

County Farmers Make Big Improvements in '47

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County Agent

Many Washington county farmers have been making important improvements on their farms during the past year so as to put their production in the best condition possible.

These improvements include the installation of drain tile and irrigation systems, the use of more fertilizer and the adopting of new weed control measures. Dairymen have joined the dairy breeders' artificial insemination association and renewed emphasis has been placed on dairy herd improvement work.

An indication of the interest in tile drainage and irrigation can be shown from the fact that the county extension office personnel during the year assisted 312 farmers with their drainage and irrigation problems.

Availability of equipment to do the ditching as well as the production of more tile has encouraged farmers to improve their drainage systems. Proper tiling can usually be expected to effect sufficient crop increase and diversification of crops so as to pay for itself in two or three years.

Fertilizer Use Tripled

The realization that commercial fertilizers have a place in the farming program has encouraged the use of more than triple the tonnage of commercial fertilizer used before the war. This fertilizer has been used on grass, cereal and legume crops as well as pastures and cover crops.

Results from application of ferti-

not eradicate a portion of this problem.

Dairy Plan Enrolls 230

The official inauguration of dairy cattle was held in the county approximately two years ago. Since that time, the unit has built up its membership to over 230, representing over 2300 cows. Most members of the association believe that this is one of the most heretofore steps taken in the dairy industry since the introduction of the Babcock test.

Dairy herd improvement work has been operating in Washington county for several years. It was built up to a point before the war where it required three supervisors. During the war this was of necessity curtailed to the point that only one man was employed. During the past year and a half this program has been built up again so two full-time men are employed.

Program Aids Dairyman

Testing provides the dairyman with an accurate measure of what each individual cow in his herd is producing. This information is then used as a basis for culling and for determining the amount of feed to be allowed each animal. Those who have tested over a period of several years have found that it is a good measuring stick of the individual characteristics of various blood lines.

Improved cropland pastures, using some of the new strains of grass and clover, have proven to be important developments in the livestock and dairy business. Over 1300 acres of cropland was seeded in the county this year. Crop certification has also taken on more importance and included such crops as Williams' vetch, Cumberland clover, grain, flax, rice, corn, strawberries, potatoes and sweet clover.

Good Prices Prevail

Farmers have been able to carry out some of these activities and changes because of more important commodities grown locally have as a rule been better during the past few years than they were previous to the war.

Generally, these prices are in line with the cost of production, but with a few commodities returns have fluctuated more than with others, having been particularly high this past year for such crops as barley, flax seed and some of the cereals.

On the other hand, fruits and nuts and a few others are at a considerably lower level than they were during the war years. Most commodities are returning a reasonable profit to the producer. Local farmers as a rule find themselves in a relatively better economic position than they have experienced since the days before the first world war.

Frequently these booming prices being paid for farm products are the basis of criticism that farmers are taking unfair advantage of consumers. There are, however, many items on the other side of the picture which are seldom considered. Using available statistics they can be outlined as follows:

Cost of Feed Up

First, the cost of feed necessary to produce these farm products has also increased very substantially above the pre-war level. Some of them have increased as much as 200-275 per cent.

Second, the cost of farm labor is much higher than it was before the war. Farm wages have gone up as much as 300 per cent above the 4 to 5 year period before the war. Thus, farmers, adding all production costs together, find that the average cost price of producing farm commodities in Oregon now is 287 per cent of the period before the war.

The third factor to consider is that the period shortly before World War II was not an especially good one for producers of farm products.

When farm commodities are compared with the cost of marketing

Large Gatherings Reflect Holiday Spirit of Families

By Mrs. W. A. Bunnell

WEST SLUGS—Christmas gatherings took precedence over news of wars, politics and world activities as family gatherings gathered around brightly-lit Christmas trees and heavy-laden tables.

About 40 relatives and friends helped Mrs. E. K. Keller celebrate the day, eating in from noon until a late hour for refreshments and a visit. Mrs. Keller also has one of the outstanding outdoor decorations on McChesney road; many colored lights being strung over the archway and along the edges of the lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Broadhead enjoyed the day with their daughter, Miss J. an Broadway, who drove up from Van Nuys, Cal., where she is an instructor in a flying school at the Metropolitan airport. She returned to her work Monday.

Mother Succumbs

Mrs. Louisa Mosher, mother of E. W. Mosher, died at her son's home Friday evening after suffering from cancer while in town with her daughter-in-law earlier in the week. Funeral services were held at Finley's chapel on Monday, with interment at Riverside cemetery.

Grand Wedding

Russell Grant won first in the junior chamber of commerce drawing held recently and as a result will leave with his wife January 9 on a week's trip to San Valley, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dearing had for guests during the Christmas vacation their daughter, Mrs. H. M. Dearing, and daughter, Miss Spokane and Miss Virginia Dearing, a

student at Oregon State college. Mr. Montgomery arrived Tuesday from Spokane to join the festivities.

Mrs. Carl Mattson of Hovatt road was hostess to the F. or T. club at a pre-Christmas party at her home Tuesday evening. A Christmas tree and gift exchange were part of the evening's entertainment, and a feature of the late refreshments was a brightly lit Christmas tree brought in by the husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waddell entertained guests at a holiday party Friday night.

Christmas guests at the W. A. Bunnell home were Mr. Bunnell's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Myers of Klammath Falls and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poulson of Central Point. A guest this week-end also was John Cook of Vancouver. B. C. The Bunnells entertained a group of 25 relatives at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gettel were hosts to a party of 10 on Christmas Eve, and at a dinner for six Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Park drove to Corvallis to spend Christmas with his parents, returning in the evening. The family will also enjoy a post-holiday dinner Sunday at home with Mrs. Peck's relatives as guests.

The R. F. Spencers entertained members of the family at their home Christmas Eve, with the usual tree and gift exchange. The group later attending 11 o'clock services at Emanuel Lutheran church in Portland. Among these were the J. J. Micholfs and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Stanford of Lewis of Portland.

Christmas Day celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Mitchoff began with breakfast at the Lewis home and family dinner later at home in West Slope. Missing this year from the family group was Pfc. Jack Mitchoff, who is on duty in Panama, where he reported a "hot" Christmas season, with both weather and war taking a hand. A highlight of the Mitchoffs' day was a long distance call from Mrs. Mitchoff's brother in Los Angeles, as is his usual custom.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bruer of Canyon road had at a family dinner party Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Kjos (Mary Bruer) and baby Kerry, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruer and M. and Mrs. Wesley Bruer of Corvallis.

An after-Christmas party was enjoyed at the former West Hills church building by over 40 young people, with Miss Nancy Flynn as hostess. Dancing and games provided entertainment. The young hostess is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Flynn.

Mrs. Helge Westerling returned from a 10-day visit in Seattle just in time to spend Christmas at home.

Out-of-town guests at the Fred Weber home over Christmas were Miss Helen Knight and son of Sweet Home and Mr. and Mrs. George Weber and daughters of Seattle. All are relatives of the Fred Webers.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Whitman were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kamn of Walla Walla on Wednesday evening. The Kamns were also entertained at the Budge Wright home Monday night.

A family party at the A. N. Holman home on Multnomah club road enjoyed the holiday, among them Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carlson of Raymond, Wash., and Mrs. H. Kay and Mr. and Mrs. P. Huntington of Gaston, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kay and son of Beaverton. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson arrived in West Slope Sunday and stayed a week with the Holmans.

Dr. and Mrs. V. L. Johnson enjoyed Christmas together with their three sons and their families. The sons are Laurence, Robert and Dr. Norman Laurence Johnson and wife have moved to the newly-constructed home the elder Johnson built.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rasmus arrived Tuesday before Christmas to spend the holiday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Morgan Allen. Roberta Allen is also at home from Oregon State college to spend the vacation with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Francis had at their home Christmas guests Mrs. Francis' mother, Mrs. Bertha Lee of Canby; Mr. Francis' mother, Mrs. Sarah Francis, and Miss Jeanne Kremer.

Janet Francis is returning to the University of Oregon in January

Gifts to Be Showered On Champion Babies

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Hillsboro Studio, month's supply of baby's milk, Aloha Jersey dairy; baby set, Della Drug store; house-cook, McKalson's Dorothy shop; bottle warmer, Bates Pharmacy; baby dish, Lester Island & Co.; mother's tea, Alan's Shop; baby blanket, J. C. Perry's; stork cake, Peck's Bakery; diaper liners, Sprouse-Heitz Co.

Area II—Savings account, Commercial National bank; subscription, Hillsboro Tribune; theatre pass, Hill-Venetian theatres; portrait, Hillsboro Studio; box of candy, Bennett's Sweet Shop; shampoo and finger wave, Eve's Beauty shop; casey, Hillsboro Bakery; gold ring, Abendroth jewelers; baby set, Kromien's Drug store; baby's record book, Tim-Tot shop; baby feeding set, Bristol Hardware; baby novelty, Newsham Floral Co.; walker, Eric Margal's Buster Brown shoe store; bottle warmer, Seifridge Furniture; permanent, Your Beauty shop.

Whoozinit

(Not necessarily news)

Charles Walker getting five neckties for Christmas, forgetting to wear one to work. . . . Rufe Fox talking basketball. . . . Bud Jensen bragging about his auto. . . . Joe Jaross having a collision. . . . Lillian Hibbert still believes in Santa Claus. . . .

Stan Hubbard holding down a corpse. Ward McKalson coming back from California to get warm. . . . Al Hoffman putting Jack Seary on a spot. . . . A. J. Foelker splashing clothes with tallow. . . . Paul Patterson getting 1500 pinocle. . . . Bill and Rudolph Francis will transfer to Vancouver college.

Carlton Geering, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Geering of the Food Bank, spent Christmas nursing the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Campbell of Canyon Lane went to Kelama to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Mr. Campbell's parents, returning home to greet Mrs. Campbell's sister, Miss Marian Stam, who arrived from Seattle to spend her vacation from the University of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cavanaugh had guests from Seattle for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Shea and Mrs. Joseph O'Shea.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Wood and daughter spent the holiday at Chehalis with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hulings went to Salem for Christmas, to spend the day with Mrs. Hulings' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Maust and three children left Tuesday for Mead to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Maust and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Weidmeyer.

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Mrs. Henry Hesse and Doris Heaton. . . . Tom Tanque liking Pat Palmer's drawings. . . . Amanda Erickson being slighted. . . . Joe Smith planting 40 rose bushes. . . . Tom Callahan looking like a man of distinction. . . . Finis Brown getting lipstick on his face at wedding. . . . Agnes press day activities being started for the newlyweds. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Fuetker, while picture was being taken in front of large greeting sign from fellow staff members.

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for distribution these costs are the highest in history. Factors affecting the price of farm commodities cannot be blamed on any one factor but must be attributed to a number of circumstances.

Reasons Given

Among these are purchases for relief shipments overseas, shortages of certain crops such as barley and corn in the middle west this past season, shifts in population and freight rate increases. In addition to this, the high purchasing power of the American people has greatly increased the consumption of many items, thus leading to scarcities which have tended to increase certain commodities.

Areas producing crops that have increased in return well above others as far as the income to the farmer is concerned because of these conditions find themselves in a more favorable financial situation than areas that do not.

In diversified counties, such as Washington county, where more than 100 agricultural commodities are produced in greater or lesser quantity, the returns are receiving returns ranging up and down the income per unit scale.

Not Out of Line

From the farmer's viewpoint, returns with those of industrial workers, which in general are considered to be up 316 per cent, and the income of many others in the urban areas whose income has increased that much or more, farmers' returns are not out of line.

From the farmer's viewpoint, under current high prices, the percentage of total income of non-farmers now budgeted for purchase of food and clothing is little, if any, higher than during the pre-war period.

Price changes have had a definite effect on the agricultural production in Washington county. Many farmers have switched, where possible, to the growing of some of the more profitable crops. However, the matter of maintaining a balanced agricultural program on every farm has never been more important than at the present day. Farmers need and are interested in making many more improvements on their farms.

These include new machinery to replace old or obsolete equipment, more tile drainage, weed control, replacement of broken down fences and repair or modernization of homes and farm buildings. If the general high return to merchants, industrial labor and the many businesses more or less connected with agriculture are to continue, the return for farm produced commodities must be maintained in a relatively favorable position since this major new wealth produced in this area comes from agriculture.

Record-Breaking Year Recorded In Hillsboro and Washington County

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ment association. Hillsboro elementary school census totals 1697 school age children, gain of five per cent since 1945. Kenneth B. Davison named president of Forest Hills Country club. Annual Yule concert set by Hilhi a cappella choir. Aloha Dairy buys Earl Naught Dairy, ending 10-month-old fight by Aloha firm for license to sell milk in Hillsboro and surrounding area. 25-Year's building goes over million dollar mark with granting of permit to Imperial Feed & Grain Co. to construct \$50,000 grain elevator and warehouse. Southern Pacific Railroad Co. to build \$10,000 depot. Tax receipts total \$1,414,136.21 by November 15, about 80 per cent of total county levy. Terry Christensen, Garth Kohlmeier, Ray Simmons with Hilhi players "most inspirational," "honorary captain," "most improved" awards. Argus announces opening of first annual contest to honor city's First Citizen of the Year. M. P. Cady elected president of Oregon and Washington Nut Growers society. Leland Johnson of Hilhi one of 15 state finalists in scholarship contest. Kathleen Klein winner of Hilhi "DAR Good Citizenship Pilgrimage" award. Aloha-Huber votes \$105,000 bond issue for improvement of grade school. Local Farm Bureau Federation to join state federation. Grocers offer specials on canned milk for Christmas Ship relief drive. Petitions for new fire hall signed by 700 persons.

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