

Farm and Garden

Hillsboro, Oregon, Thursday, December 7, 1944

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Farmers' Union Holds Conference in Hillsboro; Farm Problems Talked

A Farmers' Union conference was held in the Hillsboro chamber of commerce Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Alma Knower, state educational director, in charge. Discussion of the work of the Farmers' Union was led by Harry Libby who was the fact that over 4000 copies of the "Oregon Union Farmer" are in circulation. Out of the general discussion came the following suggestions:

1. The resolutions be printed in a column separate from local and county reports.
 2. Closer co-operation between the state board and the president.
 3. A more useable program from the education department.
 4. State board to report back to originators on action taken on resolutions sent them.
 5. State secretary to be appointed by the executive board rather than elected by membership.
 6. A standing committee to organize convention procedure prior to convention.
- Mrs. Rae W. Smart, state secretary, summarized obligations to the organization, dues and time given in comparison to the benefits received. In addition to aiding juniors in education, life and automobile insurance and free notarial service, many measures have been enacted which are of benefit to the members.
- John Daseh of Liberty local in Marion county stressed careful selection of committee chairman and the care of children while parents are in the meetings, in his discussion of successful meetings.
- An evening pot-luck supper following a meeting was held in charge of Ronald Jones, state vice-president, in which he explained some of the actions taken at the National convention held in Denver November 20 to 23. Oregon had four delegates at the convention, with the entire program centered around plans for making life more liveable on the farm.
- State convention dates were set for February 29 through February 23 in Corvallis.
- Others present from outside Washington county were: Walter

D. Duffy, regional director of Farm Security Administration; Lee Fryer, FSA in Portland; Elliott Pratt of the National Farmers' Union office; Joe Owens, member of the state executive board, and Mrs. Owens; Alvin Smith, Yamhill county president; and Mrs. Smith; Wendell Barnett, Marion county president; and Mrs. Barnett.

Don Guerber Wins \$200 Scholarship

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rose and flower garden, poultry, vegetable garden and dairy in addition to forestry. He served as president of the Rock Creek Dairy club this year which completed 100 per cent and was a member of the county champion dairy demonstration team, demonstrating the construction and use of a Sanitary Calf Feeding Bucket.

At the Washington county fair Don was chosen champion Holstein showman, and led his club to the winning of the coveted Carnation-Alberta Calf Manna trophy awarded each year to the outstanding dairy club of the county. In addition to his regular 4-H activities, Don and his dad operate 200 acres of land, consisting largely of producing large amounts of Alta Friesian and Chewing Friesian seed for pasture grass and a small amount of subterranean clover being grown for seed. Their herd of Holstein cattle has been somewhat decreased since the shortage of labor.

Activities in Farm Safety which Don carried on this year cover a number of worthwhile things. One of the first things he did was to organize and lead a Farm Safety club of seven members, some of whom were regular 4-H activities. He drew up a program of work and outlined the projects for the club. In addition, he did a year of continued practicing of farm safety. Don and his club put on several demonstrations before community and farm organizations for accident and fire prevention, and gave talks to some of the groups emphasizing the need for continued farm safety practices. As a group the club prepared signs for the roads in their community where bad corners existed and where there had been several bad accidents in the past. In addition, they gave talks to some of the groups emphasizing the need for continued farm safety practices.

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Farm Goals for 1945 Adopted

A 1945 farm production schedule, adopted for Oregon at the state goals conference in Portland last week-end, calling for about the same total acreage as 1944 but with shifts among crops to meet changing war requirements was received by the county AAA office, reports John W. Kanna, chairman of the AAA committee.

The goals call for leveling off of production without increasing the record total output of recent years for many crops and commodities. Adjustments upward or downward are recommended for some commodities, aimed at the most efficient use of Oregon agriculture's manpower, soil and equipment resources in meeting war food needs.

Of special importance to county agriculture are the goals calling for increased acreage of cover crop and forage legume seeds, sharp reductions in hens by individual culling of laying flocks, and increased milk production by stepping up the production per cow from present herds.

The chairman reported that plans are being made for a farm sign-up program similar to that of last year to assist each farmer in determining the best contribution that his farm can make to meeting the goals. He expects that details of this campaign will be announced soon.

Nut Growers Meet Draws Large Crowd

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Walnut and Filbert Orchards; D. G. Thompson, entomologist, Oregon State college, "Dusting for Filbert Worm;" A. A. King, extension soils specialist, Oregon State college, "From Tillers to Sawdust or Some Problems in Soil Moisture and Management."

Woodford said that thinning of filberts resulted in greater production and larger nuts.

C. E. Grelle of Portland was elected president for the coming year. Other officers are: Harold Quick, Clatsop, Wash., vice-president; Robert Duncan, Portland, vice-president for Oregon; and T. McWhorter, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

Resolutions expressed regrets at the death of the late Senator McNary, who was called a great friend of the nut industry; expressed a desire for the speedy recovery of the federal government in lieu of taxes.

The 105 farms consisting of 6,490 acres that were sold and leased on a lease and contract basis have in many instances, been combined to make larger units since some of the original ones were too small to prove satisfactory. From the results of the 1944-45 season, it is expected that the income will be derived elsewhere than from the small acreage.

There are 24 of the full-time units in Washington county and 16 in the part-time units. The sale of all of these farms has been completed and the owners have decided to back mortgage to the government in the amount of \$50,000, which was necessary.

This was the original hope of the families of the units, that they eventually become owners and Congress ruled in 1942 that this hope should materialize by July of this year. The completion of this reorganization was made possible with the assistance of local farm committees. Members of these committees were: Harold Stapleton, William E. Knower, Harrison H. Brandt, and Owen K. Lemmon, for Polk county; Guy Shumway, Victor Marr, Wil C. Gideman, James Richardson, Yamhill county, and Henry Jayson, Carl Voges, Reinhardt Hornecker, Chester Wohler, and Loren Putnam of Washington county.

The sale of the 40-year contract units was made possible with the assistance of the selling price was made by the committee to carry out the purpose of FSA it was determined that the sales price should be set according to the earning capacity of the farm on the basis of long-time averages rather than inflated markets.

The sale of these farms will return to the government \$648,602 or \$100.31 per acre plus 3 per cent from state on the 40-year contract. An additional \$205,000 has already been returned to the government from lease and rental payments received by the owners. Although construction costs of the project were estimated at slightly over one million dollars, approximately \$35,000 in WPA labor charges against the project.



APPLICANT—Elmer H. Meyer, route 1, Cornelius, one of the last applicants to be approved for a Yamhill Farms unit has a right to smile because he is the first veteran of World War II in the Pacific northwest to become established on a farm through the farm ownership program of the Farm Security Administration. Butch, the family Cocker Spaniel, hitchhikes ride on the tractor as Meyer seeds a fall crop of oats and peas.

Project Farms Return to County Tax Rolls; Veterans Aided on Farms

(By Victor S. Madsen)

The farm units of the Yamhill Farms Resettlement Project begun in 1936 have been transferred to Oregon and will in the future be on the county assessor's tax roll. Since 1936 the title to this property was held by the federal government and as such was not taxable. However, an amount as great as regular levies on similar farms was paid to the county by the federal government in lieu of taxes.

Contract payments on the farms, amortized over a period of 40 years, will average \$302 annually, including interest, although actual payments will be based on a variable repayment plan according to annual income. The loans for the real estate and chattels on these farms will no longer be handled as a separate project from McMinville, but through the local county FSA offices in the counties where the farms are actually located. Already repayments paying several years in advance on several farms, have come into the local office, indicating a prosperous year and good farm management by the owners.

Experience of FSA and Resettlement Administration on the project is highly significant to future land settlement problems for returning war veterans as farmers located on land unsuitable to agriculture. Principal conclusions are:

1. Farms cannot be expected to pay off an indebtedness greater than their earning capacity with normal operations.
2. Units under 40 acres of crop land must either be highly intensified or receive additional income from other sources.
3. The health of the family is of major importance.
4. Farming requires more diversification of talent, stamina, and fortitude, than almost any other occupation and should not be considered a resort for failures in other businesses.
5. Those who succeed are intensely interested in their work and have access to the freedom of rural life.

The first world war veteran to be re-established is Elmer H. Meyer, who was discharged in January, 1945. After being in the service for several months when he was honorably discharged in January, 1945, Mr. Meyer began a search for a farm while working at defense plants and farm work to accumulate and save money. He looked everywhere for a full-time farm and read all the want ads, but I couldn't find anything at a reasonable price," said Meyer. "Finally a neighbor told me there were a few units left on the Yamhill Farms Project and I applied."

Meyer selected a 39-acre unit with 79 acres cropland and flood irrigation for a large part of it. Already he has shown the type of interest and ambition in getting his farm work in shape that should lead to success. He and his neighbor, Everett Heikes, who selected the farm adjoining after his lease on another farm had expired, are swapping labor with each other which makes for a good community life.

Cedar Mill Local Will Meet Tuesday

Cedar Mill Farmers' Union local will meet at Barnes school December 12 at 8 p. m. Speakers from the state office and moving pictures will make up the program. Members are urged to attend and bring their friends. Refreshments will be served.

Hillsboro Grangers Will Meet Saturday

Hillsboro Grange will meet Saturday, December 9, with pot-luck lunch at noon.

Joint installation of Hillsboro, Beaverton, Dixie Mountain, Leedy and Aloha granges will be held at Aloha grange at 8 p. m. Thursday, December 14.

Hatcherymen Urge Halt in Expansion

The poultry industry needs to move at once toward voluntarily curtailing production to avoid government control if possible, in the opinion of leaders of the industry heard at the recent meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick association, held in Salem.

After hearing Homer I. Hunt, manager of the national poultry and egg board, and Clyde C. Edmonds of Salt Lake City, president of the Associated Poultry Industries, the association urged by resolution that the government price support on eggs be lowered from 90 to 80 per cent of parity to avoid continued expansion. If government price support is continued, eggs ought to be purchased on U. S. grade rather than case count, the association also held.

H. E. Cooby, head of the poultry department at Oregon State college, reviewed the progress that he has seen in the Oregon hatchery industry in the past 25 years. This progress was also indicated by the fact that the Oregon Baby Chick association have their breeding flocks tested for pullorum disease and especially for the disease above the maximum tolerance in the national poultry improvement plan.

The 125 hatcherymen attending also passed resolutions asking for an appropriation for the state department of agriculture to assist in conducting the Oregon poultry and turkey improvement programs and asking that the livestock killer dog act be amended to include poultry.

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