

FARM BUREAU IS GAINING HOLD IN OREGON COUNTIES

Members of the American Farm Bureau Federation are now working in cooperation with the Oregon State Farm Bureau in making a canvass of the county farm bureau organizations of the state in a move to get them all enrolled in the national bureau.

The organizations in Josephine, Jackson, Douglas, Benton and Polk counties have been visited and they have all ratified the constitution of the national body. Umatilla, Morrow and Sherman counties will be visited during the coming week.

George A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, stated at the Imperial hotel Thursday that the farm bureau movement is developing in Oregon very much as it has about the nation.

GROWTH PREDICTED

"I anticipate that in a short time counties without bureaus will organize and recognize it necessary to have fees high enough to finance an adequate program," Mansfield said. "My own county, Jackson, at a meeting Monday voted to join the state farm bureau and increase the membership dues to \$5. We expect to enroll all farmers in Jackson county."

Mansfield is making a tour of the state with Chester H. Gray, president of the Missouri Farm Bureau and committeeman of the national bureau, and Paul V. Maris of the Oregon Agricultural college.

The farmers of Oregon are broad-

ening out in farm bureau work beyond county boundaries, as they are now seeing that many other states have associated themselves together in the American Farm Bureau Federation," said Gray. "At the present time there are 36 state federations holding membership in the American Federation, and the officers of the Oregon bureau expect to be the thirty-sixth member."

"There are approximately 1500 county farm bureaus in the United States, with a total membership of 1,500,000. It is now recognized by the county bureaus in Oregon, if they give the best service to the farm, they must organize on such a basis of membership and ample dues as will enable them to affiliate with the state and national work."

PROGRAM EXTENSIVE

"The American Farm Bureau federation has on its program of work such large departments as transportation, rural economics, legislation, cooperation and publicity. At the head of these departments are specially trained men, some of whom can be secured only by very large pay."

"The Oregon farmers, in counties so far visited, see that the fundamentals of this kind of agricultural work have been needed for years, and it is the unanimous belief of the farm bureau people that they will broaden out into the greater farm bureau. It is confidently expected that within a very short time every county will be affiliated with the Oregon farm bureau."

The American Farm Bureau federation is an organization for the furthering of production, transportation, sales and allied improvements in farm work. It is in its first year. The national president is J. K. Howard of Iowa and the head offices are in Chicago.

Trails Club Urges Construction of Scenic Highway

Trails club at its annual meeting Wednesday night, in Library hall, elect-

ed trustees and adopted a resolution urging the forest service and the state highway commission to cooperate in constructing a scenic highway along the Skyline route of the Cascades.

Trustees elected were: Richard J. Grace, Charles E. Warner, Ida M. Al-

seben, Don P. Wells, Fred H. Kiser, H. W. Erren, G. A. DeGroff, E. J. Lens, Marie Eberhardt and George L. Bickel.

A new lodge has been built in the "Columbia Highlands," for use of members. It was announced.

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