

## Farm Group Offers Data for Program

Information Gathered Here Part of Recommendations on Soil Conservation in Willamette Valley

Increase in alfalfa acreage and more encouragement to concerted effort toward weed control, were the more outstanding agricultural needs of Washington county, according to the group of farmers comprising the conservation community committee chairmen, and chairmen of commodity committees of last year's agricultural economic conference.

This group of about 15 men headed by John W. Kanna, meeting last week, considered agricultural conditions and the farm situation in this county in relation to the continuation of the agricultural conservation program. This was a meeting, duplicates of which are being held in every Oregon county, for the purpose of gaining information as to needed farm developments.

Data developed here and in other counties, will be woven into one set of recommendations for the Willamette valley and submitted to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Washington, D. C., in the hope that it will have some influence on the 1938 program, according to Kanna.

At the present time approximately 25 per cent of the total crop acreage of Washington county is planted annually in the so-called conserving crops, reports William F. Cyrus, county agent. When the group last week got through with their consideration of crops and livestock feed requirements, their estimate was that an increase of not more than five per cent in this conserving crop acreage, bringing the total to not to exceed 30 per cent was desirable.

**Alfalfa Needed**  
This increase in conserving crop acreage should come in an increased alfalfa acreage, increased grass seed crop acreage and a little more use of clover and grass mixtures on land subject to the rather heavy erosion that has begun to be apparent on the hill in this county in recent years.

This group could not see more than a probably additional 10,000 acres cleared up and put into crop land in the next few years. An increase in the total number of farms in the county is not advisable. Division of some of the larger places is certain to occur, which would mean making two or more farms out of what is now one. With 2298 farms in the county of less than 20 acres each, it is not likely that more than 10,000 acres could be cleared up in the next few years.

The program was in charge of J. H. Garrett, who had gathered many pictures of oldtimers and scenes in Hillsboro. The pictures were presented by means of a picture projector operated by Floyd Bentley, Lester Ireland and other members of the day, introducing Mayor Garrett.

Among the pictures were many groups and gatherings of citizens, many of whom are remembered only to the older residents of Hillsboro.

**Old Pictures Tell Progress**  
Scenes of other days, and discussions of progress and improvement in Hillsboro during the last 20 years or more, featured the luncheon program at the chamber of commerce Monday noon.

**Aged Resident Dies in Hillsboro**  
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Hillsboro Lutheran church for Mary Anna Steinke, 76, who died Friday in Hillsboro. She lived on Hillside, route 5, southeast of town. Burial was in the Blooming cemetery. Cornelius, Rev. George Reule and Cornelius, Rev. George Reule of Hillsboro conducted the funeral services.

**Campaign for Scout Finances Scheduled in Hillsboro May 10**  
Twenty-one Boy Scouts appeared before the monthly court of honor session at the county court house Thursday evening for promotions and merit badge awards. Four scouts were made second class scouts; four, first class scouts; one, life scout, and one received five year veteran recognition. Ted Gardner of Troop 216 of Hillsboro was the life badge recipient and Ed Jansen of Troop 219 of Aloha received the veteran award.

**Committee Meets**  
District Boy Scout committee, following the court of honor, was presided over by Ralph Easter, district chairman. Subjects considered were the 1937 financial campaign, the annual scouters' trip to Camp Meriwether. Review of field conditions, a June picnic at Camp Ireland for all parents and scouts, and the re-organization of the Forest Grove, Hillsboro, and Yam-

## Council's Course Toward Ownership Water Utility

Vote Taken Tuesday Night Discloses All Members Favoring Move; Resolution to Hire Engineer for Appraisal Approved; Mayor's Pinball Veto Sustained

With the city council at the helm, Hillsboro Tuesday night was placed on the first leg of a course toward municipal ownership of a water system.

**Citizens Garner Much Rubbish**  
Substantial contributions to the city dump seem eminent as the annual clean-up week in Hillsboro progresses. Last night, (Wednesday) hundreds of sacks, boxes and other containers were on the curbing awaiting the pickup which will begin this morning.

City trucks and crews will gather the rubbish for transportation to the dump beginning today (Thursday). All rubbish placed on the curbs today will not be accepted by the trucks. Transportation is free in the interests of orderly backyards, alleys and vacant lots to be on display this summer with swarms of visitors from the east and middle west scheduled to arrive looking for locations.

## Burglars Take Money Orders Timber Office

Determined burglars, Friday night, while the populace of Hillsboro peacefully slept, rifled the post office safe of a not undetermined amount of cash and part of a book of money orders, according to Sheriff J. W. Connell.

Entrance to the post office was by way of the lobby through a window into the inner office. The office door was open with a jimmy and the safe rolled into the lobby, where the yeggs peeled it. Peeling is accomplished by stripping away sections of the door to reach the combination.

The money order blanks were valued at \$566 to \$4900. Search for finger prints failed to reveal anything, leaving the impression that the job was by professionals, using gloves. The point of a steel jimmy bar and a broken screw driver told of the struggle to open the safe.

**Mortgage Deal Ruled Out Here**  
Released several weeks ago from a mortgage against their 10-acre home at Beaverton on contention that they had received no money as agreed with the German Real Estate company of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. George Searles, who were fully substantiated when Judge R. Frank Peters ruled against a motion to reopen the case.

The mortgage was issued November 28, 1936, and was to have been held in escrow by Frank German, vice-president of the company, until the money was paid to Searles. The mortgage was to Mrs. Katharine Dammann of Portland for \$1750 at six per cent. German, according to the testimony, had agreed to get the money for Searles.

**Recorded Here**  
On December 3, 1936, the mortgage was placed on record in this county and this spring Mr. and Mrs. Searles brought suit to have the mortgage set aside on the grounds that they did not receive the money.

**County Farm Union Meeting Saturday**  
Washington county unit of the Farmers' Union will meet Saturday at 8:30 p. m. in Veterans' hall in Hillsboro in the first evening meeting of the spring season. Refreshments will not be served, according to the announcement.

**Club Meets Monday**  
Hillsboro Townsend club meets at the Methodist church Monday, 8 p. m. President Henry Young promises an interesting meeting with a question box period for answering any question asked. A pie social will be the social feature.

## Protest Wins Wider Street on Baseline

State Highway Commission Revamps Plans to Allow More Paving in Cannery District to Limits

Protest made by George McGee, city manager, on the failure of the state highway commission to provide uniform width pavement on the project west from the railway tracks on Baseline street, brought results this week.

Points out that nominal cost of the paving project, from Hillsboro to Forest Grove would give some latitude in the use of funds, the highway commission agreed to provide paving 36 feet wide to the city limits, McGee said.

**Uniform Width**  
The agreement assures paving 36 feet wide from Tenth street the full length of Baseline street, while from the railway tracks west there also will be 4-foot rock shoulders added to care for increased traffic in the vicinity of the Ray-Maling cannery.

**Change Plans**  
McGee also contrasted this condition with the proposed 46 feet of paving to be laid through Cornelius. In Hillsboro the paving is 20 feet wide along Tenth with rock shoulders.

**Would Increase Flow**  
Should both forks of the creek be cleared under the jurisdiction of the association, and cleared this summer, the winter rains would bring a tremendous congestion of water to main Dairy creek south of the city.

**More May Join**  
The project contemplates channel clearing, and possibly channel changes in one or two places from the forks of Dairy creek to Buxton. Property owners along East Dairy creek also are said to be considering forming a similar association or joining the one already setup.

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## Calf of Famous Lineage Prize for Outstanding Club Member

Mr. and Mrs. David Storey, Jersey breeders of Forest Grove, are awarding a purebred Jersey calf as a breed special to the outstanding Washington county fair, the 1937 Washington county fair.

**Has Good Rating**  
The dam of the Storey bull is "Betty Donga" No. 742914. She has twice classified as good plus in the official herd classification and has a gold medal record at six years of 3878 pounds of milk, and 636.42 pounds of fat in 305 days, and a test yield of 6.44 per cent. She is a daughter of "Gray Merc Scotty," sire of five tested cows.

**Nut Growers Ready to Build "Wild Bill" Rides to a Fall Along Fishing Stream**  
Reconstruction of the Dundee Nut Growers' co-operative packing plant, which burned last winter, was authorized at a meeting of the directors and members of the co-operative held Monday in Dundee, according to M. P. Cady of Hillsboro, director.

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## Dairy Creek Group Votes Organization

Improvement Association to Rush Clearing of Channel During Summer Months; Aid Given by State Board

BANKS—Residents along West Dairy creek Thursday night at a meeting in Banks with C. E. Reynolds, representative of the state planning board, and Charles E. Strickland, state engineer, voted to form an improvement district. Thirty property owners attended.

**Mail Carrier Solves Puzzle**  
Here's one for Ripley. The recipient of a letter came to the post office addressed to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Reut, Hillsboro. Art Miltenberger, mail carrier, noticing the return address in the corner, remembered that E. W. Batchelder wrote letters to this address in Seattle. He delivered the letter. This is just one of the puzzles mail carriers are faced with many times a year, and most times, with any kind of clew, they manage to solve the problem correctly, according to postal officials.

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## Much Heavy Construction Remains on Wilson Road

Engineer Makes Estimates for Completion Short Sea Route; Year of Steady Work Necessary to Pierce Wilderness with Modern Highway; Chances Nil

Report of the future work needed to complete the Wilson river road, shows 1275 men necessary with power machinery, including several shovels, bulldozers, tractors, and a fleet of construction trucks and transports for men.

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