

### County Tops Entire State in Strawberries

Washington county is the largest strawberry producing county in Oregon, and ranks as 18th largest in the nation, according to a U. S. department of commerce just issued from Washington, D. C.

County production for 1934, the last year included in the report, was given as 2,557,409 quarts from 2088 acres. Marion county was listed as having a larger acreage, but was 13 places below Washington county in point of production. All told, four Oregon counties were listed in the report, which included the top 30 strawberry producers of the nation.

With regard to number of acres for the four Oregon counties, the following order was given in national rank: (12) Marion, 2685 acres; (21) Washington, 2088; (32) Clackamas, 1485; (36) Linn, 1237. The rank according to production was listed as (18) Washington, 2,557,409 quarts; (27) Clackamas, 1,965,894; (31) Marion, 1,753,383; and (41) Linn, 904,164.

These new figures indicate, the report says, that strawberries far outrank other berries and are one of the most widely grown and popular of all fruits. The great diversity in geographic location of strawberry producing areas now makes possible a supply of fresh strawberries throughout the year. Development of the "pony refrigerator" type of package and refrigerator cars was said to have facilitated long-distance shipping of strawberry products. A large portion of the national output is now preserved by the frozen-pack method, it was stated.

### Surprise Party at Kansas City

(By Mrs. J. A. McCoy) KANSAS CITY—Mrs. Martin Vanderzanden was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when some of her friends came in to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in playing "500". Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vanderzanden received highest, Louie Strohmayer, consolation.

Ernest Volberding and Zella Ruth Rice were week-end guests of Miss Rice's sister, Mrs. J. A. McCoy, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Melver and Mrs. Melver's father Martin Vanderzanden returned home Friday evening from a fishing trip to Tillamook.

**Celebrate Birthdays**  
Mrs. M. J. Vanderzanden, along with three others, celebrated birthdays with a pot luck dinner at noon with the Royal Neighbors at Banks.

Fern Waldron and Wilma Hallock have returned home from Hood River where they have been working in the apple harvest the past six weeks.

Miss Zella Ruth Rice of Portland spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Rudolph Hardebeck, and family of Consolidated Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vanderzanden entertained the Harmony club members and their husbands Wednesday at an all day meeting and pot luck dinner at noon. The Harmony club has become a member of the Red Cross. Next meeting will be announced later.

Ralph Vanderzanden returned home Wednesday from Alsea, where he spent a week fishing.

Darrel Brady was unable to attend school Tuesday on account of an injured toe received in gymnasium exercises in high school.

Johnnie Adlyott is building an addition to his barn. P. R. Stark is doing the work.

Louie Strohmayer is working on his other ranch, which he purchased recently on Gales Creek.

Mrs. Earl Waldron and Una Brady are ill.

### West Union Social Proves a Success

WEST UNION—Pie social and Thanksgiving program held at the school Friday night was a big success. J. G. Vincent acted as auctioneer and the receipts of the evening were \$22.68, which will be used to purchase curtains, books and other accessories for the school. This was the first social of its kind to be held in the school house for over 20 years.

**Belling Buys Place**  
L. L. Belling purchased the old Grossen place from Henry White

**Orchardale**  
(By Mrs. E. Hunger)  
ORCHARDALE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wilson a girl, Janice Mary, November 11, at the maternity home in Forest Grove.

Roscoe Allen is recovering from appendicitis at the Vancouver hospital.

The infant daughter of Tom Tanaka died at a Portland hospital last week.

The W. P. A. has furnished a dietician for the school so the children will have hot lunches.

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### Looks Like Another Job for George



and \$94,788.50 for the county school fund. In 1937 approximately the same amount was provided, there being in excess of one-half million dollars for county roads. In 1932 the drop came. For that year \$253,311.17 represented the total with \$253,427.88 of that sum going for county roads and the decline continued steadily reaching a low ebb in 1935 when \$191,510 was had for county roads. The following illustrates the change in conditions:

Year	Amt. avail for roads
1930	\$555,330.34
1931	525,030.81
1932	253,427.88
1933	203,172.00
1934	191,710.00
1935	191,510.00
1936	198,172.00
1937	201,000.00

**Mileage Nearly Stationary**  
"During this period the county road mileage has remained fairly stationary. The relief given by the state's assumption of 52 miles of secondary highway has been more than offset by the loss of the state market road levy and by the addition of some new mileage. We have in this county 1100 miles of county roads and 3 1/2 miles of bridges. Most of these roads receive heavy and constant use. Many of them serve prosperous communities as market roads. The proximity of this county to Portland and the fact that much marketing is done daily directly from the farm to the city makes it imperative that the roads should not only be maintained but should be improved. A narrow road which presents no hazards when traveled at 10 mile an hour becomes a trap when traveled at 30.

"The county court would like to see this county a network of fine county roads which could be traveled in comfort under any conditions, but this dream will never be realized under the administration of this court or any other court until more funds are made available. No court, regardless of the methods used, could properly maintain, much less improve, a road system as extensive as that in this county with the amount of money made available during the past five years.

"It would appear that 1938 should be the time to resume an active program of road improvement and with the hope that this idea finds favor with the taxpayers the court

### Endorses the proposal for a special road tax.

This special road levy would be in addition to the \$232,138 already allotted for road purposes in the 1938 budget, which will come up for approval at the budget meeting in the county court room's next Monday. Petitioners requesting the special meeting believe that the county cannot continue to neglect its roads with less than half the amount expended for road purposes which was made available in 1930, when combined county and market road funds totalled \$363,393.89, as compared to only \$204,400 for this year and the \$232,138 included in 1938 budget provisions.

**Increased Fund Required**  
Since 1933, some of the market roads formerly cared for by the county have been taken under the wing of the state highway commission under the classification of secondary highways, but this amounted to only 52 miles of Washington county roads, according to County Engineer J. W. Barney. Addition to the tax-mill will raise the county tax levy about \$20,000 over last year. The levy proposed in the 1938 budget, however, calls for a decrease of \$12,404.72 over the current year's.

This raise, however, would not be out of line, it was claimed, since budget increases are in order in many other Oregon counties, with a good share of the new revenue to be devoted to road improvements. Road funds over the past few years have allowed only for maintenance, with no provision made for necessary improvements. Announcement of the coming road meeting served to recall memories of the last 1931 meeting which was held in Slute park auditorium with more than 3000 in attendance. The meeting broke up amid a rain of hislam and confusion as Chairman L. M. Hesse shattered the handle of his gavel while pounding for order. The vote taken at that meeting was ruled illegal because of the confused state of affairs and alleged ballot-box stuffing.

County Engineer J. W. Barney began a "speedometer survey" of the county's roads last week, in the course of which he will measure the total mileage of county roads and inspect bridges and other road conditions. Estimates place the county's mileage at slightly over 1000. Barney doesn't anticipate finishing his checkup before the close of the year.

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### Oregon Second in Cherry Production

Oregon ranks second among western states in cherry production, according to figures released this week by the U. S. department of commerce.

Eleven of the nation's 100 outstanding cherry producing counties are located in Oregon, only one less than the 12 listed from California. Washington county holds ninth place among the counties of the state. In national rank, it has 72nd place in number of trees, figured on the basis of 1935 reports. Top Oregon county is Wasco, holder of 11th place in national ratings in point of cherry production. In 1934 Washington county produced 7,510 bushels of the fruit, the report stated.

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### Laurel Community Pot Luck Sunday; Program Friday Eve

(By Mrs. F. L. Brown) LAUREL—There will be a community pot luck post-Thanksgiving dinner at the community hall Sunday. Everyone is welcome to take part.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt and son Cecil and Adolph Schmidt visited the John Schmidt family at Montevano, Wash., from Friday until Monday.

**Program Friday Night**  
Laurel school entertainment will be Friday evening at 8 o'clock as announced last week. Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stevens were guests at the evening of his sister, Miss Ina Stevens, and O. T. Bateman at the W. L. Stevens home in Hillsboro Saturday evening.

Not cracking at the L. A. Whittle place was finished Saturday.

**Broadcasters to Meet**  
Broadcasters class of the Sunday school will hold its monthly business and social meeting Saturday evening with Betty Jean Davis at her home.

**Plan for Bazaar**  
Nearly 100 per cent membership was present at the Ladies' Social club meeting held with Mrs. A. Rutschman last week when plans were furthered for the bazaar and carnival to be held Saturday evening, December 4, at the hall. The meeting next Wednesday will be held with Mrs. Anna Schmidt as hostess at her home unless members are informed otherwise.

Mrs. N. Bennett returned home last week from Stanfield, where she had been visiting for several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Blanch Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace brought her home and remained for a week's visit.

**Bride-Elect Honored**  
A number of ladies from here attended a bridal shower given for Miss Ina Stevens at her home in Hillsboro, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ade Rutschman and two sons were Sunday dinner party guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heineck of Portland, celebrating Thanksgiving as the other daughter, Mrs. Andy Veek. Mr. Veek and their four children of Olympia, who were present, could not remain until Thursday. Others present were Mrs. Fanny Messinger of Oswego, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fields and son of Hillsboro and Gordon Heineck, all former residents here.

Mrs. Mintia Adams of Farmington, who has been at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Mulloy, for several weeks, returned to her home Saturday. Mrs. Mulloy is improving satisfactorily from her recent illness.

**Birthday Celebrated**  
Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Whitmore and daughters Irene and Elaine were guests at a dinner party Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hillie Tyke, celebrating the fifth birthday

### County Road Meet Set for Saturday

(Continued from page 1) manner which will provide for it as for all other types of use.

"(2) Lack of funds during the past six years has been the larger contributing factor to this condition. On many occasions the attempt of the court to explain to an individual or a group of individuals that lack of funds made it impossible to grant a request for improvement would be met by the reply that 'taxes are no lower.' That statement is not a fact. During the bad years of the depression circumstances made it necessary to give every relief possible to the taxpayer. The tax levy was substantially reduced and the road fund has never since been built up to an amount which even approaches the amounts available for road purposes in pre-depression years.

**Seven Years Bring Changes**  
"A brief study of the facts and a survey of the road funds over a seven-year period will illustrate the change which has taken place. In 1930 there was made available for all purposes by the action of the county court and by special road tax the total sum of \$838,133.84. Of this amount \$555,330.34 or 66.3 per cent of the total was for county roads, \$36,620 for relief in all its phases, \$452,415 for county general purposes, such as law enforcement, courts, maintenance and operation of county offices, agricultural activities, etc.,



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