

L. E. Francis Talks Here On "Farming Tomorrow"

L. E. Francis of Tillamook, former assistant county agent in Hillsboro, spoke before the Rotary club here Thursday on "Farming Tomorrow."

Francis, now serving as field representative for the First National Bank of Portland in Tillamook and Clatsop counties, recently was judged a speech winner in Toastmasters.

Farming, he said, has been undergoing great changes. The big trend toward mechanization, it was pointed out, may create some of the big problems of tomorrow. He said it might result in over-capitalization as in the early thirties. This means that it will be necessary for the farmer to change his farming plan so as not to be overcome by interest and depreciation.

Another trend, asserted Francis, is toward higher standards of quality, which means more work and expense. He said that human health is a factor in governing standards and also the fact that the consumer is learning grades. Farmers are also competing among themselves and with other products for the consumer dollar.

Francis declared that the American farmer has developed a higher standard of living than ever before and will continue to demand it. Competition between different farm groups will have its effect. A narrowing margin of profit will come as a result of this competition and the only way to increase this spread will be through obtaining the greatest production efficiency.

He said the last war clinched the position of the American farmer as the world's biggest producer.

Ronald Clark was presented by President Paul Patterson as an honorary member. He has been serving as song leader for several months. Harry C. Seabold and

Arnold Jensen were introduced as new members by Robert C. Busch and W. C. Christensen, respectively.

The program today will be given by the Hillsboro forensics squad members and their coach, Miss Margaret Rueker. John Cox will be program chairman.

Burton Murphy sang several numbers with Ronald Clark as accompanist. Fred Ehrke was program chairman.

T. E. Garbade, president of the Portland Rotary club, will be the speaker May 6 and Dr. D. W. Byrd will be chairman.

Officers will be elected at today's luncheon.

Local members have been invited to attend the charter presentation meeting at Gresham May 6.

Cooper Mountain Club Will Elect Officers

By Earle Morris
COOPER MOUNTAIN—The Cooper Mountain Sewing club met at the Paul Leopold home April 20 with 16 members present. Next meeting will be at the A. H. Baron home May 4. All those members who have had birthdays between November 1 and May 1 will be honored at a mass birthday party. The members will also elect new officers.

Mrs. Clara Moss, LaGrande, is now visiting with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Rylo of Bany road.

Co-operation of people in various local activities and projects in turning news items in at the Argus office, either by letter, telephone or in person, will be greatly appreciated by staff members.

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READY TO SOLO—Harold Seely, 33-year-old legless veteran, flies this Piper Cruiser without the use of special equipment. A student of Ball-Ralston flying service at the Hillsboro airport, he watches the weather closely in hopes it will clear sufficiently to permit him to make his cross-country solo.—(Bob Averill photo, courtesy Forest Grove News-Times)

Legless Flier Ready to Solo

Among the most interested persons in Hillsboro's freak weather during the past few days is Harold Seely of Forest Grove. A 33-year-old veteran who lost both legs in the battle of Germany, he has been watching the skies and weather reports with a view to taking his cross-country solo out of the Hillsboro airport.

A student under the flight training provisions of the GI bill at the Ball-Ralston flying service, Seely has run up 30 hours in the air, 10 of them solo hours, since November.

According to his instructor, Swede Ralston, Seely is probably the only legless person who can fly the conventional stick-guided plane without special equipment. Only mechanical device used by him are clips which fasten his shoes to the rudder pedals. He flies a Piper Cruiser which has a hand brake.

Ralston praised Seely as his prize pupil and says he has the makings of a fine pilot. He is certain Seely will get his license. He had some trouble at first until he improved his coordination but has progressed normally since.

He is owner of the Pacific Gun Shop in Forest Grove, and between operating his business and being rained out, he gets far too little time in the air to suit him. A former Portland fireman, he started taking flight lessons in November with his wife.

ouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Idaho. An outstanding beauty spot of the trip was the Shenandoah valley of Virginia.

Spring Farm Work Behind Elsewhere As in Oregon

Spring farm work is apparently just as far behind the country over as it is in western Oregon, according to William F. Cyrus, of Hillsboro, former Washington county agent. Cyrus returned home last week from a three months, 12,000 mile, auto trip that covered a large part of 10 states and took him through nine more. This trip was made in the interest of E. F. Burlingham and Sons of Forest Grove and was part of the annual job of servicing the seed business of the Forest Grove concern.

"In every area I covered, or traveled through the farm work that is usually well underway was behind three to six weeks," says Cyrus. Wet and cold weather has delayed the growth of fall seeded crops and retarded the planting of spring crops. While farmers are generally anxious to get their field operations underway they are not feeling pessimistic. With farming equipment generally in better condition than for the past few years and with adequate manpower available, the farm operators believe they will soon catch up.

Unusual interest and success in pasture improvement particularly in Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia was mentioned by Cyrus as something of interest to us in Oregon. This type of forage improvement has focused attention on a few more Oregon seed crops. Greatly increased numbers of livestock in the southeastern states has emphasized the need for better grazing and for pastures that in some areas can be grazed the year around. All the block of southern states list an increase of livestock numbers.

At the present time, in what we refer to as the South, livestock and livestock products account for 37 cents of the farmer's cash income dollar. Twenty years ago the income from the same source was only 22 cents of the income dollar. Tied closely to this is an 80 per cent increase in the cash return from grains and hay. Cotton no longer brings in over 30 cents of every southern farm dollar. Only 20 cents can now be credited to King Cotton.

Cyrus reports pastures in several of the states he visited carrying approximately two animal units per acre throughout the year. In north Alabama actual data showed a production of 750 pounds of beef per acre all from pasture. In central Mississippi a Hereford steer herd had made gains on pasture exclusively during the past January and February of 2.9 pounds per head per day. In this latter case the land was bought two years ago for \$18 per acre.

"Oh, I think the southern farmer is doing a right fair job," said

Cyrus put in seven weeks in the

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By Peg Oslund

Who wants an Argus Cookbook? As soon as we get enough recipes to fill a book we'll whip one up! So shoot your favorite recipe in to me—the sooner I get enough, the sooner we'll have a cookbook for you.

V. W. Gardner over at Pool-Gardner Lumber company showed me a book I think everyone should know about. Anyone who will be building a home this spring will sure find lots of interesting things in it. It's a big fat book of home building ideas. It only costs \$1.00 but there is a lot more than a dollar's worth of information in it. There are complete house plan sketches for houses. House plans for the small family who want only a couple of bedrooms, several in-between plans for medium-sized families, and one sketch of an enormous rambling ranch house complete with several bedrooms, a study, and a great big patio. 'S nothin' but terrific!

Who's collecting copper or brass pieces? I dare you to walk past Hill Florists without going in. The window is full of all shapes and sizes. Square bowls, wall brackets and containers, cigarette holders, round bowls, copper and brass combinations—just about everything you can think of wanting. I walked by, fully intending just to take a look at what Max might have in the way of flower arrangements in the window. Then I made my mistake! I let myself go inside. (No will power, I guess.) So, now the Oslunds own a big brass watering can with a long skinny spout, and a big round handle. I can just see it with flowers in it this summer—love that stuff. Someone mentioned steak—it was just shortly before lunch! A. J. stopped wiring flowers for a minute, got a dreamy look in his eyes and told us how he liked his steaks. He recommends sprinkling a little vinegar on what looks like "toughy." He thinks the meat should be fried to suit the taste of the cook. Wonder what should be done if there are guests who don't like their steak the same way he does? (I suggest that the meat be cooked in a frying pan over a high heat—son-of-a-bitch!—carried through a warm room and served, but others may object to having the thing go "M-o-o-o" when they take

a bite.) After you get the steak cooked to your taste, A. J. says to lay a piece of butter on top just before serving and let it melt. Try seasoning it with salt and pepper and a little garlic salt—or a dash of paprika. (There will be ten minutes out for drooling now!)

A good meal deserves a fine dessert. Here's Mrs. H. D. Bailey's recipe for her Fluff Cake. She lives at 220 S. W. Second avenue, Forest Grove.

1 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 egg whites
3 cups cake flour
3 1/2 teaspoons Calumet Baking powder

1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon orange flavoring
1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring

Sift flour and sugar 6 times separately, cream shortening and sugar together well. Drop in egg whites one at a time and mix thoroughly. Add flavorings. Bake in moderate oven. (Mrs. Bailey says that the cake has a better flavor 1 or 2 days after it has been baked.)

Here is the icing:
Juice and grated rind of small orange
1/2 lb. butter

Mix the above ingredients together with just enough powdered sugar to make mixture thick enough to spread.

Thank you very much, Mrs. Bailey. Remember now, send in your favorite recipe (no need to limit yourself to one) cause as soon as I have enough we'll print another Argus Cookbook.

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