

Farmer Union Conclave Ends

All Officers Renamed for Year; Milk Law Flayed at Meet

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el winner was Plymouth local of Benton county for having the largest percentage of membership gain.

At the Thursday morning sessions vitriolic criticism of the federal agricultural administration was made by James Patton of Denver, national president of the Farmers Union.

"The AAA," said Patton, "has made the big fellow bigger and the small fellow smaller, which is one reason why we have the Okies and the Arkies and the dust-bowlers all through the west."

He urged Oregon locals to put emphasis on the small family-size farm.

"If corporations," he said, "are given the right by legislation to write down their indebtedness, the farmer should have the same right so that he can manage it on his farm. . . . In the south you can tell the kind of fertilizer that is used on a farm by the kind of sack the woman's dress is made of. . . . Hatesauray is dry rot for democracy."

Reports by the presidents or other representatives of the county organizations were heard. Henry Johnson, president, and F. C. Putnam reported for Washington county; Mrs. Addie McAdams and Mrs. Ethel Fluke for Columbia county; L. M. McBee for Polk and Frank Perry for Linn.

J. D. Mickle, director of the Oregon state department of agriculture, spoke of the many agricultural surpluses in Oregon and praised the distinctly farmer-managed cooperatives in the state, declaring they increased the strength of the agricultural organization by bringing better general cooperation among farmers. Tells of Advancement

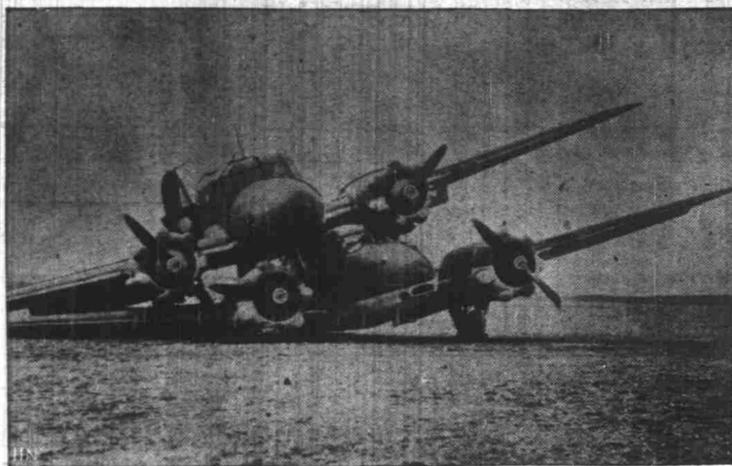
In Two States Junior Work Luverne Fetz, president of the Washington-Idaho Farmers Union told of organization advancement in his two states and progress of the junior work. L. H. McBee, chairman of the legislative committee, discussed legislative measures and activities as related to agriculture.

Mrs. Jessie Williams, Red Hills, leader of the junior division, expressed appreciation for cooperation given by various state and county leaders.

Committee reports rounded out the three-day convention at 7:15 Thursday night. Reports were made by Arthur Ireland, Hillsboro, on legislation; Rev. S. Hamrick, hospital; Floyd Senter, Dallas, organization; T. J. Primus, Greenwood local, resolutions; Eddie Abers, Turner, constitution and by-laws; Ernest Moe, Yamhill, good-of-the-order; H. E. Woods, Amity, marketing; Joe Owens, Dayton, Yamhill Farmers Union; John Dasch, Liberty, Mid-Willamette Farmers Union Co-op; Ernest Werner, Marion county president, report of county activities; Clarence Quirk, Wasco county activity; Harley Libby, education; Joe

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Best Dog in NY Show



My Own Bruce . . . champion

For the second year in succession, My Own Bruce, five-year-old cocker spaniel owned by Herman E. Mellenthin of Foughkeepie, N. Y., wins the high honor of being the best dog in the Westminster Kennel club show in New York. Bruce was the champion among 2,548 candidates for dogdom's greatest honor.

Fitts, Brooks, livestock; J. F. Sears, Polk county, agriculture.

Closing hours were enlivened by the entrance of nine new members from the new Coos Bay local at North Bend, who were given a great ovation when presented with membership cards by Mrs. Pauline Johnson, state secretary, and by presentation of the State Farmers Union cup to A. J. Stambrough of Soap Creek local, Benton county, for being the first local to gain 25 per cent in membership for 1941.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. J. R. Carruthers, Bethel, for reporting the convention to the local newspapers and to Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Marion, for convention music.

Building Permits for Five Houses, Issued

Building permits for five new residences in the University addition were issued Thursday by City Building Inspector E. C. Bushnell's office. The total estimated cost is \$7400.

George Vick is owner of the houses, which will be one story with garages. The addresses will be 450, 440 and 430 South 15th street and 1490 and 1480 Mill street.

Other building permits were issued to Mrs. E. Klossen to repair apartment house at 486 North Liberty street, \$50; B. Ashby to repair private garage at 230 South 19th street, \$27; Fred Barker to alter private garage at 1190 North Cottage street, \$50.

War News Briefs

(Continued from page 1) bombing was to rob Londoners of their sleep.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The question of Pierre Laval still agitates France. In Vichy, friends of the former vice-premier, who favors collaboration with Germany, said a proposal for reaching a French-German understanding without restoring Laval to a position in the Vichy government had been turned down by Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's ambassador in Paris.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A British broadcast heard here Thursday night by CBS credited the "Free French" forces with new successes against the Italian oasis of Cufra in southeast Libya.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Herald Tribune says approximately 200 American built Lockheed and consolidated bombing planes, originally intended for the British Royal Air Force in England, are being flown from California ports across the Pacific ocean to Singapore.

Markets Close Feb. 22

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Domestic securities and commodity exchanges, except livestock, will be closed February 22, Washington's birthday. Canadian and European markets will be open as usual.

Aid Bill Flayed In Senate Talk

Reynolds Believes Act Seeks Preservation of British, not US

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last World war in which we participated. We have millions of unemployed despite our immense national defense program. The largest in any country of all the world at any time has ever undertaken in peace—despite the fact that we have approximately 3 million on the WPA rolls—despite the fact that an estimated 4 million are employed by the federal, state, county, city and other local governments, despite the fact that we have 300,000 young men in the CCC camps, and despite the fact that millions are being provided with direct federal, state, county, city, group and individual relief.

Right now, the senator said, the nation is "perilously, dangerously close to war." He acknowledged that a controversy existed as to whether the pending bill would take the nation closer to war. He added that he did not know definitely which side was right but had his opinion.

"Insofar as I am concerned," he said, "I am not willing to take the chance of moving my country closer to a war which is not ours. Therefore, I am going to vote against this bill."

War, he asserted, would lead to eventual "chaos" in this country. "So, if after the passage of this bill the time arrives to take the last and final step—I mean a declaration of war by this body—I want to serve notice now that I shall never cast my vote to send American manhood across any ocean to fight in any way for the preservation of any foreign nation."

"In conclusion, I want to state that I am not opposed to giving aid to England as is provided under existing statutes."

Men's Garden Club Will Name Officers

Russell Pratt, James McGilchrist and C. L. McDonald were named as the nominating committee for the Salem Men's Garden club, to have their slate of officers ready at the next meeting, March 13.

Members of the program committee are Ernest Iufer, W. C. Krueger and C. K. Yerek. The editorial committee includes Dr. Frank M. Erickson, Rev. S. Raynor Smith and E. F. Saling.

Britain Plans 'Big Decisions'

Eden Arrives in Egypt in Move to Preserve World Empire

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no time in countering Britain's show of force at Singapore.

The Japanese transports were presumed to be sailing for Hainan island, a good station for any drive on Singapore, or for northern French Indo-China, where the Japanese have wrung concessions from the Vichy government.

Gen. Marshall Tells Senate US to Send Planes to Fleet

United States interest in the startling moves in the orient was evidenced, it was reported, when General George C. Marshall, US army chief of staff, told the senate military affairs committee that the United States intends to send the latest type of army and navy fighting planes to reinforce the Pacific fleet.

General Marshall was said to have told the committee the situation in the far east is "serious."

Virtually no activity was reported in the Greek-Italian war in Albania. Reports reaching the Yugoslav border said mass Italian attacks on the Albanian coast were thrown back Wednesday night by the Greeks with heavy artillery.

In Africa, the British reported new triumphs in Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland.

The British command at Cairo announced its forces have fought their way across the Juba river in Italian Somaliland, thus hurdling a major barrier in the drive on Mogadiscio, capital and biggest seaport of Italian Somaliland.

The British also said South African troops captured the Italian garrison at Mega, 40 miles within Ethiopia from the Kenya colony.

Germany and Britain kept up their bitter struggle. German planes for the second consecutive night attacked the coast of South Wales after other raiders made short attacks during the day on four east England towns.

Prices Unchanged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The bureau of labor statistics reported today that wholesale commodity prices were unchanged in the week ended February 15. The bureau's index of wholesale com-

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