

Farm and Garden

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Faye Hulit Head of County Guernsey Group

Faye Hulit of the Morningview Dairy, Hillsboro, was elected president of the Washington county Guernsey Cattle club at a meeting in Hillsboro September 12.

Other officers elected for the Washington county club are, Lon Kinington, Jr., of Aloha, vice-president, and John R. Alexander, of Hillsboro, who was retained as secretary-treasurer. Members present outlined a program of meetings for coming months, and scheduled their next meeting for the middle of November at the Hillsboro chamber of commerce rooms, with H. P. Ewalt of the dairy department at Oregon State College as speaker.

At the reorganization meeting, Elmer J. Meadows, western fieldman for the American Guernsey Cattle club, discussed the progress of the Cattle club during the past 20 years and plans for post-war work. Guernsey registrations increased about 43 per cent during 1943 and an additional increase of about 25 per cent is expected for 1944, according to Meadows.

Many dairies throughout the nation are in demand for Guernsey milk for their bottled trade because of the ability of the Guernsey breed to produce a pound of butterfat as cheaply as any other breed of dairy cattle, are the reasons for many dairymen turning to the breeding of Guernsey cattle and the increased number of applications for registry at the Guernsey breed main office in Peterborough, N. H., Meadows stated.

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Biggest Output On Record from Farms This Year

An analysis by L. R. Brethaupt, extension agricultural economist at OREGON, of preliminary official estimates of 1944 farm production, indicates the largest total volume of crop and animal products ever produced in the United States despite the reduction in agricultural workers engaged. The preliminary estimate is 133 per cent of the 1935-1939 average output of crop and animal products, compared with 129 per cent in 1943 and 124 per cent in 1942.

Praising farmers for the high war-time production accomplished despite many handicaps and difficulties, the war food administration is now taking some steps to bring some of the surplus into channels of use to avoid unnecessary accumulation and waste after the war ends. One such step is the removal of most processed foods from the ration list.

The total volume of animal products is expected to reach 139 per cent of the 1935-1939 level this year, with most animal products up to 155 per cent, poultry and dairy products at 113 per cent.

Greatest expansion has been in oil-bearing crops like soybeans, peanuts, and flaxseed, estimated at 200 per cent of the pre-war average, but somewhat less than in 1943 and 1942. Grain production for human food is expected to be 156 per cent of the 1935-1939 average, with wheat and hay 130 per cent, and corn 143 per cent, and nuts 117, and sugar crops 83.

The increase in output has been accomplished despite rising costs of production and operation, while farm prices generally have remained about unchanged compared with a year ago. Thus, the exchange value of farm products declined several points although still relatively high compared with the pre-war situation.

Oregon's general farm price index at 174 per cent of the 1935-1939 level at mid-August was slightly lower than a year ago, although farm prices in the whole country were about unchanged compared with August 1943. Increases during the year for grains, hay, dairy products, and some other items were about offset by lower prices for most animals and eggs, with truck crops as a whole about the same as a year ago.

Farmers are also praised and complimented for buying war bonds and paying off debts instead of going deeply into debt as during and after World War I. During the four-year period 1940 to 1943, Oregon's farm mortgage debt was reduced 102 per cent, down to 12.2 per cent of the value of all farms. The average reduction for all states was 144 per cent, down to 12.4 per cent of the value of all farms.

Headlight Check Urged by Farrell

Headlights out of order or in poor adjustment constitute a serious accident hazard as winter brings on longer hours of darkness, declares Secretary of State Bob Farrell.

He said accident reports indicate many cars are operating with headlights either in such poor adjustment or not functioning at all. This is due chiefly to the fact there are many older cars on the streets and highways today and to the fact that drivers neglect having their lights checked periodically, he said.

It is important, from the standpoint of safe operation at night, that headlights function properly. In some cases the upper beam may be correct, while the bulb for one or both of the lower beams may be burned out. Some cases have been reported in which lights damaged by minor accidents, have not been repaired promptly.

Farrell suggested drivers have their lights checked to be ready for the fall and winter months. He said they should be checked to make sure all bulbs are burning, that reflectors are clean and that the entire light is in proper adjustment.

One of the requirements is that the crop history of the fields show that common vetch has not been grown there recently. Efforts are under way in attempting to get some modification to the certification of Willamette vetch so that growers who do not have a favorable crop history may produce their own vetch, while others who have been producing certified seed for a number of years can continue to do so.

In view of the fact, farmers can

WAKE UP AMERICA

Does America Face a Post-War Depression?

As debated by Louis H. Pink, President, Associated Hospital Service of New York; Author of "Freedom From Fear"

Leo Cherne, Executive Secretary, The Research Institute of America, Inc.; Author of "For the Rest of Your Life"

MR. CHERNE OPENS: America need not have a post-war depression—but it is likely she will. Avoiding depression means 11 million more jobs than were available in our best peacetime year; means learning to distribute in peacetime as we learned to produce in wartime. Private pocketbooks must provide more than two-thirds the spending power that war production and civilian purchases made possible in 1944. Because of madly possible in 1944. Because of madly possible in 1944. Because of madly possible in 1944.

MR. PINK OPENS: If no intelligent effort is made to plan for full employment, a whopping depression will surely hit us. But we have it in our power to prevent mass unemployment if we make broad, constructive plans and have the energy and courage to carry them out. We must seek an expanded economy rather than institute another NRA with controlled prices and restricted production. Enterprise should not be stifled by unwise taxation or government control, discouraging incentive and full production. Our country must rebound with the use of our manpower and rich natural resources. Private industry must carry the burden for industry; government for wise expenditures in public works.

MR. CHERNE CHALLENGES: Mr. Pink says that unless there is a "plan for full employment, a whopping depression will surely hit us." The question is: "Will we have that depression?"—not "Need we?" No such plan for full employment has yet been adopted by Congress, nor is there one awaiting adoption. The war in the European theater will have been won before the fundamental battle for a prosperous peace will even have been approached. America will yet act for the expanded future both Mr. Pink and I seek, but it will take depression and jobless millions to produce that action.

MR. PINK REPLIES: It is true, as Mr. Cherne indicates, that people need dramatic action to make them into action. But we have just been through the worst depression and the worst war in history. A defeatist attitude may actually help bring about the conditions which we most fear. I believe the people are behind a full employment program, and, therefore, Congress must act. The people want slums destroyed, cities rebuilt, decent housing, modern transportation, improved agriculture, reforestation, transfer from substandard to more fertile farms, flood control, civic centers, necessary public works, better hospital and medical care, higher education and recreational opportunities brought to the great mass of the people.

Torvend Gives Planting Advice

Farmers who plan to grow vetch should consider planting only blue tag certified Willamette vetch, said Palmer S. Torvend, county agent, especially if they expect to harvest seed. The recently announced AAA legume seed program excludes all vetches except Willamette and hairy, and, although there are certain limitations on the kind of land that is eligible to grow the certified Willamette vetch, it offers an opportunity to produce seed which growers may not otherwise be eligible to take advantage of.

Another crop that offers certain possibilities to Washington county farmers on swale or wetter land is common ryegrass which has an announced support price of 7 1/2 cents. This crop seeded in the fall at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds per acre should produce an aver-

Importance of Walnuts, Filberts in This Area Pointed Out to Rotarians

Value of the walnut and filbert crops to Washington county and the northwest was pointed out by Robert A. Duncan of Postland, vice-president of the Dundee Nut Growers association, and A. C. Jacobson, general manager of the North Pacific Nut Growers association, in speaking before the Rotary club here Thursday.

Duncan declared that the new drier constructed by the Dundee growers here would be of great benefit to the community and to the growers. He said that the industry was stabilized in the period

between 1930-44 and that growers received better returns during depression years than any other industry. The speaker expressed the belief that this year would be the biggest production year in history. Jacobson cited what is being done to build up one brand from the standpoint of quality and standards, which are meeting good consumer acceptance. Volume of the North Pacific association, which acts as a central selling agency, was \$2,500,000 last year, he said.

Washington county, Jackson asserted, leads in actual plantings with 3300 acres while Lane county is second with 2600 acres. Returns, he said, averaged more than \$500 to the ton. Worm infestation in filberts is proving serious, according to the speaker.

M. P. Cady was program chairman.

County Farm Union Meets September 30

Washington County Farmers' Union will meet September 30 in the chamber of commerce in Hillsboro. A Tillamook delegation will be present to plan an officers' conference with Kamiah and Washington counties. Officers from the state office at Salem will also be present.

Measures on the November ballot will be discussed. Lunch will be served by the Laurel-Scholls union women.

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