

Great Marion Farming Area Passes Eventful Year in 1937

County Agent's Statistics Vivid

Show Increased Activities; Conservation, Irrigation Work Is Advanced

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The task of carrying out the agricultural program among the farmers of Marion county during 1937 is illustrated, in part, in the following statistics for the year's work:

County Agent Harry L. Riches conducted 104 meetings during the year, with a total attendance of 3523 persons and has further participated in 65 other meetings attended by 3144 persons.

Nearly 8500 men and women, an exact 8449, called at the office in the postoffice building during the twelvemonth and 2200 telephone calls were answered. Individual letters written reached 1567 and 134 circulars, distributed to 45,368 addresses, were mailed during the year, with 5791 bulletins distributed.

County Agent Riches made nine radio talks on agricultural subjects and 244 farm visits regarding individual projects or problems. No small part of the county agent's work has been handling of Marion county participation in the 1937 agricultural conservation program, for which 2469 worksheets were filed representing a sign-up of 76 per cent of the crop land in the county.

Federal Payments Heavy
Approximately \$175,000 will be paid to Marion county farmers for 1937 compliance in the federal agricultural program. Already 350 checks for payments in this program have been mailed out, and during the remainder will be distributed during January and February as fast as they are received at the office.

Work accomplished during the year through the efforts and guidance of the county agent's office includes soil improvement, crop improvement, horticultural work, rodent pest control, and dairy, animal and poultry husbandry, home and agricultural economics and flax, in addition to the agricultural conservation program.

Irrigation projects went forward in the county during the year as a result of three meetings conducted by the county agent's office; and as a result of one of these farmers in the southern part of the county formed an irrigation district and purchased the old Sidway mill ditch from which to irrigate. Ladino clover irrigation was shown on the Bob Clark farm to double the summer food supply.

Two fertilizer plots were established in the county through efforts of the county agent's office, with assistance of the extension service at Corvallis, one on the T. T. Leonard walnut orchard east of Silverton and at the Skyline orchard south of Salem. Materials used included calcium nitrate, ammonium phosphate, superphosphate and manure. These plots will be closely watched for a check on the results of use of each material applied.

Lime applications made a great increase in this county during 1937, largely because of the \$3 per ton allowance under the agricultural conservation program, the increase being from 1000 to over 4000 tons this year and used by about 500 farms. The lime used, particularly heavy in the hill sections, is encouraging the use of such crops as peas, grass and legume mixtures and will have a far-reaching effect on the agriculture of the county, Agent Riches says.

Erosion Control Gains
Great strides have been made in this county in erosion control which special emphasis here also in the Waldo Hills, Stayton hills and Silverton hills sections. Sheet erosion on hill lands has given cause for concern and has been remedied. Control has been confined chiefly to cover cropping in orchards and seeding to green manure crops on crop lands. A practice of leaving binders off plows to let stubble stick up to prevent washing soils is also coming into use in Marion county.

An outstanding work in 1937 in crop improvement has been the two hybrid corn nurseries established in the county, one in the nursery of C. A. Weaver and the other on the farms of G. W. Potts and Joe Walker. Results of this experimentation will be carried in some detail in a future issue of The Statesman.

Trial plantings of alfalfa, sweet clover and crimson clover were made on the Roy Skaffe farm at Silverton. Riches started three weed control demonstrations showing use of chemicals, these plots being at Howell Prairie, Jefferson and Waldo Hills. During the year 256 farms engaged in weed control against Canada thistle, with 3490 acres clean cultivated and 10 acres chemically treated, either with atlatide, or sodium chlorate; and 2000 acres engaged in weed control programs directed against morning glory.

Small Fruit Disease Eyed
The county agent's office gave considerable attention to diseases of small fruits, especially gooseberries and loganberries. In the early fall, loganberry fields in some sections of the county were found to be infected with a pest called "dwarf" disease because of the appearance it makes the vines take.

Under work of rodent and predatory animal control, four tons of poisoned barley for squirrels was distributed to county farmers at no cost to them and poisoning demonstrations were conducted on sopers and moles. During 1937, 2893 herds, or 15,356 cows were tested under

Administration Leaders Confer



Failure of congress to enact any part of the seven-point program outlined by the president when he called a special session resulted in a conference of administration leaders, left to right, William B. Bankhead, speaker of the house; John Garner, vice president, and Alben Barkley, senate majority leader. They are shown leaving the White House after a secret conference with the president.

the federal Bang's disease testing program, with only 116 reactors or less than 1 per cent (0.76 per cent) reactors found.

Dairy herd improvement work went forward, with 43 herds or 1037 cows tested and showing an average milk production of 599.4 pounds and 26.73 pounds buttermilk.

The county agent conducted a series of educational meetings for poultry raisers of the county and held two culling demonstrations.

An important and significant step in agricultural economics developed with the two-day session early in May of the Marion county planning board, which compiled figures which indicate the probable production of various farm products in the county if all farms would adopt necessary practices to control erosion and maintain fertility. The committee recommended, among other things, the diversion of 24,000 acres of crop land to grass and diversion of 7618 acres from fallow and idle land to crop use.

In November the county agent set in motion a committee which in January will hold an agricultural economic conference in Salem to study land use, crops, livestock and home and rural life. George Tate of Stayton is chairman of this committee.

More emphasis was placed on the woman's part in the rural picture in the county agent's work during the past twelvemonth, and in this connection a meat cooking school was held, as well as a series of clothing demonstrations and buymanship studies.

The county agent's office handled the flax subsidy payments for Marion county, and in February delivered checks on the 1936 program totaling \$9274.52 to 106 growers who had tonnage of about 1399 tons. Checks were delivered in November on the 1937 payments to 114 growers, their payments at the rate of \$7.50 per ton reaching \$12,246, on 1630 tons.

The office sponsored two meetings early in the year for newcomers, aiding in judging in seven fairs in the county and state and took an active part in agricultural and civic organizations.

Rural Mail Carriers Have Some Difficulty Delivering in Flood

MONMOUTH—High water here caused many flooded basements with consequent inability of residents to enjoy furnace heat. The Monmouth hotel was temporarily closed Wednesday noon because of interference with heating equipment.

The rural mail carriers had several unusually difficult trips, but managed to cover their respective routes each day.

Sunshine Club to Meet

HAZEL GREEN—Mrs. Herman Wacken, jr., will be hostess to the Sunshine Sewing club Wednesday, January 5, at 2 o'clock.

James Dunn of Films Engaged



Latest of Hollywood romances to reach the married-to-be stage is that between James Dunn, well-known actor, and the newcomer, Frances Gifford. The two are pictured in Dunn's plane returning to Hollywood after filing notice of intention to wed at Santa Barbara.

Resume for Town Given

Sensational Is Lacking but Rickreall Makes Good Record

RICKREALL—A brief summary for community the past year shows no sensational highlights. The rural route extends on the north to take in the nationally known turkey raiser, Henry Dome, and the most pheasant farm of "Bob" Lowe to the outskirts of Dallas; thus Rickreall gets credit of happenings of 40 miles of rural folk.

In an agricultural way the farmers had a highly successful year. Fruits were spotted, but A. V. Oliver prominent apple grower had a bumper crop.

Death claimed several including Benjamin F. Lucas, I. W. (Jack) Grodell, Mrs. Jean Ellis, Mrs. Pauline Nesmith Southwick and Donald Lettich. The year recorded two marriages, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Derksen and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lowe; two births, a daughter to J. H. Harlands and a son to C. Nielsens.

New folk moving into this community were Van Dykes from Broken Bow, Neb.; Fred Weaver, Brush College; Herman Ortman from Montana; Jim Sanders, Wyoming; Cecil Embrees, Lewisville; Herricks, Oakdale; Ross Crisman, Holly, Ore. All these have families who are in school.

Furthering civic appearances many unsightly fences have been taken out. The station at Derry, the hop house at the E. V. Pence farm and at the Samuel Burch farm have been torn down. New buildings erected were a modern home for John Vernon and a huge barn for Chris Neilson.

Church Attendance Good
The church Sunday school has an average attendance of 30 members and outstanding things have been accomplished by both the Ladies' Aid and Rickreall grange.

The warehouse at Derry and also the Farmers union oil station there have had a successful year.

The creek holds a record for this year of being out of bounds in February after the deep snow and on December 27, 29 and 30.

Keizer Sewers to Convene Thursday

KEIZER—The Keizer sewing club will meet with Mrs. J. E. Putnam, with Mrs. Arthur Cummings joint hostess, Thursday all day. Needles, scissors and thimbles will be needed for work—also table service and covered dish for the noon luncheon.

Fishwood in Hospital

SILVERTON—John Fishwood was taken to the Portland Medical hospital recently for observation. Mr. Fishwood has been in poor health for some time. Mrs. Fishwood is at Portland with her husband.

West Salem News

WEST SALEM—Mr. and Mrs. John Evans were called to Idaho Sunday by the death of Mrs. Evans' mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey of Natchez, Wash., were Christmas vacation guests of Mrs. Bailey's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reiwald, on Franklin street. Mr. McVey, sr., is spending Christmas and New Year holidays with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McVey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lemon and family spent Christmas day with relatives at Tillamook.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tandy attended a family reunion dinner Sunday at the Pythian hall in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hudson of Corvallis are spending the week with Mrs. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kester, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson spent a week with Mrs. Mary Hudson, Mr. Hudson's mother, at Bend.

The Ladies Aid of Ford Memorial church will hold an all-day meeting, with covered-dish lunch, at the home of Mrs. Emmet Dickson Wednesday, January 5.

Fortnight's Club Session
Mrs. Bessie Bush entertained the Fortnight's club Thursday afternoon. A social hour with needlework was followed by lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Alice Phillips. Members present were Mrs. Glenn Davenport and Shirley and Maxine, Mrs. Mildred Hindman, Mrs. Nina Richardson, Mrs. Grace Griffin, Mrs. Alice Phillips and Donald, Mrs. Donald Kuhn and Donald and Arlene, and the hostess, Mrs. Rust and Gwendolyn and Nancy.

The Junior league enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday afternoon in the church community hall with gaily decorated tree surrounded by Christmas presents. The Intermediate league served a chicken dinner to the members of the league Thursday evening. Over 20 guests were present and gifts were presented to all from the Christmas tree. The Senior league sang carols Friday night.

An automobile collision occurred Sunday near the tracks on Edgewater street. Mrs. Frank M. Griggs of Portland and Mrs. Alice Thomason of Silverton were taken to Salem general hospital to receive treatment for injuries but were held only a short time. Several others received first aid treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gladden of Portland spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. Gladden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William LaDue.

"Bluebeard" Held



Here is Eugene Weidmann, France's modern "Bluebeard," as he was taken from his cell in Versailles prison to appear before an examining magistrate on charges of having been the executioner for a murder syndicate blamed for the slaying of six persons, including lovely Jean de Kover American dancer.

J. R. Worden Is 83, Event Celebrated

HAZEL GREEN—J. R. Worden reached his 83rd birthday New Year's day. The event will be celebrated Sunday with a dinner served by Mrs. Worden and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Worden. Mr. and Mrs. Worden and their only child Ralph have been residents of this district for 30 years, coming from Nebraska.

The birthday dinner will be served to Mr. and Mrs. Worden, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Worden and children David, Glenn and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Worden and grandson Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clark and son Cedric, Mrs. Amanda Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woodburn, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Van Cleave and small son Dale, all of Middle Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Lick Wright, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Lick Wright, jr., and Mrs. Hubbard, all of Portland.

Valsetz Wettest Spot, Claim With 22 Inches, 5 Days

VALSETZ—Once again Jupe Pluvius has placed the crown on the head of Valsetz as rain capital of Oregon. Records of the local weather station observer show that for the five days from Friday at 5 p.m. to Wednesday at 5 p.m., 22 inches of rain fell, with the greatest fall 7.84 inches, credited to Monday.

This "unusual" rainfall, coupled with a Chinook wind, brought the snow which varied from two inches on the basin floor to a foot on the uplands down the streams in a hurry. Much mud and debris was also deposited. Drinking water was decidedly murky and mud baths were easily attained.

The pond rose to a level where it was lapping at the doors of several homes. The mill did not run Monday or Tuesday.

Several slides temporarily blocked the road to Falls City but were removed by a county crew.

Grant J. Jenkins Dies at Lebanon

LEBANON—Grant J. Jenkins died here January 1 at the age of 70 years. He was born in Janesville, Minnesota, and was married in Wisconsin, April 11, 1896, to Mrs. Harriet Woods. Besides the widow he is survived by four children, Charles Lester Jenkins of Lebanon, Albert James Jenkins of Kings Valley, Luella Grace Jenkins of Los Angeles and Lucy Jean Smith of Walker, Oregon; two grandchildren, Marvin Jenkins and Betty Jean Jenkins of Lebanon.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. He came to Lebanon in 1917 and has a twin sister, Mrs. Grace Kilmer of Eagle Lake, Minnesota. Funeral service will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ with Rev. Claude Stephens officiating. Howe Funeral home is in charge of the services and interment will be at IOOF cemetery.

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Susan Grinde Honored, Clan

At 81 Years Is Oldest of Group; Elect Officers for new Year

SILVERTON—Mrs. Susan Grinde, 81, was especially honored New Year's day at the annual Grinde-Bentson clan reunion, members of whom met at Knights of Pythias hall. Mrs. Grinde is now the oldest living member of the clan.

The youngest member of the clan is now Ronald Clement Jorgenson, the nine day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Jorgenson (Opal Grinde). Deraldine Johnson, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson (Marvel Grinde) was the youngest person present.

Reunion Is 16th
This was the 16th annual reunion held at Silverton on New Year's day. Officers elected were president, Walter Fry; vice president, Minnie Odell; second vice president, Caroline Best; third vice president, Zoe Fry; secretary, Nada Grinde; treasurer, G. B. Bentson; program committee,

Stayton Resident Goes to Illinois

STAYTON—Claude Booker left recently for Granite City, Ill., where he will spend the winter with his daughter and family. He lost his wife quite suddenly from a paralytic stroke this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stupka were called to Selco this week to attend the funeral of the latter's aunt, Frances Wesley, who resided in Selco for many years. Mrs. Lena Baker, wife of the late O. M. Baker of this place, motored from Corvallis recently and visited at the Frank Stupka home.

Schomuses Parents
ST. LOUIS—Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Schomus are the parents of a 6 1/2-pound daughter born Tuesday night at the Woodburn hospital. Mrs. Schomus was formerly Ethel Vanderbeck.

Izaak Walton Meet
SILVERTON—Definite plans are being laid for the annual meeting of the Silverton chapter of the Izaak Walton league when William Finlay, national director of Izaak Walton leagues, and William Davidson, president of the state chapter will be the featured guests of the Silverton group.

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