

Farmers Unite to Operate Successful Cooperative Cannery

CANNERY GREAT BOON, STAYTON

180 Stockholders in Group; Prosperity Marks Community Enterprise

STAYTON, Dec. 31.—Stayton, on the north bank of the North Santiam river, by the 1930 census had a population of 800 within its corporate limits, but with the population of those just over the line, a conservative estimate of the town's people would be 1000.

Stayton was platted in 1872, but before that time W. H. Hobson had a store here. Both a sawmill and a grist mill were established about 1876. From that time on until the present the town had a steady growth. It is now one of the most prosperous towns in the Willamette valley.

Cannery Begins In '22

In 1922 a number of enterprising men of this community organized a cannery and the past eight years that it has been in operation have been most gratifying. In 1924 the organization became cooperative and at that time it had 77 stockholders who were growers. It now has 180 stockholders who own common stock and there are applications on file from 30 or 40 more who will come in 1931.

The cannery has packed approximately 900,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables canned in one season—1930. Kentucky Wonder beans are one of the popular outputs of the cannery, and their particular brand, "Santiam" is a bean which is in great demand. In 1929 a bean grader was installed and now the Stayton cannery is one of the most modern bean canneries in the Northwest.

The Stayton Flour Mills, Inc., managed by A. D. Gardner, Jr., is a pioneer institution. A. D. Gardner, Sr., one of the founders of the mill in an early day is still with the institution. The mill does a thriving business and produces the well known "Santiam" brands of flour, stock and poultry feeds. This mill has carried off many grand prizes at the world's fairs, etc., for the superiority of its product.

\$24,000 BUILDING IS ERECTED, WOODBURN

WOODBURN, Dec. 31.—The public schools in Woodburn have enjoyed a complete rejuvenation during the past year. A new, modern school building, and the improvement of the old East Side grade school have been outstanding improvements.

The construction of the new grade school building, called the Lincoln grade school, was done during this summer. The building, which entailed an expense of \$24,000, replaced the old grade school building which had been standing since 1891, and had become a landmark in the community. The old building had an intensely interesting history. Before any sort of school was organized in Woodburn, the building served as a grade school. The first high school classes of this district were also held in the building. In 1916 a new and at that time, very modern high school was built on Lincoln street.

The new Lincoln school is a school of the most modern type. Its architectural design and finishing make it one of the show-places of Woodburn. It is the one-story unit type of school building. Probably the most interesting and beneficial feature of the new building is the automatic static control of heating in all class rooms. Provision is also made for two rooms being utilized as an auditorium, thus conserving space. It has a new cafeteria room. Another special feature is a new type wardrobe door directly in the schoolrooms. These are both economical and efficient. The primary rooms are equipped in the very modern method. Little chairs and tables instead of the old-fashioned desks. Only the first six grades are housed in the new building.

PAINFALL NOT LARGE

Believe it or not, Rainfall has about the same annual total as cities in the north Mississippi valley.

Dallas Writer Sees Community Year One of Varied Social Activities

Polk County Seat Town Sees Some Improvement Made in Downtown Property; Payroll Keeps Up

By MRS. LILLIAN BILLYEU DALLAS (Special), Dec. 31.—As we go about our tasks from day to day each in our own community, changes in business, improvements and the disappearance of familiar faces gradually appear. But a pause at this time of year seems to bring back many of these things to us. Flashes of scenes during the past year pass before my eyes, the annual May fete on the high school campus, the girls in costumes and dances of the most popular senior girl, marching slowly to her throne with a background of evergreens. The crowds of children and older folk in the city park pool, learning to swim, during Red Cross swim week, automobiles parking about the court house square once a week during the summer evenings to listen to the band concerts. The annual Halloween parade for the school children in costume, with a prize race each one in line. Christmas with the big lighted tree up town, and nuts and candy distributed by Santa Claus from the fireman's truck. The church suppers, food sales, dances, parties, plays, etc., all for the purpose of raising funds to help various worthy causes. All of these thoughts and others race through my mind as I sit down in the endeavor to write something about my home town this past year.

Some very definite improvements have been made in our business section during 1930, one the new super-service station erected by F. J. Walton, on the corner site occupied by the former Oregon Grain company for many years. A fine two story hollow tile building erected on Mill street by F. A. Patterson for his cleaning business and living quarters. A large brick addition to the export room of the Ford agency operated by Homer Ross. The interior of Guy Bros. hardware store entirely remodeled. Nearly every other store front in town repainted some time during the year, new trimmings on the two bank buildings. No failures in business, every one to be found in their usual location. A check of the town's payroll a short time ago, indicated that it had decreased some, not as much as was known by every one in the community and had many interesting stories to tell of early day history. Many other thoughts fly through my mind, bright incidents here and there pleasant contacts with the people of the community, other contacts not so pleasant, but all in all living in a small town, being more or less familiar with the changes, improvements, pleasures and griefs are more than well worth while, it makes you feel that you do belong and are a part of it.

Nibler Farm Near Woodburn One Of Most Profitable in Entire Valley

More Than \$5000 Realized Each Year From Seventeen-Acre Tract; Home in Beautiful Setting

WOODBURN, Dec. 31.—The Joseph Nibler farm a mile or two south of Woodburn on the Pacific highway is one of the most interesting small farms in the Willamette valley, not merely because of its beautiful setting near a grove of great oak trees, but more because of its management and the wonderful results obtained. The Niblers do not have a large farm, there are only 17 acres on the home farm and they have three other farms of small acreage, as the term "small acreage goes."

Besides raising this large family, the Niblers have prospered in the berry business. They make over \$5,000 a year, clear profits, on their small farms. Mr. and Mrs. Nibler and the children work hard to earn this living. They raise practically everything that can be raised from the soil. From their farm the following items are sold in the market: filberts, apples, cabbage, strawberries, loganberries, gooseberries, raspberries, walnuts, blackberries, peas, cherries, flowers, squash, pumpkins, eggs, filbert trees, raspberry, strawberry and blackberry plants. Through most of the year they keep a little stand in their yard, which is near the Pacific highway. There they sell many of their own products and thereby do away with the middle-man, and keep their entire profits at home. The Niblers have many regular patrons who buy at the stand or from the house. Their wild blackberries are famous in the neighborhood and they are practically all spoken for many weeks before they are ripe. The Niblers' success depends greatly upon the fact that they are specialists. They do not raise livestock or keep a cow. "We stick to what we know and like best, and let the meat-raisers and dairymen supply our butter, milk and eggs. That way everybody profits," says Mr. Nibler. They have one light team of horses which they keep in a neat little barn. No odors ever emit from this stable, as the litter is taken directly to the filbert orchard, where the trees will get the benefit. They do not raise chickens but buy a few occasionally for eggs during the winter and for meals. It is interesting to note that the Niblers make about five times the revenue per acre from their farms than the average American farm. Such conditions don't "just happen."

BOYS, GIRLS WILL GET KIWANIS AID

Benefit Program Soon for Summer Camp Conducted by Salem Scouts

Boys and girls in Salem and Marion county will benefit even more in 1931 than in 1930 through the efforts of the Kiwanis club, if present plans of the Salem organization are carried out.

"We hope to continue our policy of aiding youth in all branches of endeavor, and in addition hope to co-operate with the various associations in aiding many more to attend the summer camp excursions which have proven so advantageous to hundreds of young Oregonians," William A. Wirtz, Kiwanis secretary, declared in commenting on the 1931 program. An entertainment committee for this specific purpose already has been appointed, and plans now are underway to sponsor a huge benefit show from which will go toward defraying camp expenses for youngsters who otherwise would be unable to attend, he declared.

Members of this committee are Dean Roy Hewitt, chairman; Dr. David B. Hill, Charles D. Knowland, George King and T. M. Hicks. Outstanding work of the Kiwanis club in promoting boys' and girls' activity in 1930 includes the sponsoring of the boys' exposition at the Y. M. C. A., aid given the county 4-H club convention, the granting of scholarships to three 4-H members to the Oregon State college summer course, participation in the Y. M. C. A. boys' conference, prizes offered through the club to 4-H winners at the Oregon state fair, and promotion of the Kiwanis troop of Boy Scouts under the leadership of Oscar Blumberg.

Recently elected officials are: President, James H. Nicholson; immediate past president and district lieutenant governor, U. Scott Page; vice president, Dean Roy Hewitt; treasurer, Oliver J. Myers; secretary, William H. Wirtz; district trustee, R. H. Cooley; director, Fred Anusson; Justice John L. Rand and Willis Clark. Honorary directors include I. M. Doughton, T. A. Windsharpe, George King, and James H. Nicholson.

Chain and Halt Held Cause for 99-Foot Streets

WOODBURN PRICES FOR '30 NOT BAD

WOODBURN, Dec. 31.—The Woodburn farming community experienced an average year during the 1930 season, both in production and prices, according to Eugene Courtney, local banker. "The price in berries, fruit and other farm products," says Mr. Courtney "was normal, but the prices for other farm products were low, in the Woodburn district, as they were in all parts of the country."

Mr. Courtney also pointed out the fact that the red berry disease, which has been prevalent in California and southern Oregon for quite a number of years, spread to berry yards about the Willamette valley this summer, and, as a result, about 25,000 worth of berries were left hanging on the vines, still green. Growers lost as much as 75 per cent of their blackberry crop. The Woodburn Cooperative Fruit Growers' association has been attempting to find remedies for this disease ever since it made its appearance. Three representatives were sent to California early in the summer to study California's methods of combating the disease, which is caused by a tiny mite.

The experiment station at Oregon State college in Corvallis has been working with Woodburn berry growers to check the disease and to find efficient sprays. The berry field belonging to Dennis Norton, who lives two miles east of Woodburn has been turned into a test plot where various experiments are being tried by the state college professor. A blackberry field be-

longing to H. F. Butterfield is to be made into a test plot soon. "Offers of fruit prices are approximately the same as they were last year," stated Mr. Courtney. "We hope to have a normal crop next year and with good prices, we are looking forward to a business increase. "Strange as it may seem, deposits in this district are slightly above those of 1929. The local demand for money has been about a 10 per cent increase over last year. We expect a heavy demand for small loans. Taken as a whole, the Woodburn district enjoyed a fairly good year, in comparison with conditions in other parts of the country."

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7 GROUPS GIRL RESERVES HERE

Eloise White, Willamette, Supplies Leaders for Junior Misses

The Girl Reserves are the younger members of the Young Women's Christian association. There are at least 220,000 Girl Reserves in the United States and 350 are members of the Salem branch. They form one of the strongest links in the great international chain of associations that reaches around the world with members in 48 different countries.

Girl Reserves have no pattern program; they build their own plans according to their own interests and needs. Girl Reserves themselves have said that programs should bring pleasure, adventure, knowledge, experience, companionship, broader outlook on life, good sportsmanship, development of leadership ability and fitness of character. In Salem there are seven grade school triangles, the Englewood, Garfield, Grant, McKinley, Park, Richmond and Washington; five junior high, Leslie, two groups at Parrish, West Salem and Silverton, and two senior high school groups, Salem high and Silverton high.

Leaders Share Experience

Advisors are provided for the groups by the Willamette university, Y. W. C. A., with Eloise White in charge. An advisor is one who knows and likes girls, and who believes in the purpose and spirit of the Girl Reserve movement. She knows how to share her experience and knowledge with the girls. A leadership training class is conducted weekly at the university. Advisors are Helen Brethaupt, Mrs. Lee Alfred, Louise Brown, Margaret Ghorley, Elizabeth Atkinson, Hazel Bruner, Elaine Clower, Florence Marshall, Pauline Liversage, Barbara Barham, Mrs. Mike Faneck, Margaret Marsh, Harriet Felen and Frances Laws. The music leaders are Josephine Albert, Doris Clarke, Pat White, Helen Cochran, Virginia Berger and Cora Mason.

There is a girls' work committee, with Mrs. J. E. Blackford, chairman. Advisors are present for all the clubs, providing help in music, Mrs. George Rhoten in charge; dramatics, Mrs. A. A. Coehen in charge; athletics, first aid; Mrs. Wian; handicraft, Mrs. W. D. Simpson in charge; transportation, Mrs. Otto Larson. The club house was secured by giving entertainments, food sales, etc., and very liberal donations from the residents. The lot upon which the building is built belonged to the Lutheran church. It meets twice each month. The building is available for other gatherings.

NEW BUILDING FOR CLUBS AT STAYTON

STAYTON, Dec. 31.—Stayton has a splendid community club house built by the Women's community club. The building which cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000 is of hollow tile, has a full basement which contains the furnace and which will later be fitted up for a kitchen and dining room. The club room is large and comfortable, with a fireplace on one side. There is a piano, plenty of chairs, tables, dishes and an electric stove. The public library, sponsored by the Lutheran church, is in this room. Money to build the club house was secured by giving entertainments, food sales, etc., and very liberal donations from the residents. The lot upon which the building is built belonged to the Lutheran church. It meets twice each month. The building is available for other gatherings.

Boys Required To Learn, Swim

For the second year, every boy in the high school may take swimming as part of the physical education class work. Each boy is required to take eight weeks of swimming lessons. This part of the physical classes is made possible through use of the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank, arranged for use of which were made by the school board.

Honors Awarded Youth at Silverton Outstanding Event During Past Year

James Neal Shows Marked Versatility in Gaining National Recognition From Future Farmers of America

SILVERTON, Dec. 31.—One of the outstanding events for Silverton during the past year was the awarding in November of the American Farmer degree, the highest honor that can be conferred upon a member of the Future Farmers of America, to James Neal, a Silverton youth. This has brought favorable publicity to Silverton from all sections of the country. The insignia is the emblem of the plow, the owl and the rising sun, resting upon a background of a cross section of an ear of corn, surmounted by an American eagle.

The award was made at the National Congress of Future Farmers held at Kansas City, Mo., with over 3,000 Future Farmers from all sections of America attending. Neal was actively identified with the Oregon association and served the organization as its first president. He was also president of his local chapter. He plays a leading character in the Oregon Future Farmers motion picture made by the Southern Pacific railway during the annual Smith-Hughes week end at Oregon State college.

Neal has 200 egg capacity incubators; brooding chicks (1880 chick capacity); hauling 22 tons of hay for farmers; hauling 6 1/2 tons of hay for his father; hauling 1,000 board feet of lumber for the silo; preserving 20 dozen eggs; running a 20 quart daily milk route; selling eggs to milk customers and others along his route; building 1,610 feet of poultry fence; helping to construct and equip two brooder houses; wiring four poultry and brooder houses for electric lights; and building one trailer with an extra stock bed in the Smith-Hughes farm shop at Silverton.

Neal demonstrated efficiency in the classified list of farming skills, in which Neal has demonstrated his efficiency outside of regular Smith-Hughes project work, are practically all phases of the enterprises dealing with the raising of corn, wheat, hay, gardening, hops, horses, sheep, dairying, studies in animal and plant breeding, utilization of feed with the working out of balanced rations, mixing of rations, experimental methods in feeding, forge work, machinery repair and marketing farm products.

Participation in group or class projects were: helped organize and secure charter for the local Future Farmers of America, helped form student cooperative bulletin board, helped stimulate student buying and selling plan, organized the local F. F. A. thrift plan, helped lay the tile drainage system on the school grounds and helped in the construction of the Smith-Hughes farm shop. These and many other things were the points that won for James Neal and Oregon the American Farmer degree.

RAY-BROWN FIRM IS GREAT ASSET

WOODBURN, Dec. 31.—An industry of great aid to residents of the Woodburn district is the Ray-Brown cannery, located on the Pacific highway east of Woodburn. This large plant, constructed four years ago at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, is one of the finest and most efficient canneries in the northwest. Although this season's pack is said to be less than that canned in 1929, a fairly good season was enjoyed. At the peak of the canning season about 350 women and 150 men were employed. A steady crew of about twenty men is kept on the job during the entire year.

The packing season for the cannery is long, starting with strawberries in the latter part of May and finishing with apples in December. During this time the number of employees numbers from 800 to 1500 persons. Practically every kind of berry is canned by the plant. They are as follows: strawberries, raspberries, loganberries, black raspberries and blackberries. They also can prunes, apples, pears and cherries. Most of the persons are employed during peak season. About 400 women peel, slice, inspect and can the pears. As many as five carloads of pears have been tinned in one day. Although most of the berries come from the district around Woodburn, most of the pears and cherries are shipped from distant points. Some red raspberries are brought from Greatlam yards. Practically all the pears put up are shipped from Medford. Cherries are shipped from The Dalles.

Much of the fruit is sold under the company's own labels. They are Raycrest and Raymal. A greater majority of the fruit has other labels on it, however. Telephone users continue to grow, with Salem having about 5900 telephones at the close of the year. The rural users bring the total to about 7,000.

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