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Farm Groups Offering Alternative Proposals to Flexible, Rigid Price Supports

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A growing belief that neither flexible nor rigid price supports provide a satisfactory solution to the farm problem is reported this month by the editors of Better Farming, who have been making a survey, particularly among the larger farm organizations of the country.

This feeling has evidently also nurtured a growing list of alternative proposals offered by various groups and individuals. Among these are:

A "compromise" program, whereby farmers would accept lower support levels in exchange for larger acreage allotments. A "modified" program with support levels varying with the quality of

the commodity. High support, for example, for top-quality milling wheat, but lower supports for less desirable grades. This latter program, not only in wheat but in other products as well, is receiving particularly serious study from many organizations.

Two-price program, probably restricted to wheat and rice, with price support limited to that por-

tion of the crop needed for domestic use, and none for the balance, is a third idea offered.

A fourth alternative is the "family farm program," with support levels varying in accordance with volume and gross value production. Support at 90 per cent for example, on the first \$25,000 of production; 75 per cent on the next \$25,000 and no support thereafter.

Grange Offers Program

As another proposed cure for farm ills, Herschel D. Newsom, master of the National Grange, comes out with a five-point program to strengthen the "family" farm.

Declaring the safeguarding the family farm is of "urgent national concern," Newsom suggests: Point 1, strengthening the farmer's bargaining power in his market; 2, substantial revision of the farm price-support program; 3, rapid completion of land-capability surveys and strengthening of the soil and water-conservation program; 4, a credit program designed to meet the needs of family farm operators, and, point 5, expanded research and education programs for increased farm efficiency and better rural living.

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self "get out." In the Willamette Valley, most of the so-called "small farmers" are part-time farmers who in some cases rely on other jobs to support their farms, and, in others, where the "part-timer" is either a better manager, better farmer, or more lucky, the small farm augments the outside income.

The whole thing sums up, as our typewriter sees it, that there is a growing dissatisfaction with support programs as they have been in the past. The farmer feels, and certainly rightly so, that he deserves the same government support and protection as corporations, industries and laborers have. Because of the variance in his product, his program is more difficult to plan fairly. In the meantime, while the government, economic and other experts

Burmese Accountant Visiting Farm Family



The Maurice Heaters in the Union Hill area, north of Sublimity, are enjoying the stay of Maung Thein Nyun, Burmese accountant, here on an agricultural exchange program. Nyun, in his careful English, explained this week that he, too, was enjoying the stay, finding the people much warmer than the climate. The two young Heater sons enjoy listening to Nyun read and also report they find his clothing rather "funny" for farm work. Here are John Heater, 12, left, Jerry, 11 and Nyun. (Statesman Farm Photo.) (Story in Ranch Ramblings.)

Ranch Ramblings

By RURAL REPORTER

THE EMPTY CHAIR—As the time for rams sales draws near, sheepmen are talking about Dave Waddell, a long time consignor who will be missed this year. He died at his farm home near Amity this spring at the age of 74.

Dave, the sheepmen say, was one of the original and regular consignors of Suffolk rams to both the Pendleton and Lakeview sales, and the first breeder in the Willamette Valley to ship rams to Eastern Oregon and Idaho, as well as one of the early consignors to the National Ram Sale at Salt Lake City.

Both rams and ewes from the line of Suffolks which he developed throughout the years, by careful selection and by the use of outstanding imported rams and ewes, have helped improve the sheep industry throughout the west. He helped a good many breeders get started with sheep, and was generous in letting others have the use of good rams.

Dave Waddell was a sheepman by inheritance as well as by choice. His ancestry was Scotch. He himself was born on Broadmead Farm in Yamhill county, where his father was foreman after coming from Australia.

His second love to sheep was football. He starred on the football team at the University of Oregon in 1899 and later coached at McMinnville College, Pendleton Academy and Mount Angel.

But he returned again to the soil and to sheep, where he found his greatest satisfaction, and he applied the knowledge he acquired in studying medicine at college to sheep and sheep diseases.

The three big ram sales in Oregon have been arranged now with first of these to be held August 6 at the Linn County Fairgrounds at Albany; the second one at Pendleton on August 15, and the Lakeview sale on August 25.

HONOR MAKERS—Two registered Jersey cows in the herd owned by H. Mikkelsen and Son, Westwood Jersey Farm, Woodburn, have received special recognition for their outstanding production records made on Herd Improvement Registry test.

Standard Faucit Observer's Pansy produced 11,805 pounds of milk containing 597 pounds of butterfat at 10 years and 8 months of age, and Westwood Lad Dinah produced 11,382 pounds of milk containing 615 pounds of butterfat at the age of 5 years and 6 months.

WOOLLENS TO WOOLLAND—Those Pendleton jackets (made from Oregon wool) one sees on all sporting occasions up and down the Pacific Coast went to Europe this summer and are being sported in England (and we all know how English woollens are rated), in Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and France.

Clarence M. Bishop, a native of Salem, and president of the Pendleton Woolen Mills, gave each member of the Portland Little Chamber Orchestra of Portland a Pendleton woolen jacket and skirt to wear on their European Goodwill Concert Tour.

MONUMENT TO THE LADIES—Alfred Jensen, one of the really good farmers over in the Brush Creek district near Silverton, stopped to chat across the fence early this week:

"You know I went down to look at my oats—such a good stand—and they were just covered with aphids! I went back up to the house feeling so sad," said Alfred.

"I was sort of making up my mind what to do and the next morning went down to look at them again. Do you know what? A whole crew of lady bugs had moved in and was working on the aphids like mad. I think I should build a monument to those little girls," Alfred concluded.

WE'LL TELL 'EM—That's what Maung Thein Nyun says about American Agriculture. Nyun is one of four Burmese men who are here on an agricultural study assignment in mid-Willamette valley. He is the guest of the Maurice Heaters at Victor Point.

The others are Maung Thein Lwin with the Jake Gilmours in the Sidney community at Jefferson; Maung Nyi Nyl with the Tom DeArmonds at Hubbard, and Ko Tun Oo with the Clarence Gavettes in the North Santiam community near Turner.

The Rural Reporter visited a little with Nyun this week. In his home town he is an accountant and a voluntary Boy Scout leader. The Boy Scout movement there, under the British rule, is comparatively new but is growing rapidly.

The visitor is particularly interested in the farm machinery here and during his stay with the Maurice Heaters (since June 20) he has learned to run a milking machine and a tractor. Modern machinery is the principal difference between the farming in the two countries, Nyun tells.

He said he liked this country—thought it was very pretty—"but old. Your rain does not bother. We have as much—more—at home. Between 80 and 100 inches is normal rainfall there annually, but it is a warm rain. Not so cold a rain," he said. He had been picking strawberries in the Heater field, and had come into the house to warm up and look over the paper. It was not difficult for him to read the English. He spoke it rather fluently, albeit with an accent, too.

He left his native country on May 2, coming up this way from southern California. The four will leave here July 17 for Minnesota where they will observe farming for a time too. Nyun is married and has four children ranging from four months to 8 years.

Turkeymen to Meet at Canby

Turkeymen will be interested in National Turkey Federation in Salt Lake City. Bension will also show slides and discuss range management. Dr. W. E. Babcock, poultry pathologist at Oregon State will report on the June meeting of the College, will discuss diseases of the executive committee of the turkeys.

Prune Borer Spray Time Near at Hand

The time to make the first DDT spray application for the control of peach and prune borer is almost at hand, county agents are warning. July 15 is the date set for the application.

This serious pest of peach and prune orchards can be controlled with relative ease and low costs by the use of DDT sprays at this time of year when the adult moths are emerging. From research work carried out, it has been suggested that July 15 is about the time for the first application this year. A second application should follow in about 30 days.

The larvae or borers of this insect are responsible for injury to peach and prune trees, especially damaging to young trees. Trees one to two inches in diameter can be completely girdled by the borers. Older trees are often seriously devitalized. The appearance of sap and gum exuding from the burrows of the borers around the base of the tree is evidence that they are present. Also, the pupa cases may be found protruding from the burrows after the moths have emerged from the trees.

The old method of using paradi-chlorobenzene has been abandoned as a control in preference to DDT sprays. The sprays are applied as the adults are emerging from the trunk of the tree and also against the larvae that will hatch from eggs.

DDT sprays are used at the rate of eight pounds 50 per cent wettable DDT powder to 100 gallons of water. The spray should be applied at low pressure of about 60 to 80 pounds to the lower scaffold limbs and trunks. Also, it should be allowed to puddle around the base of the tree. Trees that are about five inches in diameter will require around 1 to 2 pints of solution per tree. The same spray and amounts should be used for the mid-August treatment.

Hay Better Silage Than Peas, Barley

Good quality hay rated higher than either pea or barley silage on a hay-silage combination as roughage in lamb fattening rations during a year-trial, reported by Oregon State College agricultural experiment station.

Both shorn and woolled lambs fed outside for 90 days last fall at the college experiment station branches, gained about 20 per cent faster on hay than on silage. About one-third of the total ration in all cases consisted of wheat and cull peas. It was also noted that it was about 10 per cent cheaper to put on a pound of gain with hay.

Lamb gains were about the same from hay or the 50-50 hay-silage combination, but more feed was required to put on a pound of gain with the combination roughage. Again, the straight hay ration was about 10 per cent cheaper per pound of gain.

Poorer gains from silage was attributed to its high water content—about 70 per cent—which restricts intake of crude protein. In all cases, shorn lambs made faster gains than the unshorn.

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Individual cows completing 305 days in milk on the honor roll during the past month are Sally, a six-year-old registered Jersey owned by Lierman, producing 12,608 pounds of milk containing 807.3 pounds of butterfat; a two-year-old Holstein, owned by George Knaupp, Monmouth, producing 8,496 pounds of milk containing 448.4 pounds of butterfat.

Farm Calendar

- July 10—Silverton Hills Strawberry Festival, starting 12 p. m., Silverton Hills Community Hall.
- July 10—Polk County Farmers Union Picnic, Dallas park. Ralph Beck, speaker; Cecil Hultman, president.
- July 23-24—Dayton Buckaroo.
- July 26-30—Santiam Bean Festival, Stayton.
- July 31—Oregon Jersey Cattle Club picnic, Lorenzen Farm, Dayton.
- Aug. 6—9th annual Western Horse Show, Silverton.
- Aug. 6-15th annual Willamette Valley Ram Sale, Albany Fairgrounds.
- Aug. 11—3rd annual Livestock Production Sale, Oregon State College livestock judging pavilion, Corvallis, 1 p. m.
- Aug. 15—Pendleton Ram Sale, 10 a. m.
- Aug. 17-20—Clackamas County Fair.
- Aug. 21—Oregon State Farmers Union annual picnic, Champeo park, program 1:30 p. m.
- Aug. 24-27—Washington County Fair, Hillsboro.
- Aug. 25—Southern Oregon Ram Sale, Lakeview.
- Aug. 25-27—Yamhill County Fair, McMinnville.
- Aug. 26-28—Polk County Fair, Rickreall.
- Sept. 3-10—Oregon State Fair, Salem.
- Sept. 8-26—Levant Fair, Bari, Italy.
- Sept. 14-30—Annual Country Fair, Marseilles, France.
- Sept. 15-17—Pendleton Round-up.
- Sept. 15-17—International Sheep Dog Trials, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Sept. 16—Annual meeting Oregon Turkey Improvement Association, Withycombe Hall, Corvallis.
- Sept. 22-24—North Marion County Fair, Woodburn.
- Sept. 24—Oregon Shorthorn Breeders heifer and bull sale, Salem.
- Oct. 15-22—Pacific International Livestock Exhibition, North Portland.
- Oct. 15-22—Oregon Wool Show, PILE.
- Oct. 22—Nov. 6—Fair, Basel, Switzerland.
- Oct. 24-27—Oregon Town and Country Church Conference, OSC.
- Oct. 27-Nov. 5—Livestock Show, San Francisco.

Kehrli Herd Gets Recognition

Four registered Jersey cows owned by Andrew Kehrli and Son, Woodburn, have completed 305-day records on Herd Improvement Registry test which entitles them to special recognition from The American Jersey Cattle Club.

The highest producing animal in the group from the standpoint of age, was Rinda Thelma with an actual record of 12,709 pounds milk containing 769 pounds butterfat. The actual records of the other cows exceeded 12,500 pounds of milk and 650 pounds of butterfat.

Kehrli is one of the larger Jersey milk producers in the state, having a herd of more than 100 cows.

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