Polk Farmers Set Meetings

Individual's Relation to Federal Agriculture Program Is Topic

DALLAS—Polk county farmers will elect community committeemen as well as discuss current farm problems and objectives of the 1938 agricultural conservation program at community meetings beginning this week, according to Robert Pence, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee.

At this time, these conservation farmers will be given an introduction to the general outlines of the 1938 conservation program. Although this program has the same general purposes as the 1936 and 1937 ones, it will be much simpler in application to the individual farm, says W. C. Leth, county agent.

New Program Explained

The first way in which the program has been simplified is that a single total payment, representing the amount that the farmer can earn will be calculated at the beginning of the year. Then he will be able to figure out the farming practices he wants to follow throughout the year.

So that he may be able to have something definite to work toward in carrying out his 1938 operations, two goals will be established for each farm. The first of these is a total soil-depleting crop goal, which is simply a measure of those crops which will be hard on the soil.

Soil-Building Is Aim

In contrast to the soil-depleting goal is the soil-building goal which will be the mark for the farmer's practices. These practices will be the same as those employed in 1937.

If the farmer reaches his soil-building goal and does not exceed his soil-depleting goal, he will receive full payment. On the other hand, if he does not meet them, either by falling short on the soil-building practices or going over on soil-depleting crops, his payments will be reduced accordingly.

Community meetings scheduled for Polk county beginning November 12 are as follows: West Salem, Mountain View school, Saturday, November 13; Lewisville, old school, Monday, November 15; Buell, Buell grange hall, Monday, November 15; Monmouth, Monmouth city hall, Thursday, November 18; Independence, Independence city hall, Thursday, November 18.

Salem Market Quotations

(The prices below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market prices paid to growers by Salem buyers but are not guaranteed by The Statesman.

FRUITS (Buying Prices)	
Apples, fancy Jonathans	.60
Kings	.70
Bananas, lb., on stalk 05½ to	.06
Hands	06½
Casabas, lb	01½
Grapefruit, Calif., Sunkist, crate	2.00
Dates, fresh, lb.	.14
Ground cherries, lb.	.08
Lemons, crate 7.50 to	9.00
Grapes, Malagas	1.25
Ice Cream Melons, lb.	.01
Quince, lb	.02
VEGETABLES (Buying Prices)	
Beans, green and wax, lb.	.02
Beets, doz.	.30
Cabbage, lb.	01½
Kraut cabbage, sack .....50 to	.60
Carrots, meat, doz	.30
Cauliflower, local, No. 1	.55
Cucumbers local, field grown, doz.	.20
Celery, crate	1.25
Utah	1.25
Hearts, doz.	.80
Lettuce, local, crate, dry pack	1.25
Onions green, doz	.35
Onions, No 1, cwt.	1.80
Bulling, 10 lb., No 1	.18
Radishes, doz	.35
Peppers, green, local, lb.	.01½
Parsley	.40
Parsnips, lb.	.02
Potatoes, local, No 1, cwt.	1.25
No. 2, cwt., bag	.70
Rutabagas lb	.03
Spinach local, orange box	.60
Hubbard Squash lb	.01
Italian Squash, doz.	.30
Danish Squash, local, crate	.50
Tomatoes, local, crate	.40
Turnips, doz.	.30
Red peppers, lb.	.10
NUTS	
Walnuts, 1937, lb .....10 to	16½
Filberts, 1937 crop, lb. ..12½ to	.15
HOPS (Buying Price)	
Clusters, 1936, lb. top	.15½
Fuggles, top	.16¾
WOOL AND MOHAIR (Buying Price)	
Mohair	nominal
Medium wool	.25
Coarse wool	.25
Lambs wool	.22
CASCARA BARK	
Dry, lb	.05
EGGS AND POULTRY (Buying Price of Andresens)	
White extras	.31
Brown extras	.31
Medium extras	.27
Large standards	.27
Medium standards	.24
Pullets	.16
Heavy hens, lb	.15
Colored medium, lb	.14
Medium Leghorns, lb.	.10
Stags, lb	.05
White Leghorns, fryers	.15
Old roosters, lb	05
Colored springs	.18
MARION CREAMERY Buying Prices	
Butterfat, A grade	.37
B grade	.35
Colored hens, under 4½ lbs.	.14
Colored hens, over 4½ lbs.	.14
Leghorn hens heavy	.10
Leghorn hens, light	.08
Colored fryers	.17
Leghorn broilers	.16
Roosters	.04
Rejects market value	
Stags, lb	05
Fo 2 grades, 5 cents less.	
Eggs—Candled and graded—	
Large extras	.31
Medium extras	.27
Large standards	.27
Medium standards	.24
Undergrades	.18
Pullets	.17
LIVESTOCK (Based on conditions and sales reported up to 4 p.m.)	
1937 spring lambs, lb.	8.50
Yearlings	4.50 to 5.00
Ewes	2.50 to 3.00
Hogs, top, 150-210 lbs.	8.50
130-150 lbs.	7.50 to 8.00
210-340 lbs.	7.00 to 7.25
Sows	6.00 to 6.50
Dairy type cows	2.50 to 3.50
Beef cows	4.00 to 5.75
Bulls	5.00 to 5.50
Heifers	6.00 to 6.50
Top veal, lb.	8.00
Dressed veal, lb.	.12
GRAIN HAY AND SEEDS	
Wheat, white, bu.	.80 to .85
Wheat, western red, bu.	.85
Barely, brewing, ton	nominal
Barley, feed, ton	24.00 to 25.00
Oats, grey, ton	26.00 to 27.00
Oats, white, ton	21.00 to 22.00
Alfalfa valley, ton	16.00
Oat and vetch hay, ton	13.00
Alsike clover seed, lb.	.24
Clover hay, top	12.00
Red clover seed, lb., top	.25

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk, Salem basic pool price $2.22 per hundred. Surplus $1.98.

Co-op Grade A butterfat price, FOB Salem, 37c.

(Milk based on semi monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.34.

A grade butterfat—Delivered, 37c; B grade, 35c; C grade, 31c.

A grade print, 38c; B grade, 37c.

State Beekeepers To Hold Annual Meet on Campus

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Beekeepers' association is scheduled to be held on the Oregon State college campus this year for the first time, announces H. A. Scullen, entomologist at the college and secretary of the Beekeepers' association. Dates will be November 26 and 27, and the meeting is open to all beekeepers and others interested, regardless of association membership.

More educational papers and less business is promised this year by those in charge of the program. Among the speakers scheduled to date are D. W. S. Brown, chief of the horticultural department at OSC; G. R. Hyslop, head of the plant industries division; H. A. Schoth, agronomist of the U. S. department of agriculture; Professor Scullen; W. D. Haskell and Louis M. White, Portland; A. Burr Black, former state bee inspector, Corvallis; George H. Vanfell of the federal bee culture laboratory at Davis, Calif., and Wm. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at OSC.

Among the topics to be discussed are pollination of fruit and seed crops; extractors, pumps and other beekeeping machinery and equipment; honey grading and standardized containers; use of electrical fence to protect bee yards in the mountains against bears; honey flora of Oregon, and others.

Frost Losses Hoist Wheat

Big Damage in Argentine Reported; Runs Grain up 5 Cents

CHICAGO, Nov. 12—(AP)—Paralleling Argentina's crop disaster in 1924 that ultimately ran prices up 60 cents, sensational Argentine frost damage reports hoisted wheat today the immediate allowable limit.

Big export business in North American wheat resulted, as well as 5 cents a bushel limit jumps of prices both in United States and Canadian markets, with Liverpool wheat quotations showing at one stage a rise of almost 7 cents. Late estimates were that 3,000,000 bushels of wheat from the United States and Canada had been bought today for shipment to Europe, most of it United States wheat.

More Damage Reported

In addition to advices of startling sudden crop losses by frost in Argentine, root-rot and yellow stripe rust were reported today to have curtailed 1937 Argentine wheat production as much as 75,000,000 bushels.

At the close, Chicago wheat futures were 3⅛ to 4 cents higher compared with Wednesday's finish, Dec. 92¾-⅞, May 92⅞-93, July 87¾-⅞.

Stocks & Bonds

November 12

STOCK AVERAGES
(Compiled by the Associated Press)

	20 Indus.	15 Rails	15 Util.	60 Stocks
Today	67.9	23.3	35.8	48.6
Prev. day	67.2	28.5	35.9	48.3
Month ago	69.5	23.1	33.6	48.7
Year ago	97.6	39.4	50.8	71.2
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.3
1937 low	63.0	20.7	31.6	45.1
1936 high	99.3	43.5	53.7	72.8
1936 low	73.4	30.2	43.4	55.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indus.	10 Util.	10 F'gn
Today	75.0	98.1	93.2	65.9
Prev. day	74.7	97.8	92.8	67.0
Month ago	79.5	99.0	92.9	66.1
Year ago	97.2	104.2	102.6	71.5
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	73.6	97.0	90.3	64.7
1936 high	98.2	104.4	103.1	73.0
1936 low	86.9	101.8	99.3	67.6

Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Exchange:

Butter—Extras 35; standards 33½; prime firsts 33; firsts 31; butterfat 37½-38.

Eggs—Large extras 33; large standards 28; medium extras 28; medium standards 26; small extras 20; small standards 17.

Cheese—Triplets 18; loaf 18½.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
May	82¼	85⅞	82¼	85⅞
Dec.	80½	84½	80½	84½

Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hw, 13 pct 87½; 12 pct 85½; dark hard winter 13 pct 100½; 12 pct 96½; 11 pct 88½; soft white and western white 84½; hard winter 86½; western red 84½.

Oats No. 2 white 24.00; gray 26.00.

Barley No. 2 45-lb. BW 27.50.

Corn No. 2 EY ship 28.00.

Millrun standard 21.00.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 32; barley 6; flour 13; corn 1; oats 3.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butcher, under 160 lbs., 11½-12c; vealers, 13c; light and thin, 9-11c; heavy, 8c lb.; canner cows, 6-6½c; cutters, 6½-7½c; bulls, 9-9½c; spring lambs, 15-16c lb.; ewes, 6-7c lb.

Live poultry—Buying price: Leghorn broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs., 22-23c lb.; colored springs, 2 to 3½ lbs., 19-20c lb.; over 3½ lbs., 19-20c lb.; Leghorn hens, over 3½ lbs., 12-13c lb.; under 3½ lbs., 12-13c lb.; colored hens, 4 to 5 lbs., 18-19c lb.; over 5 lbs., 17-18c lb.; No. 2 grade, 2c less.

Turkeys—Buying price dressed No. 1, hens, 23c; No. 1 toms, 21c lb.; selling price 1c to 3c higher.

Cantaloupes—Dillard, $1; McMinnville $1.00.

Potatoes — Yakima Gems, new crop, $1; local, $1.10 cental; Deschutes, $1.05-1.20.

Onions — New crop, Oregon, $2-2.10 cental; Yakima, 50s, 75-80c.

Wool—1937 nominal; Willamette valley, medium 30c lb.; coarse and braids, 28c lb.; eastern Oregon, fine, nominal; fall lamb wool, 25c lb.

Hay—Selling price to retailers: alfalfa No. 1, $17-17.50 ton; oats and vetch, $13; clover $12 ton; timothy eastern Oregon, (—) ton; do valley, (—) ton, Portland.

Hops—Nominal, 1937, 16½-18c lb.

Cascara bark—1937 peel 5c lb.

Mohair—1937 clip, 35c lb.

Sugar—Beery or fruit, 100's, $5.20; bales, $5.30; beets, $5.15 cental.

Domestic flour—Selling price, city delivery 1-25 bbl. lots: Family patents 49s, $6.25-6.85; bakers' hard wheat $5.25-6.75; bakers' bluestem $4.95-5.40; blended hard wheat, $5.20-5.75; graham, $5.25; whole wheat, $5.85 barrel; soft wheat flours, $5.25.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—(USDA)—Hogs: Receipts 1350 including 1132 through and direct, market slow, steady with Wednesday's close, top 15 cents under early Wednesday, good-choice 170-215 lb. driveins 8.75-8.85, car load lots 9.00, 225-270 lb. weights 8.25, light lights 8.00-8.25, packing sows 7.00-7.25, lightweights 7.50, feeders 8.25.

Cattle: Receipts 50 including 4 direct, calves 100 including 90 direct, quality poor, demand limited, clearup trade steady to weak; common steers 6.00-7.00, cutters 5.00, medium-good nominally 7.75-9.50, common heifers 5.00-5.75, cutters 4.00, low cutter and cutter cows 2.50-3.50, common-medium 4.00-5.00, good beef cows 5.50, bulls 4.85-5.75, common-medium vealers 4.50-7.00, choice 8.50.

Sheep: Receipts 1950 including 1745 through and direct, market steady, 1 lot good-choice 86 lb. 8.75, few medium grade 7.50-8.00, cull and common 5.00-7.00, medium 64 lb. shorn lambs 6.25, yearlings 5.50-7.25, medium good ewes 2.75-3.75, choice eligible 4.10.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, Nov. 12—(AP)—(USDA)—Trading was quiet in wool today. Occasional purchases of small lots of fine wools were made by topmakers but manufacturers generally were not in the market.

Prices quoted were mostly nominal. Insufficient business was done to establish a market.

Holders of Wool Tighten Figures Declares Bulletin

BOSTON, Nov. 12 —(AP)— The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow:

"There is a distinctly better tone in the wool market this week, owing chiefly to the reversal in form in the top futures market but more especially to the better political news from Washington. Holders of wool have tightened their quotations and there is less willingness to listen to offers that are unduly low.

"Manufacturers have found little response in the goods market as yet but than is regarded as a matter of time. Foreign markets have been a bit easier this week but still are rather above this market.

"In the west, there has been little movement and the changed tone in the market is likely to strengthen holding sentiment among growers.

"Mohair still is slow and largely nominal in price."

Quotations, scoured basis: Oregon: Fine and F.M. staple 80181; fine and F.M. clothing 70-72. Mohair: Oregon, 58-60.

Industrials Hold Rally

Talk of Housing Campaign Buoys up Building Stock Issues

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—(AP)—Selected industrial stocks held most of the buying attention in today's market, favorites climbing as much as 4 points or so in a few instances.

While modest gains were in the majority at the finish of an unexciting session, there was an assortment of lowers among steels, motors, rails and utilities.

Wall street sentiment, on the whole, continued to display improvement as dispatches from Washington indicated "something" was going to be done, and soon, to bring about a measure of convalescence to the rather sickly business and industrial patients.

Average Holds Gain

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks retained a gain of .3 of a point at 48.6. Transfers totaled 1,881,730 shares compared with 1,923,650 last Wednesday.

Building construction stocks were buoyed by signs the administration may inaugurate a huge housing campaign to brace waning employment.

Motors slipped as another drop in production was registered.

Women Slightly Hurt in Accident

JEFFERSON — Mrs. L. L. Shields and Mrs. Harvey Thurston received minor bruises Wednesday afternoon when their car skidded on the Pacific highway five miles south of Salem.

Mrs. Shields was driving and turned into the center of the highway to pass a car ahead, when a car driven by Floyd Bilyeu of Portland came from behind and started to pass her car. To avoid hitting the Bilyeu car, Mrs. Shields swerved too quickly to the right, skidding her car into the gravel along the roadbed and overturning.

The Bilyeu car was not hit; and the Shields sedan was righted and driven into Salem; only fenders and the right side were damaged.

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, Nov. 12—(AP)—Moderate trading featured the Gardeners' and Ranchers' market after the holiday but earlier advances held in practically every line.

Supplies from the south increased to offset any local declines.

California tomatoes were offered at $2 and $2.25 per lug. Locals have diminished in volume and are far from mid-season quality.

Avocados—Calif., $5; Florida, $2.50.
Beans—Blue Lakes, 11-12c; Shells, 6c.
Beets—Per sack, Oregon, $1-1.25.
Broccoli—Crate, $2.25-2.35.
Brussels Sprouts—10 lb. flat 90c-$1.
Berries—Strawberries, $1.50-1.60; huckleberries 11 15c.
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Bananas—Per bunch, 5½c.
Cabbage—100 lb. crates, 90c-$1.
Carrots—Oregon—85c-$1.
Cauliflower—9s to 12s, 65-70c.
Celery—Labish, local, $1.50-1.70.
Cucumbers—Oregon sliced, 60c, flat; pickles No. 1, 40-50c, No. 2, 35 40c.
Cranberries — 25-lb. boxes, Burgess, $2.75; McFarlands and Belmoor, $2.85-$3.
Eggplant—Oregon lugs, 75c-$1.
Garlic—Oregon, 6-7c.
Grapes—Thompson seedless $1.25-1.35, Tokays, $1-1.15.
Lettuce—Oregon dry, best, $1-1.25.
Mushrooms—One pound cartons, 35 40c.
Onions—Fifty pound sacks, yellow varieties $1 1.10.
Pears—D'Anjous, $1.15-1.25.
Parsley—Per doz. bunches 25 30c.
Parsnips—Per lug, 35-40c.
Peppers—Oregon Bell, 10-lb. flats, 40 45c; red 30-40c; Chili, $1-1.10.
Potatoes — Long whites, sacked, per cwt., U. S. No. 1, 90c-$1.10; Deschutes, russets, U. S. No. 1, $1.15-1.25; Klamath russets, U. S. No. 1, $1.15-1.25.
Quince—Local, 2-4c per lb.
Radishes—Per dozen bunches, 35-40c.
Rutabagas—$1.50 1.75.
Squash—Bohemian, 50c; Danish, 30 35c; Hubbard, 1¼-1½c per lb.
Turnips—Cwt., $2.85-$3.
Tomatoes — Unclassified, 90c-$1; hothouse, $1.15-1.40 per box.
Pumpkins—1-1½c lb.
Spinach—Local, 20 lb. crates, 50-60c.
Sweet Potatoes—Calif., 50-lb., $1.50 1.60.
Yams—$2-2.15.

Club Meets Tuesday

MACLEAY—Mrs. I. H. White and Mrs. Edith Wilson will be hostesses to members of the HE club Tuesday afternoon at the grange hall.

"BEAUTY'S A CHARM"

by HARRIET HINSDALE

SYNOPSIS

Don Ames, publicity agent for Bloom-of-Youth Cosmetics, goes to Carterton, Louisiana, to tell lovely Lucy Lee Carter that her photograph has won first prize of one thousand dollars in the nationwide beauty contest sponsored by Ames' firm. Finding the original as beautiful as the photograph, Don at once proposes that Bloom-of-Youth back Lucy Lee as its entrant in the International Beautyquest soon to be held in Atlantic City. Pearl Carter, ambitious and comparatively young second wife of ineffectual Wakefield Carter, at last persuades her husband that fame and fortune await them all through Lucy Lee. The girl herself, bewildered by the sudden turn of events, shrinks from leaving Rosemead, her home, and Clyde Dixon, her childhood sweetheart. But she consents in order to send her young brother, Juddy, to school and to help her father. As the whole family goes aboard the boat at New Orleans, bound for New York, Lucy Lee gets her first taste of the staring crowds and flashing cameras that are to mark her career as a beauty queen. And, as the steamer enters New York Harbor, her peaceful life in Carterton seems a thousand years in the past. Don Ames meets them with more news photographers and the usual New York ballyhoo reception. That same afternoon they go on to Atlantic City. The following morning, Ames meets Neville Preston, stage and screen idol, now a Hollywood director. He tells Ames of the thrilling adventure he has had the night before with a beautiful young girl.

CHAPTER X

"But what was she like?"

"Man, I tell you she was marvelous. A pale, delicate face and hair in waves of coppery gold. She was in pajamas and dressing gown and I knew she must have walked into my room by mistake. All hotel rooms look alike, you know."

"What did you do with her? Did she come to, there in your arms, and begin to scream for help?"

"That's exactly what I was afraid of! I could feature the papers, if she did, and I turned cold with sheer fright."

"Noted Director Found With Fainting Beauty in Atlantic City Hotel," the publicity man chuckled. "Girl Runs Screaming From Hotel Room of Famous Director. Yeah, it would have made a sweet story, all right. What really happened?"

"I did some damned quick thinking. Figured the girl must have come from one of the balcony rooms, of course. Well, there are only three opening on this particular balcony—mine and two others. The window of the one next to my room was open, so I concluded she must have thought she was going in there when she stepped through my window. The room was dark but I could see enough to know it was exactly like mine. I carried her in, laid her on one of the twin beds and got out of there as quickly as possible. The whole thing didn't take more than two or three minutes; but when I was safely back in my own room, believe me, I locked the window—"

"And hid your head under the bed covers, I suppose," Ames suggested with another chuckle, "trembling like a leaf!"

"So would you, if you'd had as narrow an escape from possible scandal!" retorted Preston. "You know how many picture careers have been wrecked by that kind of publicity. And the producers are still writing morality clauses into contracts, don't forget."

Ames had listened to the story with more interest than was apparent by his joking attitude. His fertile brain had already leaped ahead to possible future developments, if his suspicion as to the identity of the girl proved correct.

"What floor are you on?" he asked casually.

"The twelfth. Room 1224: why?"

"Oh, nothing. Do you think you'd know the girl if you saw her again?"

"Would I? Don't make me laugh, Ames. That girl is going to be in my first picture, whoever she is. I'm making it my business this morning to find out her name." He smiled in anticipation. "Besides, I've got to discover exactly what color her eyes are. Didn't have a chance really to look into them last night before she fainted."

"I can give you the answer to both questions," Ames announced. "Right now."

"You can!" Preston exploded. "Do you know her?"

"Know her? Why, man—I discovered her!"

"I'd like to know what you're raving about."

"Her name is Lucy Lee Carter," continued Ames, "and she hails from the bayou country of Louisiana. Wait till you hear her luscious li'l Southe'n accent, Preston. It's a honey! And her eyes . . . there's something about that kid's eyes that even gets me with a kind of lump in my throat, sometimes."

"Did you bring her here?"

"Yeah, she's the Bloom-of-Youth Cosmetics Girl. You see it's this way . . ."

He swung into the narrative, describing Lucy Lee, her background and family—enhancing here, suppressing there, whenever he deemed it advisable to better the story.

He knew Neville Preston to be romantic and susceptible, and already interested in Lucy Lee because of the fortunate little adventure of the night before. Already he was thinking of her in terms of motion pictures. It would be greatly to his advantage if he could begin his directorial career as the sponsor of a new and charming screen personality. That was a mere matter of business.

On the other hand it was also a matter of the publicity man's business to increase Preston's original interest in the girl. The more he wanted her, the larger figures would eventually appear in the contract. Ames was giving the director his best selling talk—

"So you see, old man, if you really are serious about her I'd advise you to shoot a wire to Supreme's executives this morning, getting them to take a short option on Lucy Lee. You know how it is at all these beauty contests. The big studio scouts are on the hunt for new faces and I know several of the boys are down here already."

He didn't really know this, but it was probably true.

"I'll fix it up for you to meet her right away if you say so, without waiting to see her in the show. That will put you a couple of laps ahead, and you can make up your mind whether you want to take the kid or not."

"My mind is made up already. I want that option," Preston replied in the tone of a man accustomed to getting what he goes after. "I'll 'phone Hollywood right now." He glanced at his wrist watch. "Almost twelve. That means about nine on the Coast. Wonder if I could catch any of the boys at the Studio this early."

"It's worth a try, anyway," smiled Ames. "Maybe they've been up all night, shooting or something."

"Waiter. Get me a 'phone and tell your operator I want Long Distance. Hollywood 2400. Speaking to Mr. Sid Cohn or Mr. Al Weinberg."

"Yes, sir. Right away, sir. Hollywod 2400. Mr. Al Weinberg or Mr. Sid Cohn." The waiter scribbled the names and number on his little pad and hurried off. In a moment he returned with a portable telephone receiver, which he attached to the socket at the end of the table.

Ames remained silent. The time for words had passed. Preston was sold on the idea of Lucy Lee, and to say more at this moment was to run the risk of overselling him, a fatal error often made by less adroit promoters. The director lit another cigarette, emptied his coffee cup and was ready for conversation when the bell tinkled softly at his elbow.

After some minutes of discussion the deal was closed. A short memorandum was drawn up covering the various agreed upon points and without even being aware of the change in her fortunes Lucy Lee was bound over to Supreme Pictures for a period of six months with privilege of sundry six months' renewals, at a salary which was to her nothing less than unbelievable when she heard about it.

All that was necessary was Wakefield Carter's signature to make the contract binding.

Ames placed the option carefully away in his wallet. "I'll get old man Carter to sign it right away and then we're all set. She being a minor he has to put his John Hancock on everything to make it stick. How's about dropping in on the Convention this afternoon? Lucy Lee will be at the Bloom-of-Youth booth and you can meet her. Or any other time you say."

"Maybe I'll drop around," the director agreed.

"Swell. I'll be seeing you."

Neville Preston watched the retreating form of the publicity man as he left the grill. Perhaps he had been a little hasty in signing that agreement—but damn it all, the girl was undoubtedly beautiful. If she proved that most elusive of all things, a real "find," she would be worth ten times what he had agreed to pay her. Supreme needed new faces badly enough! Anyway, it was worth taking a chance on.

He lit another cigarette, called for more coffee and resumed his paper. But his thoughts were not on what he read. How soft and yielding her slim young body had been as he held her in his arms last night.

Lucy Lee, wakening that morning, resolved to say nothing of her nocturnal adventure. It must, she told herself, have been just a dream. It hadn't really happened at all! She had not walked by mistake from the balcony into a strange man's room, last night. It simple could not have been.

Then Mr. Ames came with his astonishing news.

Hollywood! Motion pictures!

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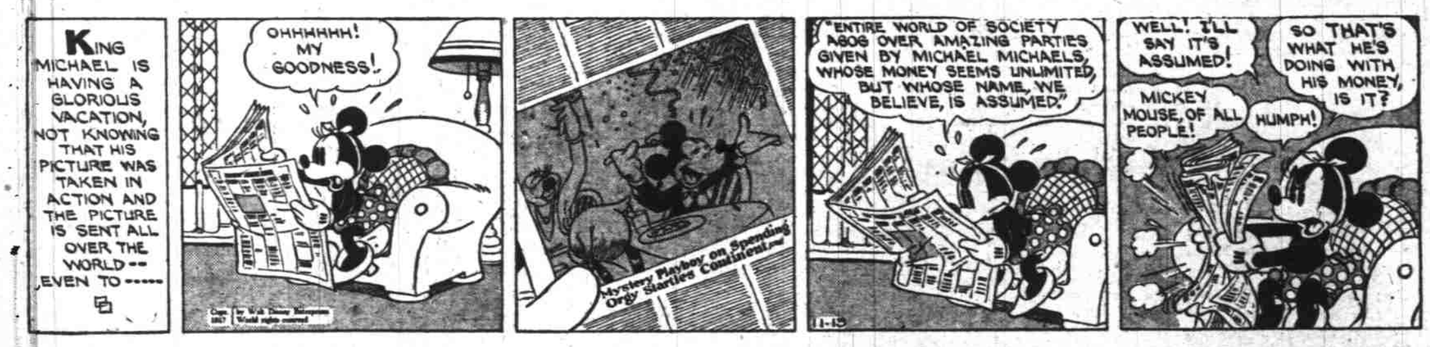

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