'New Developments Discussed at County Agricultural Economic Parley Here Last Thursday

Farmers Hear Four Reports of Committees

New farming ideas, crop suggestions, livestock developments and home life hints were showered upon Washington county farmers at the day-long agricultural economic conference held last Thursday in the county court rooms of the court house.

Nearly 100 intensely-interested farmers attended the morning and afternoon sessions, for which preparations have been going on since early in November. Four committees made up of county farmers and farm-women presented reports on farm home and rural life, land use, livestock and crops, with supplementary talks on related topics being given by County Agent W. F. Cyrus and J. R. Beck and Joan Patterson of the Oregon State college extension service.

Conference Aim Given

"We are going through many changes, some of them very rapid, which have vital effect on agriculture," declared Robert W. Warrens, general conference chairman, in opening the morning session. "Now is the time for farmers to consider these changes and map out a program to follow. We must plan our work, farming and home life to suit these changing conditions. It is far better to adopt a progressive attitude now than to lag behind for several years. It is our aim in this conference to supplement and add to the work of the economic conference of two years ago.

"It is the tendency of far too many to look to the government for aid at the present time," Warrens said, in loosing a blast at changing attitudes and lessening of the spirit of self-reliance. "It is our idea, old-fashioned though it may seem, that it is the duty of citizens to support the government, rather than have the government support the people. Those present at this conference are very probably the ones who need to be warned of changing ideas and ideals the least. All of us have neighbors who could benbfit by being here."

Planning's Effect Told

County Agent Cyrus, in a short talk on "Agricultural Planning and its Effect on the County's Agriculture," declared that agricultural planning is not new, pointing out that it was carried on more than 20 years ago on a smaller scale than at present.

"It is not the purpose of pointing out to farmers a way to make a 'big thing' of some crop in the next five years," he averred. "Rather, it is the idea to look at agriculture as a long-time business. For instance, in 1920 there was little alfalfa in this county, but the need for a green forage crop was felt in the dairy program. By 1934 the county had about 5000 acres in alfalfa—which has a double advantage in being produced at s lightly less cost than other feeds, and having a greater pound-for-pound feed value.

"Small seed crops, once unthought of as an extensive crop here, now take up about 3500 acres, and last year amounted to nearly half a million dollars of income for the county. The south needs the seed, but is incapable of producing all it needs. By taking some of the less remunerative grain acreage into small seed production, this county will be increasing its income.

"'We never did this before,' some say regarding proposed changes," as a matter of record, we've never had the same situation before. Developments of 1929 to 1934 were something new and entirely different for agriculture. Now we haven't the new land to turn to any more—we must set about taking care of what we have. Whatever you produce, you produce in competition with somebody else. We know we can't eliminate agricultural competition, but we can meet it. Produce as economically as possible, and part of the problem is solved, but it takes planning to produce economically and wisely. With agricultural planning we have a serious consideration of farming as a long-time business proposition for ourselves and our children, and must attempt to make the situation for the future as bright as possible by laying careful plans."

Farm Home Subject

Farm home and rural life developments, compiled by a committ-

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Complete reports of the four conference committees will be run weekly in the Argus. The first, that of the Farm Home and Rural Life, is on page 2 of this section.

Farm Conference Highlights

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"It is the idea of the conference to look at agriculture as a long-time business, and to lay plans for its future well-being."—William F. Cyrus.

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"We don't have a good enough representation of women at the conference. Most of the inspiration for work on the part of the men comes from wives and mothers. Farm problems concern them too."—J. R. Beck.

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Agriculture in Washington county must pay more attention to advertising to hold its place in the competitive market.

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"Nearly half the farms in the state of Oregon are not operated by owners at present. This decrease in the number of farms operated by owners is cause for serious thought."—J. R. Beck.

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Adult leaders for such work as 4-H clubs are strangely lacking in some communities. Adults just aren't sufficiently interested in future welfare to put out a little time and energy.

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Part time farms in Washington county are about twice as numerous as they should be. Success of these farms hinge upon the industrial development of the county, which hasn't kept pace with the growing number of those on the small places who are dependent upon an outside income.—Land Use Committee report.

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"Agriculture's outlook is not too rosy. Prices will be lower than in 1937, while costs will be slightly higher."—J. R. Beck.

Farms Yield 75% of State's Prime Wealth

"The time is at hand when the commercial interests of the state should be presented with full information as to the amount of wealth produced by the farmers of Oregon—the wealth which is the real support of the state," declared J. R. Beck, Oregon State college extension staff member, in his talk before the county economic conference meeting Thursday.

"In 1929, the last average year for which we have figures, the state's total income amounted to $609,000,000," Beck explained. "Of this, 26.9 per cent was produced from agriculture. Timber and lumber produced 22 per cent; fish and mining, four-tenths of one per cent each; and all the rest, amounting to very nearly 50 per cent, from services rendered. With regard to primary wealth, however, the picture becomes even more completely dominated by agriculture, which accounts for 74.8 per cent of the state's wealth. Timber is 23.7, and fishing and mining only .7 per cent each."

Idea of the O. S. C. extension service is to take sentiments expressed at the 36 county agricultural economic meets throughout the state and to consolidate them for use in the extension service program during the next few years, Beck explained. Goals and ideals set up at the various conferences will be used by the service in its farm aid work. Development of an entirely new alsike seed raising farm industry in Crook and Deschutes counties is directly traceable to conferences held there two years ago, Beck said, and the Klamath potato growing program is at least partly due to the 1936 conferences held there.

Future Welfare Goal

"We are not trying to adjust the price of butterfat here this afternoon," the extensionist declared, in his talk on "Long-time Agricultural Planning," "but we are interested in two things—a prosperous future for agriculture and a healthy place in which to live."

Among major problems which confront agriculture are questions of foreign trade, labor problems, farm ownership and the exploitation of soil, he affirmed. "Mining" of the land, such as has been done in the cotton areas of the south, has brought tremendous injury to lots of farm land over the past 60 years. It is still possible to save it, but we must decide upon a policy of land and soil conservation and care in order to do so. Great decrease in farms operated by owners has been noted in Oregon during the past few years, creating a problem which requires attention of all interested in agriculture. Close to half the farms of Oregon are now operated by tenants other than the owner. In connection with this, the one-year farm lease system is one of the most injurious moves possible in agriculture, he declared.

Home is Farm Office

Joan Patterson of the Oregon State home economics extension staff, talking on "Relation of Farm Home to Farm Business," declared "The farm home is the office of the business which is the farm. It is not possible to separate the two. Farm business is the producing and marketing end; the farm home is that which deals with the family, community and state relations, and is the center of life and social activity. Wealth is not the essential part of home life. What is needed is a decent standard of living, which entails a realization of values and the importance of those factors which go to make up home life."

A brief survey of 39 Washington county homes, Miss Patterson revealed, showed that 33 are electrified, 31 are equipped with water systems, 17 have septic tanks, and seven have cesspools. The others, in each case, are without these conveniences, which are almost essentials for proper home life. The kitchen, in which a farm woman spends 71 per cent of her working time, should be as modern as possible, well-lighted and convenient.

Defective lighting is responsible for much defective vision, she said, stating that 23 out of every 100 people under 20 suffer from eye defects, 39 under 30, 48 under 40, and 82 under 60. This indicates undue eye strain, Miss Patterson said, and is traceable in nearly every case to unwise use of electricity. Development of electrical illumination came so suddenly that little or no thought was given to eye-safety. I. E. S. lamps, which conform to standards set up by the Illumination Engineering society, mark an entirely new trend in lighting, she said, and the diffused light of this type fixture eliminates nearly all eye-strain. Miss Patterson demonstrated efficiency of the lamp at the conclusion of her talk.

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Film Musical Stars

"Love and Hisses," a new-idea musical with Walter Winchell, Ben Bernie and Simone Simon cast in leading roles, headlines the new Hill theatre bill for tonight, Friday and Saturday. "Hurricane," the South Seas adventure hit, starts a four-day run at the same theatre Sunday. Hopalong Cassidy returns to the Venetian screen Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in "Partners of the Plains," starring William Boyd. "Thrill of a Lifetime" is billed as the other half of the double feature bill. "Breakfast for Two" and "You're Only Young Once" are double billed for tonight, Friday and Saturday.

Farmington Roll of Honor Given

(By Miss Helene Schulz)

FARMINGTON—On the honor roll of the school for the month were Peter and Kathleen Klein, Alma Erickson, Albertina Bucher. Others neither absent nor tardy were Betty Ann Stevens and Norris O'Rear. Best attendance record for the first semester is held by Kathleen Klein, having been absent only once since September and never tardy.

W. T. Putnam, Jr., attended the annual meeting of the State Jersey association at Salem Saturday. He has served as secretary of the organization for the past year.

Persons quite ill with colds and flu this week and last were Edward Boge, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. John Kamna, Donald Burkey and Freeman Rowe, Jr.

A new garage has been erected on the O. Erickson farm by Erickson and his brothers.

Building and remodeling has been busily going forward on the old Halverson place getting it ready for rehabilitation purposes.

Committees Named

Women's Community Welfare committees were appointed Friday as follows: Social committees for the year with the following chairmen; group one, Mrs. S. S. Dalby; group two, Mrs. Edwin Burkhalter; group three, Mrs. C. L. Robinson; group four, Mrs. Fred Stevens. These committees are to plan for and put on some form of entertainment during the year, especially to raise funds to promote the work of the club. Flower committee consists of Mrs. Frank Schulmerich and Mrs. Edgar Rehse; school picnic, Mrs. Freeman Rowe, chairman, Mrs. S. S. Dalby, Mrs. Edwin Burkhalter, Miss Helene Schultz.

Alvin Schulmerich, a student at Oregon State college, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Schulmerich.

Garrett Re-elected Merchants' President

J. H. Garrett of Hillsboro was re-elected president of Associated Merchants, Inc., a wholesale dry goods organization owned by 25 Oregon and Washington retail merchants at the annual meeting in Portland last week. Previous to this he had been re-elected as a director.

Party Planned at Hazeldale Saturday Eve

(By Mrs. John Imlah)

HAZELDALE—Mrs. O. L. Johnson and Mrs. William Heil are in charge of a pinochle party to be held at the school house Saturday evening. Good prizes will be given.

"Man vs. Microbes," was the moving picture shown Friday afternoon to the pupils of the school by R. Prillaman.

Jackie Looney was absent from school all last week on account of illness.

Party Attracts

A large crowd attended the hard times party at the school Friday evening. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Harold Shaper and James Sanford for the best costumes. Other prizes awarded were: musical chairs contest, Billy and Bernice Imlah and Doris Johnson; cracker eating contest, Bobby Salee and Patsy Heil; button sewing, Sybil Taylor. While the little folks played games the older ones danced to music by Byron Britch, Taresa Kalibaba and Agnes Phipps.

Miss Broad Honored

Mrs. Lyle Taylor entertained Tuesday afternoon with a shower complimenting Marjorie Broad, bride-elect of Arden Hayes.

Club Meets Today

Hazeldale Happy Hour club will meet this afternoon (Thursday) with Mrs. John Kolibaba.

Mrs. Al Jelderks became ill last week and was taken to the county hospital.

Patsy Heil Honored

Mr. and Mrs. William Heil entertained with a party Saturday afternoon, honoring their daughter Patsy on her eighth birthday. Others present were Hilda Leopold, Mildred Broad, Barbara Imlah, La Rae Kincheloe, Doris Webber, Lois Jelderks, Anita Salee.

Joseph Krupa, attending Portland university from Lyndhurst, N. J., was a week-end guest of Byron Britch.

Bibles Presented

Attendance was 41 at Sunday school Sunday. Three Bibles and two books by Jane Lancaster McMinn were awarded as prizes in the Bible verse memory contest. Winners were Margaret and Ruby Gillenwater, Rosa Santoro, Bertha Jelderks, Lois Kincheloe and Joan Heil.

Birthday Celebrated

Frank Gillenwater was given a surprise party Saturday evening in celebration of his 15th birthday. Present were Clifford and Lester Halm, Junior Tucker, Edward, Frank and Johnnie Setniker and the Gillenwater children.

Mrs. J. C. Smith is keeping her small grandson, Edward O'Connor, while his mother, Mrs. Paul O'Connor, is in the Emanuel hospital recovering from a major operation performed last week.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Halm Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and son Lynn of Tillamook. They recently arrived from Nebraska, where the two families were neighbors.

Mason Hill

(By Mrs. B. E. Waldorf)

Mrs. Harold Johnson assisted by her mother, Mrs. A. Danielson, entertained at a birthday party Friday after school for her 7-year-old daughter, Olga. Present were Jean Emory, Annette and Delmar Kinney, Noreen and Donald Johnson, George Johnson.

The petition for dividing school district and part of it uniting with district No. 9, was withdrawn at the open meeting held in Portland January 24.

No more rags needed or wanted at this time.—Argus. 42tf

West Union Roll of Honor Given

WEST UNION—Following pupils are on the honor roll for the last six weeks: Joan Mustonen, Norma Jean Barackman, Arthur Berger, Marion Jacobson, Michael Schiebel, Clara Pubols, Kenneth Berger, Jack Croeni and Bernard Schmidt. Perfect attendance for the period was recorded by Tommy Bechen, Arthur, Edna and Kenneth Berger, Jack Croeni, Robert and Anna Schmidt, Joyce Mustonen, Michael Schiebel and Maurice Barackman.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Yunker left Friday for Eugene to visit relatives a few days.

J. H. Jacobson and family made a business trip to McMinnville Saturday.

Mrs. Chris Jaggi is ill with pneumonia. Latest reports are that she is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Peder Jacobson, who has a badly infected hand, is being cared for at the J. H. Jacobson home.

Mountain Home

(By Mrs. Mable Allison)

MOUNTAIN HOME—Mountain Home Radio club will meet with Mrs. Clarence Nelson next Tuesday. Seven were present January 25 at the Allison home.

Committees for plans for Double Six meeting at Scholls Grange hall February 11 have been appointed.

Pupils of Sherwood union high school, in co-operation with Sherwood Grange, will present their play Thursday at the high school.

A high school dance is scheduled for Friday night, February 4.

Mrs. Charles Flynn has been critically ill, but is now recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saunders and Miss Demaris Saunders returned to Portland last Friday, after spending a week at their farm here.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Ferrill of Portland spent the week-end here and had as house guests Mr. and Mrs. M. Dillon and family of Milwaukie.

County Native Son Succumbs

Alfred Holcomb, 54, who died at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Saturday, was buried Wednesday in Fir Lawn cemetery following services at Donelson and Sewell chapel. Rev. Henry Haller officiated.

Mr. Halcomb was born at North Plains October 16, 1883, and had lived near Beaverton for the past 22 years, where he worked as a carpenter. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Holcomb, two daughters, Ruth M. and Florence M., and one son, Ralph W. Holcomb.

Hiteon

Hiteon club met January 26 with Mrs. Ada Caldwell. Fourteen members answered roll call on "bright sayings of children." Finished articles were priced for sale at the benefit card party to be held in the near future. Next meeting will be February 9 with Mrs. Ida Hite.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Bolen and two daughters of Keno visited several days with Mrs. Bolen's mother, Mrs. Lena Oson.

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