

Quality Urged For Farm Goal

Dr. Kerr Advocates Better Products and Attention to Best-Suited Ones

SILVERTON—That Oregon needs to become quality conscious was emphasized by Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor emeritus of the board of higher education in Oregon, as he spoke before the Silverton chamber of commerce and other service clubs meeting at a luncheon Monday. Dr. Kerr was introduced by H. W. Adams, superintendent of Silverton schools. Dr. Kerr decried the fact that so frequently Oregon ruined its own market by failing to be quality conscious. Referring to the prune industry he mentioned that in northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington one product was producing a failing

Even Dynamited Street Fails to Stop Germans



Although the street has been dynamited by the Belgians in an attempt to slow down the Nazi invasion, these German troops detour their fighting march toward the front. A heavy gun, a tank and military cars are moving up here.



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business because of an inferior product being sent to market. Dr. Kerr urged that all Americans, and Oregonians in particular, make a careful study of conditions as they are, use local commodities whenever possible, and do not grow crops for which there are no assured markets. While grain can be produced in the Willamette valley, Dr. Kerr said, it cannot be produced as successfully or as economically as in the large areas east of the mountains which are unsuitable for the products which are more profitable here. Dr. Kerr stressed the growing importance of the seed industry in the Willamette valley, and this, he added, will give a much greater financial return than will grain grown here.

Flax seed, he said, should be grown here more profusely to bring back some of the millions of dollars sent out of the country each year. "Western Oregon," Dr. Kerr said, "is well adapted to growing fine grass seed, having already taken the market from New Zealand, Germany and Canada. And there is still opportunity for expansion. Conditions in the Willamette valley are ideal for the production of small seeds."

Dr. Kerr emphasized the necessity of bringing the three million acres of logged off land in Oregon back into use. He spoke of the successful experiments already made to turn this land into small fruit lands and grazing pastures. He urged that more of this be done. Oregon, said Dr. Kerr, had decreased 79 per cent in exports in the 10-year period from 1927 to

Edwin Baker Dies In San Francisco

Rites Set Here Wednesday for Long-Time Store Credit Manager

Funeral services will be held here Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for Edwin L. Baker, 68, retired Salem business man, who died in San Francisco Sunday of pneumonia. The W. T. Rigdon company is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be at the IOOF cemetery.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker, Oregon pioneers, Mr. Baker was a member of Salem high school's first graduating class in 1888. He was credit manager for

1937. The Pacific coast had decreased 47 per cent, while the whole of the United States had decreased 27 per cent, he said. "We must see if we can produce oils that can be used instead of the huge quantity imported each year," said Dr. Kerr in closing. "We had better meet these problems or go into bankruptcy."

Wayne Rose gave a piano number preceding Dr. Kerr's talk. R. B. Duncan presided at the meeting, and Mayor Zetta Schlador explained that a Red Cross canvass would not be made in the residential districts, but urged residents to leave their Red Cross contributions at the local bank.

the Meyers department store and for its successor, the Miller Mercantile company, until his retirement in 1936. He served the two businesses over 30 years.

In 1901 Mr. Baker was married to Mercedes Brinkerhoff, who died October 30, 1939.

He was a member of the Salem Elks and Odd Fellows lodges. Survivors are cousins, Mrs. Georgia M. Steinbeck of San Francisco, Mrs. Amy T. Blank of Petaluma, Calif., Lester S. Baker, Eva M. Blank and Joseph A. Baker, all of Sebastopol, Calif.

Nudity Forbidden Says Seaside Police Warning

ASTORIA, May 27—(P)—The city jail will serve as a cooling place for nude sunbathers found on beaches adjacent to Seaside, Police Chief John Acton warned yesterday.

He contends that 1940 bathing suits expose enough of the bather to the sun.

Clines Have Daughter

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. George Cline are announcing the birth of a daughter at the Silverton hospital May 24.

Surplus Problem Declared Serious

Closing of Foreign Markets Basis; new Outlets Being Sought

WASHINGTON, May 27—(P)—Foreign markets closed by the European war and the spread of the barter system threaten to saddle American farmers with one of their worst surplus problems in recent years, despite production restrictions imposed under federal crop control programs.

Administration farm officials, deeply concerned over the outlook, are searching at home and abroad for possible new outlets for crops which normally would be sold to European belligerents and to neutrals cut off from American supplies because of blockade and other trade barriers.

The agriculture department predicts that American farm exports will be reduced almost a third this year.

Normal yields of major crops this season would materially increase surplus of cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco, lard and many other products.

The prospect of such production and the shrinkage in foreign markets already is depressing farm prices. Grains have suffered seasonal declines and cotton has lost ground since German troops moved into the low countries and France.

The barter system, once confined to German trading operations, has been spreading to all Europe, even to the allies, agriculture department officials said. Small European countries recently brought under German control are not only shut off from American markets by the allied blockade but by the German barter method as well.

The British and French were said to have adopted a modified form of barter with South American countries.

As a consequence, the government is preparing to invoke all phases of its crop control legislation in an effort to avert further shrinkage in farm values and income. Surpluses which otherwise might move into foreign markets will be withdrawn from market channels and stored under government loans to producers. This operation may require upwards of \$600,000,000 in federal funds.

Subsidies to Aid The government plans to make the most of what foreign markets are now available through use of export subsidies. This device is designed to enable exporters to meet competition abroad during times when other price-supporting measures hold American crop prices above world levels.

Subsidization of consumption by low-income families in this country will be given increased emphasis.

To carry on the operations, including benefits authorized farmers for curtailing production, the government expects to have upwards of \$1,350,000,000. Should crop control and subsidization fail to hold prices at reasonably satisfactory levels, the administration may turn, some leaders said, to some form of price control. These leaders emphasized, however, that price-fixing would be proposed only as a "last resort" in the event of an emergency.

116 to Be Graduated By Willamette June 8

The largest graduating class in the history of Willamette university will participate in the June 8 commencement exercises at which Dr. Walter Friar Dexter, state superintendent of public instruction for California, will give the principal address.

The graduating class, including special and law school graduates, will number 116, the largest in the 98 years of Willamette's existence. The graduates by departments include: Physical education, George Abbott, Portland; Leighton Blake, Camas; June Brasted, Portland; Gerald Burnett, La Grande; Dwight Catherwood, Mill City; Virginia Farrar, Portland; Gerald Gastineau, Bering, Mo.; Harlan Moe, Silverton; Dexter Russell, Wheeler; George Sirnio, Clatskanie; and Clarence Williams, Halsey.

Political science: Charles Bickner, Portland; Robert Campbell, Portland; Victor Haugeberg, Rainier; Sidney Schlessinger, Salem; Dayton Robertson, Salem; Bruce Williams, Salem; Tom Stacer, Salem and Otto Wilson, Salem.

Business administration: Arthur Abel, Dallas; Roderic Bakelow, Myrtle Point; Ervin Potter, Salem and Mary Sadler, Bremerton, Wash.

Public administration: Lawrence Nunnenkamp, Tigard; Helene Schneider and Mable Lens, both of Salem and Dorothy Wright, Bremerton, Wash.

Economics: Basil Anton, Portland; Wayne Brainard, Wardner, Idaho; Henry Frantz, Neilville, Wisc.; Leland Shinn, Baker and Wallace Turner, Portland.

Biology: Herbert Davis, Ashland; Max Hauser, Salem; Gertrude Hughes, Salem; Margaret Anne Kells, Salem; Durward Southard, Baker; Betty Zook, Portland; Marguerite Reider, Salem; Carl Holm, Silverton and Marvin Lacy, Turner.

Chemistry: Warren Biggerstaff, Salem; William Burget, Portland; Irma Calvert, Bremerton, Wash.; Clarence Collins, Salem; Carroll

Drew, Portland; Robert Day, New Hartford, Conn.; Phillip Rummell, Dillard and Romeo Gouley, Salem.

Music: Daniel Abel, Dallas; Gertrude Cannel, Wasco; Olive Climes, Lucknow, India; Watson Dutton, Livingston, Montana; Margaret Hinkle, Portland; Clayton Wheeler, Sidney, Mont. and Edna Thoman, Stockett, Mont.

English: Esther Cammack, Salem; Donald Ewing, Salem; Lois Mabry, Brooks; Chester Oppen, Salem; Carolyn Woods, Portland; Martha Roddy, Salem and Eileen Van Eaton, Salem.

History: Virginia Bendicksen, Portland; Dorothy Cutler, Portland; Agnes Mickey, Salem; Helen Nieger, Salem; Loraine Vick, Salem; Frances Strand, Astoria, and David Stahl, Baker.

Sociology: Ruth Brink, Salem; Jessica Kinsey, Salem; Eleanor Perry, Salem; Don I. Smith, Rupert, Idaho; Lucille Strauss, Portland and Betty Williams, Portland.

Speech: Julia Foglesong, Molalla; Helen Oliver, Salem; Doris Riggs, Salem and Al Klassen, Dallas.

Religion: Bruce Groseclose, Turner; Echo Johnson, Great Falls, Montana; Verma Vosper, Portland and Carl Mason, Salem.

Mathematics: John Laughlin, Salem; Betty Starr, Portland; Clyde Wiegand, Salem; Richard Smith, Salem and Ellis Rogers, Yelm, Wash.

French: Erma Taylor, Salem and Margaret Upjohn, Salem.

Art: Elizabeth James, Salem. Home Economics: Bellrose Molloy, Salem; Margaret Moulton, Canby and Marie Tatro, Portland.

Law School graduates: Sanford Clement, Astoria; Bartlett Cole, Portland; Joseph Devers, Jack McCullough, Laurens, Morisy, Sam Sumner, all of Salem; William Dick and Edwin Howell, both of The Dalles; Lyle Truax, Albany and Maynard Wilson, Phoenix.

Leave for Conference Five members of the foods and dairies division of the state department of agriculture, headed by A. W. Metzger, division chief, left yesterday for Eureka, Calif., to hold a joint conference Tuesday with California department of agriculture dairy leaders. Scoring of butter from both states will be a feature of the session, the second held to promote closer coordination of butter scores between the two states.

Cemetery Cleanup Day MACLEAY—Wednesday, May 28, is cleanup day at Macleay cemetery.

'Dies Committee' For State Urged

(Continued from Page 1.) Also on the program were numbers by the auxiliary quartet and the Capital post chorus.

Commander Art Johnson of Capital post No. 9 was in charge of the meeting. Other Legion officers present were Joe Chamberlain, past department commander and present national committeeman; Niel R. Allen, department commander; Mose Palmateer, 814 George and Jack Alken, past department commanders; Dr. B. F. Pound, grand chef de gare of the Oregon 40 et 8 society; Carl J. Moser, state adjutant; Bill Browne, Davis's personal aide on his Oregon visit; Harry Humphreys, John Barr and Hugh Bowman, commanders of districts two, three and six.

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