats along the river at water grade with stumps and charred logs the chief obstacle to be overcome. Here and there small crews are tearing at the weeds. This section is estimated at five miles.

Beyond that the pioneer road enters a nearly completed 12-mile stretch to McNamers' camp at which place the new highway leaves the old to pioneer its way five miles up the Devil's Lake fork and cross the summit to connect with the work completed on this side of the mountain.

Every effort is being made by the crew at McNamers' to push the clearing of right-of-way across the summit this winter, allowing WPA to open a road for trucks, men and supplies next summer.

Questioned as to the barrier made to progress by the box canyon of the Wilson, the superintendent of construction said that this was not a true box canyon. While the sides are steep, there yet is plenty of foothold for the highway to climb up from the river to cross the summit.

None of the officials on the Tillamook side seemed of the opinion that the nature of the construction still ahead of them would prove any sizeable obstacle to progress.

On the trip Thursday, most of the vast quantity of power machinery along the route lay idle. Trucks were in their parks, shovels set beside the roadway. Here and there a few men were at work clearing stumps and logs and an outdozer was opening a stretch of pioneer road at Jordan creek.

The fact that men of various skills work periods of varying length, the laborers working the longer time, has a tendency to keep equipment idle, it was explained.

At historic McNamers, a WPA camp to house more than 300 men is being completed. The camp sets

Social Security Gets Under Way; Here's the 'How and Wherefore'

WHEN you get around to applying for your Social Security benefits, consider yourself part of an undertaking exceeding in magnitude anything of the kind ever before launched.

Excepting agricultural labor, domestic servants, casual labor, public employees, and employees of non-profit corporations, the government these days is setting up machinery to enroll 26,000,000 persons in the greatest actuarial scheme ever conceived.

And it's a job, incidentally, that will be done before the U. S. Supreme Court decides whether it is all constitutional.

Passed by the last Congress as the first national measure of its kind in this country, the Social Security Act divides chiefly along three lines:

- 1—Old-age benefits through an employer-employee contributory system.
- 2—A federal-state unemployment compensation system.
- 3—Public assistance through grants to states for aid to persons over 65, the needy blind, and dependent children.

BEGINNING Jan. 1, the government will collect a tax from both employers and employees on the workers' wages up to \$3000 a year.

For three years the worker will pay 1 cent per dollar of wages. The rate gradually rises until it becomes 3 per cent in 1949. The employer, who forwards all the money involved in the tax, contributes a sum equal to all the taxes his employees pay.

Upon reaching the age of 65 under this plan, the worker will receive in monthly benefit payments, a sum computed according to his wages and the number of years he has worked between Jan. 1, 1937, and the age of 65. Minimum monthly payments will be \$10 and the maximum \$85, since, for purposes of the act, earnings in excess of \$3000 a year are not considered as "wages."

Specifically: A worker earns an average of \$30 a week, or \$1560 a year, for 30 years, after 1936, before he becomes 65. He will receive government checks of \$50.75 a month for the rest of his life after 65.

If he dies before receiving any monthly payments, his family will receive 3 1/2 per cent of these wages, or \$1638. Lump sums equivalent to 3 1/2 per cent of total wages are paid to workers who reach 65 before they qualify for monthly benefits, which will not be paid until 1942. These and death lump sum payments will begin to become payable in 1937.

TO figure your own benefits, use this formula: Estimate your total wages (not above \$3000 annually) between now and your 65th birthday. Percentage of these total wages payable as the monthly benefit will be 1/2 of 1 per cent on the first \$3000, plus 1/12th of 1 per cent on the next \$42,000, and 1/24th of 1 per cent on all above \$45,000.

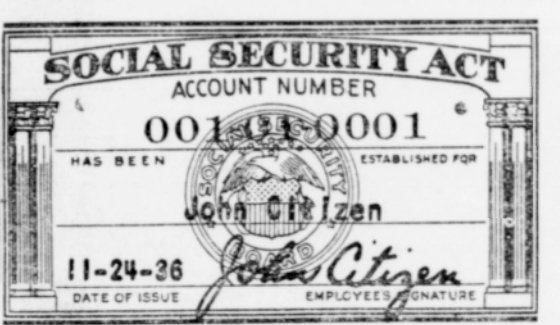
To receive the \$85 maximum, your total wages would have to be about \$130,000. For each month

in a natural amphitheatre on level ground beside the river. The mountains rise sharply on all sides to precipitous peaks to which the stark skeletons of once stately timber clings tenaciously, as though expecting some miracle once again to restore its greenery.

Here the party of 27 visitors ended their trip by automobile to proceed by foot across the new bridge spanning Wilson river at its forks. Ahead the clearing stretches into the mountains to follow the north fork toward the summit five miles away.

In the camp, dinner was served on the rough tables at which the crews eat. A menu of French fried potatoes, peas, cabbage salad, hominy, stewed turnips, steak, pie and coffee or milk was served. With the exception of the steak, the menu was the same as that served to the men, steak replacing other meats.

Comfortable bunkhouses, shower



This is a specimen of the Social Security account card to be issued to every participant in the program.

baths and other conveniences furnish a home for the men during their work period. Most of them come from Portland by way of transport trucks such as are used in this county. They pay \$11 per month for board and the higher skilled men, drawing more money, pay slightly more than this.

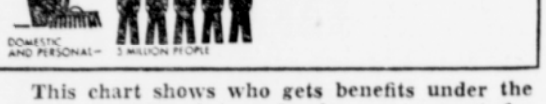
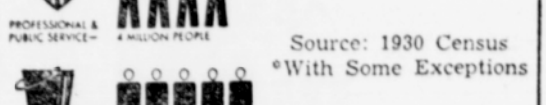
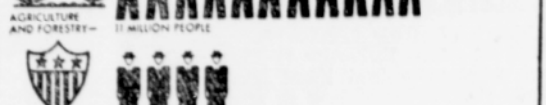
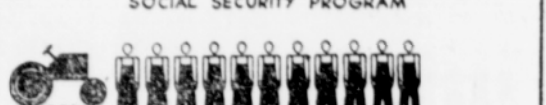
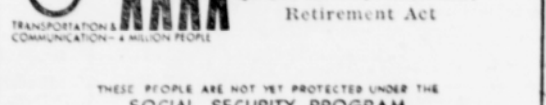
From this camp the men go out each day to their jobs. Another large group own their own automobiles and drive in and out from home to their work.

At one time during the trip, the visitors were only 25 miles from Forest Grove and less than 10 miles

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHAT THEY DO

Each figure represents one million wage earners

THESE PEOPLE ARE NOW PROTECTED UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM



Source: 1930 Census With Some Exceptions

This chart shows who gets benefits under the Social Security Act, and who are exempt for various reasons.

in which you are regularly employed after 65, a month's benefit payment is deducted.

The unemployment insurance provisions of the Social Security Act hinge on federal-state joint action. The act provides a payroll tax rising from 1 per cent of total payroll for 1936 to 3 per cent in 1938.

The Social Security Board's approval of a state's plan enables employers subject to that federal tax to obtain credit up to 90 per cent of the tax for contributions to their state unemployment compensation funds.

The tax applies to all who employ eight or more persons for 20 weeks or more. The states with unemployment compensation laws withdraw nine-tenths of it for their own unemployed by collecting that percentage as contributions under their own laws.

Employers contribute from 0.9 per cent of payrolls on a rising scale to 2.7 per cent until 1941. Thereafter, credits are allowed to workers who have had little or no unemployment.

Under the Social Security Act's third provision, public assistance, more than 1,000,000 poor and aged persons now receive cash allowances. States match the federal money to supply these funds.

For old-age doles, the federal government contributes half the payment up to a federal-state total of \$30 a month.

Other phases of the Social Security Act cover grants to states for helping meet costs of maternal, child health, child welfare, and crippled children services, and for extension of public health and vocational rehabilitation services.

from a passable roadway leading down to Gales creek. Tillamook businessmen, and in fact all of Tillamook county near the city, are looking forward with much hope to the time the new road will be open, giving them direct and fast travel into the valley on this side and so in to Port-

land. The group Thursday talked some of the advantages of Wolf creek to the northern part of the county, but mostly the conversation was to the advantages of the road they were viewing.

From the summit west, the new highway will penetrate the heart of the big fire, passing between high peaks on either side down the narrow river valley, with the tragedy of the violated forest lands on every hand. Foresters claim that unless man assists the reseeding the territory never again will reforest.

From Hillsboro, Judge Don T. Tompkins, James Lew and Herman Kerkman, commissioner, and L. S. Davis of the Argus, attended the inspection tour. From Forest Grove was a delegation headed by L. M. Graham, who has spent years in promoting the new route.

In Tillamook, the party joined the Tillamook county court and a large group from the Tillamook chamber of commerce.

Hazeldale 4-H Club Honored at Dinner

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chelor, who has been principal leader of the dairy, corn and poultry clubs and has been directing the 4-H activities of the community, has been a leader for three years.

The fifteen members of the club who achieved awards were, first year, Clarence Renno, Frank Gilenwater and Ralph Gilenwater; second year, Bert Jellevka; third year, John Santoro, Joe Santoro and Bernie Altshin; fourth year, Charles Shaper and Donald McIntosh; fifth year, Homer Churchley and Frank Setniker; sixth year, Joe Berger, Ed Setniker, Eugene Barnett and Wilfred Barnett.

Joe Berger and Donald McIntosh, members of the Hazeldale poultry demonstration team which won the Northwest championship of demonstration teams, recently received gold certificates from the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in recognition of their achievements.

Bronze certificates were also received for the members of the Chehalis Mountain potato club crops judging team, which placed third in the crop judging contest in the International Members of the team were Helen Schmalz, Ellen Jaquith and George Allison.

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state quota of employed persons, making more room for younger men by removing the men 65 or over, of which there are large numbers employed.

A re-investigation of all WPA workers has been ordered, and in many parts of the state this work already is underway. Miss Maxwell said. This investigation involves the financial standing of each individual head of a family employed, to determine the need of relief, as it has been alleged in many instances that men and women were financially able to care for themselves and families.

In Washington county this work will begin as soon as the state relief committee furnishes an investigator. It is understood. The local relief committee will have nothing to do with these investigations.

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Last meeting of the county relief committee, it was announced that the county budget for old age assistance was exhausted and that there would not be any more old age assistance cases added to the present more than 400 cases, Miss Maxwell said Tuesday. More difficulty also is seen in the fact that the 1937 county budget cuts old age assistance funds from \$24,000 to \$22,000.

An investigation of the relief applications in the local office has revealed that 15 per cent of the unemployables on the relief rolls were listed as transients when accepted for relief the first time in 1935.

Because of the applications for relief on the plea of unemployment, the relief office is asking the co-operation of the public in obtaining work for those persons seeking relief. Persons who do not know of jobs, are asked to telephone the relief office.

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the owner in fee simple and in the actual possession of the following described parcel of real property in Washington County, Oregon, to-wit:

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