

"Nice Going" Say Veterans On Jones Farm

By Lillie L. Madsen
In the memory of most of us who have lived on farms is the "poor farm hand." He slept in the barn or small attic room. During the summer he was paid from \$15 to \$20 a month with room and board and he worked from dawn to dusk and long after. In the winter there were no \$15 or \$20 a month, only board and room, change morning and night, and "old jobs" all day long.

There are those who haven't visited a farm in some years who still nurse this picture. And at this the "poor farm hand" laughs—when he watches the city laborer chased from one house to another as the owner sells them beneath him, or turned from one place to another because of the eternal sentence, "no children or dogs" or the town dweller's eternal struggle to get fresh fruit, eggs, vegetables and dairy products at a price he can afford to pay.

"I said the farm hands I visited this week, 'I'll be a farm hand until I can lease or buy a farm of my own.'"

Saving on Farm Wages
But how can they save on farm wages? is the question of the agronomist.

I went out to the Creighton Jones farm, a few miles north of Salem, this week and got the answer.

Here I found six "farm-hand houses." Besides these year-around workers, the day I called there were 80 other employees on the farm. Some little factory, I said to myself. Some of the laborers were paid by the hour, others in the picking industry, by the amount of picking done. Contentment was indicated by lots of laughter and chatter, although no waiting of time was permitted while crops were being saved.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Jones knew I was coming, but they offered no objection to my roaming about talking to the workers and their families and looking over working conditions.

Of the six homes, I found three occupied by service men and their families. Children, I noted, were not banned.

Longest time farm laborer on the Jones farm was Clarence Vohland, who has occupied one of the houses for six years. His son, Clifford, now out of the army, his wife and four children, have returned to live in another of the six houses.

The third "third man's house" is the Charlie Davises and daughters, Betty Jo and Bonnie Jean.

"We tried, after Charlie got out of service, to live in town, but couldn't find a good place where they'd let children live," Mrs. Davis said, as we stood in her delightful kitchen, equipped with every modern convenience. The entire interior of the house had just been repapered and painted. The exterior is to be redone as soon as crop work slackens a bit. Mrs. Davis has her own flock of hens. There is the milk from a cow that belongs to the farm. They plan, however, to have a cow of their own. No objection, says Mr. Jones.

Of the six farm-laborer houses, these are equipped with complete plumbing. All have electricity. The six men, who with their families occupy these houses, are paid by the hour. During the summer they work longer hours than in the winter. Their wages run from \$100 in the slack period to \$225 in the summer. All the time there is the free rent and free wood, although in some houses there are electric stoves.

Better Class of Help
"I find it more convenient to have the men on the place, and I get a better class of men this way," Jones explained.

The nucleus of the Jones farm is the larger mountain farm of his great grandfather, Silas Jones, who settled here in 1852. To this was added the Allison Beers claim.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, both graduates of Oregon State college—he in farm management—farm 1000 acres of which 820 are owned. There are 140 acres of peas which, he explained, is a good little crop this year because of summer fallowing. There are 100 head of beef cattle, 50 head of hogs, and 1000 sheep. Besides the peas there are 21 other fruit crops. Ripe fruit was new this season and will be marketed.

Men of the farm land was somewhat run down when Jones took over in 1934. Crop rotation, liming and heavy fertilization helped bring it back. During the past year 56 tons of commercial fertilizer was put on 340 acres. Much of the land is under irrigation.

When asked if they really liked to farm, Mr. and Mrs. Jones looked pleased.

"Like it? Trade all this for a town home and job? What do you think?" said they.

I glanced around their most attractive home, over a beautifully kept lawn, out into a just as well kept walnut grove—and thought the same as they did.

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News and Views of Farm and Garden—BY LILLIE L. MADSEN



"Give me a home where the children and dog not only can roam but are permitted to live," says the returned service man. And this cottage, shown at top, was found for Charlie Davis (from Texas) and his wife and two daughters. It is one of six cottages occupied on the Creighton Jones farm by families whose men work on the farm. In the center are shown Betty Jo Davis (left) nine months old, and Bonnie Jean (right), 2 1/2 years. At the right is Mrs. Creighton Jones, who works here only for camera purposes. Jones is shown with his favorite Smolkey at left below. At right, below, are Clifford Vohland (left), returned service man, and his father, Clarence Vohland, who has lived on the Jones farm for six years. The elder Vohland liked it so well that Clifford, his wife and four children are now settled in another of the Jones farmhand houses. The men are shown fixing machinery, part of their year-round job.

Farm Calendar

- July 25—Prune growers will meet at the chamber of commerce at 8 p.m.
- July 26—Silverton Grange meets.
- July 30—Santiam Bean festival opens at Stayton. Closes Aug. 3.
- August 3—Northwest Duro breeders association bred gilt sale, Gresham.
- August 4—Oregon Jersey Cattle club picnic, Champoeg park. Marion county club host.
- August 8 and 9—Third annual pullorum testing and flock selecting school, OSC.
- August 9 and 11—Mt. Angel Flax festival.
- August 10—Willamette valley farm sale, Bryant park, Albany.
- August 14 and 17—Tillamook county fair.
- August 16—Oregon ram sale, Pendleton.
- August 18—Marion County Jersey Cattle club picnic, Lewis Judson home, Salem.
- August 20 to 21—National ram sale, Salt Lake City.

Corvallis Pullorum Testing School Set

The third annual pullorum testing and flock selecting school will be held at Oregon State college August 8 and 9 with the 10th devoted to the annual meeting of the Oregon Poultry Improvement association.

Persons who were authorized pullorum testing agents last year and who have done official testing that has been reported to the supervisor, will not be required to take this instruction. If they wish to become authorized flock selecting agents in addition, they will need to attend the course, however, as will those wishing to become pullorum testers for the first time.

Those planning to attend must make application in advance to Dr. E. M. Dickenson, department head, Corvallis.

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Beauty Advice For Fall Fair Animals Given

Fairs this fall will take a major place in the interest as they are being revived after several years of war. Visitors to fairs will come from many points. Oregon in particular will have an opportunity to show its livestock wares.

Western Washington has already gone into a huddle to plan to show the best livestock in its history. Joe Muir, extension animal husbandman at the State College of Washington, has given out advice on how to accomplish this. Our own college men are giving advice similarly, but it might be well to look over what the competitors will do.

Says Muir:
One of the most usual sights at a county fair is a calf, cow or bull charging down the chute with the men on the end of the halter. If it is brought to a stop, the owner is either afraid to lead it in the show ring or is told to keep the animal tied for reasons of safety for the crowd.

Then, too, these animals usually have a shaggy coat of hair, bare ribs and insist on standing most on their heads than feet. There is still time to get these animals ready for the shows.

Plenty of feed helps in gentling an animal and demonstrating inherent feeding ability. The next step is finding or taking the time to train the animal to lead, to stand quietly and permit strangers to handle without kicking.

Added suggestions of Muir include: Plan the feeding ration and allow time for conditioning at least six months ahead. Train the animal to lead as young as possible. Brush the animal every day. Use a curry comb and brush. Train the animal to stand quietly while held by a halter. Bring some friends around to see your cattle. Study rules and regulations in the premium lists carefully. When you arrive at the show, be courteous and answer questions of interested, and even seemingly stupid, spectators. When the show starts, be prompt. And no matter who the judge, don't complain at where you are placed.

Aliske Clover Draws Bonus This Season

The U. S. department of agriculture is asking the farmers for 32 per cent more seed of aliske clover than was harvested in 1945, said Louie H. Gross, Yamhill county agent, Tuesday. Gross said that this request is of particular interest in Oregon because this state produces 20 per cent or more of the national supply. Yamhill county harvested about 100 acres in 1945 and produced 10,000 pounds of aliske seed. While more acres can not be provided this year than there are already, Gross advised cutting every acre of aliske clover for seed that will produce seed. Provide at least a hive of bees for every acre of aliske, more bees are better, says Gross.

To aid growers in harvesting every possible acre, the government is paying a bonus of 7 cents per pound for aliske seed on small acreages.

Jefferson Pleasure Riders Hold Rally

JEFFERSON—Members of the Jefferson Pleasure Riders rode to the Henry Thiesens in the Ankeny Hill district Sunday. Members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wells and Larry; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Stanley and Paula Mae; Mrs. Gilbert Jones and Paula Mae; Mrs. Engel, Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mr. Herbert Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Beal, Nancy and Robert; the Misses Mary and Clydine Dye, and Joan Van Brunt. Messrs. Henry Zemlicka, jr.; Henry Hess, jr.; Art White, Joe Wood and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thiesens and Ruth.

The group held a business meeting at the Leland Wells place. Henry Zemlicka is president, Jimmy Prokop and Henry Hess jr. are new members.

Bethel Family Hears From Daughter in East

BETHEL — Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Schulz have received word from their daughter, Mrs. John A. Wright of her safe arrival, with her sons, James and Raymond, at Jacksonville, N.C. Warrant Officer John A. Wright left in June to take up his duties as postal officer at Camp Lejeune, marine base 10 miles from Jacksonville, but was unable to find housing for his family until now.

Manning Clan Reunion Held At Champoeg

ST. LOUIS—Sixty-one descendants of George and Henry Manning held the sixth annual reunion Sunday at Champoeg. Elwin Morgan was elected president to succeed Alvin Manning of Woodburn, who resigned. Harriet Mitchell of Portland was elected secretary to succeed Zeta Manning, who resigned. May Manning of Portland was elected chairman of sports with Alwin Manning of Woodburn, Leslie Manning of Portland and Mrs. Olive Meier of Salem on the committee.

Oldest member present was Mrs. Adaline Kennedy of Portland, the youngest, Joan Manning, two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Manning of Salem.

Present were Mrs. A. R. Mitchell, Francis, Robert and Harriet, Leslie Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanderson, Gary, Gayle and Sally, Ivan Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chesley, Jimmy and Robert, May Manning and Zeta Manning, all of Portland.

Edward, Earl and Francis Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Elwin Manning and Carol, Mary Temper, Gertrude and Theresa Manning, William Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Manning, all of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manning, Donna, Jean and Jerry, all of Gervais, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgan, Tommy and Bobby, all of Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Manning, Larry and Mary Ann Manning, Dick, Ann, Josephine, Lawrence Ricky and Betty Manning, Mrs. Adaline Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, William Kennedy and Mildred Manning of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Manning and Joan, Mrs. Jessie Sanders and Mrs. Edward Meyers, all of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Manning and Betty of Beaverton, Tex.

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Farm work deaths reached 4500 in 1945 in the United States, an increase over the year before from more motor vehicle accidents while at work.

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