

# FARM WOMAN WORKS

## Average of 63.7 Hours Weekly Spent in Toil

### ROUTINE DUTIES MANY

O. S. C. Corvallis, Dec. 15.—How the average farm homemaker spends her time is answered in a bulletin just published by the agricultural experiment station at Oregon State college. The booklet contains the results of a study of the use of time by farm homemakers in Oregon during weeks of normal activity, factors that affect this time distribution, and differences between farm homemakers and those who do not live on farms.

The study by Miss Maude Wilson, home economist of the experimental staff, was undertaken because of the social and economic importance of homemakers as an occupational group, and because of the direct relation that exists between the time distribution of the homemaker and the family standard of living.

**513 Homemakers Surveyed**  
During the course of the survey, data were obtained from 288 farm homemakers, 71 country non-farm homemakers, and 154 non-county non-farm homemakers, a total of 513 records.

The survey showed that the average work period of the farm homemaker was 63.7 hours per week, divided as follows: homemaking, 81 per cent; farm work, 18 per cent; other work, 1 per cent. The work period for 9 per cent of the homemakers was less than 50 hours and for 14 per cent it was 75 hours. On week days the average working period was 9.7 hours while 3.5 hours were put in on Sundays.

Homemaking activities required 51.6 hours each week. Food preparation took 47 per cent of this time; house, 18 per cent; clothing and textiles, 22 per cent; care of members of the household, 7 per cent; management, 3 per cent; all other duties, 2 per cent. Seventy-two per cent of the time went to routine duties of the home—meals, cleaning, fires, laundry, and mending.

Because of the farm work in addition to housekeeping, farm homemakers worked longer hours than non-farm homemakers. Ninety-seven per cent of them did some form of farm work, averaging 11.3 hours per week. The three farm projects to which the most time was devoted were poultry, dairying and fruits and vegetables.

**Leisure Time Varies**  
With work periods of varying length, there was a marked difference in the amount of leisure time available, but time for sleep, rest and physical care of self were fairly constant. The average farm homemaker had an average of 102.7 hours of personal time each week divided as follows: sleep and rest, 61 per cent; physical care of self, 14 per cent; leisure activities, 23 per cent; other activities, 2 per cent.

Being an informal social life were of about equal importance as leisure activities and together accounted for more than half of the spare time. Leisure activities carried on away from the family, aside from informal social life, were comparatively unimportant.

**Children Give Some Help**  
Farm homemakers received an average of 9.5 hours of help each week in their household duties, half of it being help from their own children. The amount of paid help was negligible. The time the homemaker spent for meals varied more than that of any other activity. For households of two or three persons it was 13.6 hours; for seven to eight persons, 18.7 hours.

Differences in ages of children resulted in variations in length as well as distribution of work periods. Farm women with no children averaged 60.5 hours at work per week, 26 per cent of which was spent at other than homemaking tasks. Those with children under one year worked 77.3 hours of which 11 per cent was in outside work.

Time given to care of a child under one year of age was three times that given to a child between one and six, and 12 times that given a child of grade-school age.

Forty-three per cent of the farm homemakers had neither modern plumbing nor electricity, while 19 per cent had both. Those with both water and electricity spent three hours less each week upon meals, cleaning and washing than those without these utilities.

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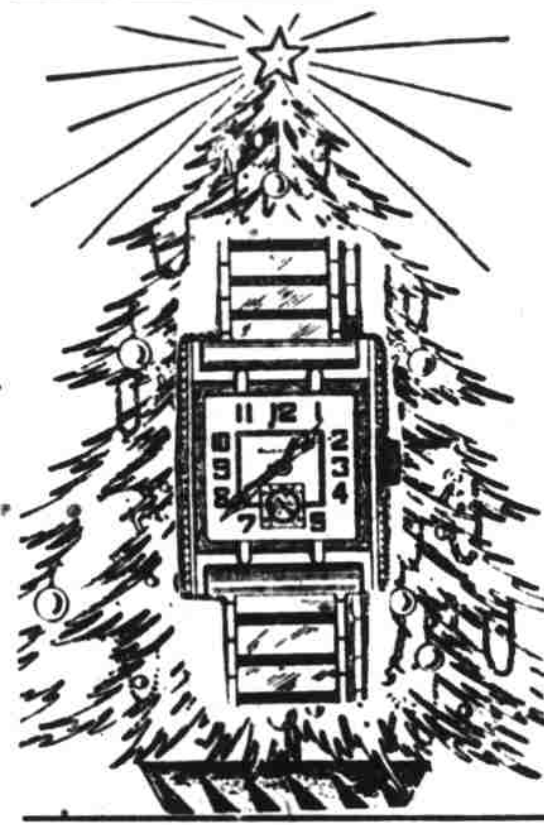


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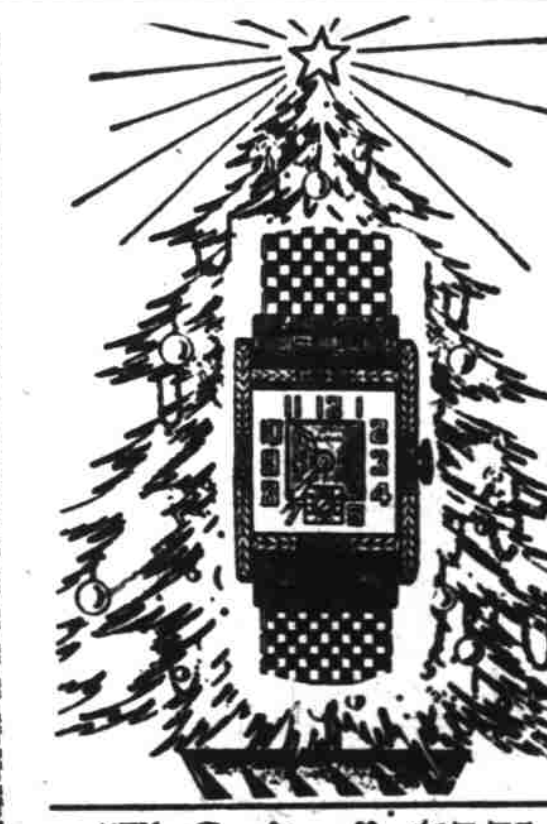
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## WOODBURN STARS HONORED BY FACULTY

WOODBURN, December 14.—The men faculty members of Woodburn high honored the undefeated Woodburn football eleven at a "star feed" in the high school Thursday night.

The "feed" was served by a group of the girls of the domestic science class girls and Adrian Scholer, four year letterman and president of the student body gave a talk on "This year's football." Lowell Gribble, another senior with four stripes, told of four years of football. Kenneth Gillanders remarked about the ten lettermen and Charles Bartos talked on next year's prospects.

Coach Gilbert Oddie gave his impression of Woodburn's football and Coach Ray O. Wolf presented the coaches viewpoint of the subject. The funny side of football was told by Laverne Scholer and assuming a serious attitude, Merle Nehl discoursed the other side of football. No one was more able to give a lofty view of football than Emerson Baldwin, the tallest high school tackle in this part of the state and Lewis Radcliff gave the low-down on football. Kenneth Battleson, one of the minute youngsters who turned out remarked about football in the miniature on the bottom squad. Last but not least, Wilmont "Pat" Courney told of the joys of being manager.

After dinner the boys retired to the lower corridors where various games were played until they were finally ousted out at a late hour.

## WOODBURN HIGH PLAY CAST CHOSEN

WOODBURN, December 14.—Miss Virginia Mason, coach of "Peg O' My Heart," the three act comedy which will be presented by the senior class at Woodburn high school has held the tryouts for parts and has selected the following cast:

Peg, Naomi Van Cleave; Jerry, Lowell Gribble; Brent, Clair Nibler; Ethel, Chichester, Waive Lenon; Mrs. Chichester, Opal Hodges; Marie, Chichester, Wilbur Wurster; Hawkes, Bernard Cole; Jarvis the footman, Glenn Foster and Bennett, the maid, Dora Tresleder.

The business staff and further particulars concerning the play will be announced later.

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