

Towns Survey Their Farmer Folks' Needs

Small Cities to Show Interest in Rural Trade; Questions Are Asked

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Do farmers like your town? That's the question asked by the newly organized agricultural committee of the economic development movement.

The answer might be most beneficial on the city page. However, it might be, as one Marion county farmer said this week, "I know which town I like and which I don't but I never stopped to think why."

If these of us who live in the country "do stop to think why" we can answer the chamber of commerce committee less vaguely the next time its members ask why we trade in one town rather than the other even if the one is a mile farther away.

Does your town provide all the merchandising services farmers like?

Can the stores be made more attractive and are they well-stocked?

Are there sufficient sales outlets and efficient repair services for farm machinery?

Are banking facilities adequate and are local bankers actively interested in agricultural credit and financing?

Is parking space ample and convenient?

Are recreational facilities varied and interesting?

Does your community stage special events which attract farmers?

Are farmers and their families included as active members in your community activities, or is there a needless barrier between the town and farm people?

Are there opportunities for local farmers to supply more of the home demand for farm products? For instance, does your town import all of its poultry, strawberries or carrots when some local farmer might go into the business if he were assured of the market?

Is your community adequately served by operators of custom farm equipment who have available tractors, plows, grain harvesters, trucks and other machinery?

Farms Make Prosperity
The importance of prosperity in rural America to the rest of the economy is indicated by the fact that approximately 70 cents of the farm dollar goes into the purchase of things which have to be manufactured. This compares with 40 cents out of the urban family dollar. The farmer's prosperity, therefore, makes a maximum contribution toward the creation of payrolls and jobs.

About one-fourth of the American people are farmers and dependent upon the production from their land for nearly all their income. Roughly another fourth, living in small towns and to some extent in the cities, depend on farm trade in one form or another for a livelihood. These two groups represent at least one-half of our total population.

Says Marion B. Folsom, chairman of the field development division of the committee, "America came to greatness from her grass roots, and it is from life in small communities that strength must continue to flow and nourish our country toward greater accomplishment which can be shared by all."

The big thing is, it is added, that town and rural folk should not feel distrustful of one another but should get together to assure a living for all. Without the one the other cannot survive, economically speaking.

LIVESTOCK MEN TO MEET
The 10th annual meeting of the Western Oregon Livestock association will be held in Coquille February 14 and 15. Harry Lindgren, Corvallis, is secretary and R. C. Burkhardt, Lebanon, is president. New counties in the association this year are Marion, Polk and Benton. The state association now includes about 400 members.

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Here is shown a preview of what breeders hope to display at the first post-war state fair. Columbia sheep are being introduced into Oregon with Charles Evans of Salem, shown above, one of the purchasers. The grand champion ewe pictured here was sold at the second national Columbia show and sale held at Minot, N. D., last autumn to Weaver Witwer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for \$910. The breed started in 1912 and is a cross of Rambouillet and Lincoln breeds. It has gained in popularity rapidly in recent years and has become one of the popular breeds in Montana. Only a few sheep breeders in the Willamette valley own any, but considerable interest has been displayed in recent months, and it may become a popular breed here before many years.

Larkin Names Members to Polk County Ag Committees

Polk county's meeting of farmers will be held at Dallas on Jan. 30. Claude Larkin, Rickreall, chairman of the county agricultural planning committee, has announced.

Larkin has appointed nine committees whose membership is now making a study of the topics to be discussed at the countywide meeting. Included on these committees are: Farm crops, Charles Evans, Charles Bowman, Clarence Primus, all of Independence; Justin Rowland, Forrest Pence, Leo Buysier, Rickreall; Harold Elkins, Monmouth; Robert Farmer, Dallas; Virgil Heidger, Sheridan; dairy committee, E. C. Bell, M. B. Findley, W. B. Allen, Rickreall; J. A. Campbell, Ray Hobson, Amity; M. N. Tibbles, N. C. Anderson, Independence; Jack DeJong, Sheridan; Mervin Werth, Willamina; poultry, Charles Dear, William Wallace, Russell Ballard, Independence; Arthur Christenson, McCoy; W. H. McDaniell, Marvin May, Dallas; Henry Domes, Emil Stevens, Rickreall; R. L. Walker, Amity.

Land Committee Big
Horticulture, Albert Bouffleur, Glenn Hogg, Salem; Perry Wells, Byron Riddell, Deann Walker, Independence; Herman Endres, Sheridan; Jim Carver, Bert Stiles, Dallas; land use committee, Claude Holsington, L. G. McBee, Oscar Smith, Dallas; Robert Mitchell, Amity; T. J. Werth, Walter Werth, Willamina; W. Frank Crawford, Fred Gibson, Ammon Grice, Raleigh Carothers, Salem; J. B. Lorence, Monmouth; J. W. Garber, Herschel Payree, Independence; Joe Harland, Rickreall; veterans' advisory, Norris Christenson, McCoy; Joe Harland, John Larkin, Rickreall; Glen Hogg, W. Frank Crawford, Salem; Claude Holsington, Dallas; Jack DeJong, Sheridan; Jack Stump, Monmouth; Charles Evans, Independence.

Livestock, Ronald Hogg, Ray Barker, Salem; Jack Stump, Monmouth; Fred Auer, Wiley Gardner, Dallas; Glen Martin, McCoy; Frank Farmer, Rickreall; Eldon Riddell, Independence; farm labor, Frank Kennedy, Independence; Ballyss Fanning, Amity; Wes Elliott, Claude Holsington, W. C. Leth, E. B. Hamilton, Dallas; Claude Larkin, Rickreall.

Farm home and rural life, Mrs. Charles Bowman, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Jr., Mrs. William Thurston, Mrs. Ira Mix, Mrs. Grove Peterson, Mrs. Vern McGowan, Independence; Mrs. William Knowler, Mrs. Paul Wishart, Mrs. L. I. Mickel, Salem; Mrs. Ira Ray, Mrs. G. L. Russell, Mrs. W. J. Kerr, Mrs. Hugh VanLoan, Mrs. Wes Elliott, Mrs. Hugh VanDen Bosch, Mrs. Ross Simpson, Dallas; Mrs. George VanSanten, Mrs. Harry Walker, Rickreall; Mrs. Ross Chapin, Mrs. S. Van Staaveren, Mrs. O. L. Frink, Falls City; Mrs. J. B. Emmerson, Sheridan, and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Amity.

Moldy corn infected with dry rot has been fed experimentally to pigs without ill effects.

Ranch Ramblings

By the Rural Reporter

Garver and Graham, who used to butcher cattle in the Silverton community, are now doing everything within their ability to make them live. Also they are proving quite successful on their Hereford ranch. Just a few years ago the two men, selling their meat market, slaughter house and cold storage plant and starting out with around 10 beef cattle, said their goal was 60 registered Herefords. That goal has been reached. Along the road they have continued to improve their breeding stock and are now selling calves at attractive prices with attractive breeding stock as a background. Recent sales were made to the Sneed ranch of Salem, the Minden ranch near Sublimity, the Reeves stock farm at Blaine, and to Virgil Tschantz at Silverton. Earl Graham at Independence bought the only cows which the partnership has sold so far. But Earl is a son of the one member of the partnership and therefore accorded some privileges.

Clyde Wells has bought the Carmack ranch, formerly known as the Hugh Gee ranch, near the Greenville school in Linn county. With his son Claude he expects to set the place to strawberries and Boysenberries. Beginning this spring, the two expect to extend their berry growing acreage to around 150 acres.

More than 5000 application blanks for licenses for 1946 operations were mailed in December by the division of foods and dairies of the Oregon state department of agriculture. Licenses cover commercial feeds, commercial fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, bactericides, egg dealers, dairy grades and even gas pumps.

An estimated supply of approximately 5,000,000 strawberry plants will be available in the spring, but the demand has been so great that most of these have been sold in advance. Only small lots are expected to be available.

Lists of growers having certified fields may be obtained from the Oregon State extension service or from the county agent in each county. The largest single field certified was the CDM ranch at Mosier where an estimated million and a half plants may be harvested. The next largest growers were F. E. Gilpatrick of Silverton and Ken Gray and Joe Schuh of Corvallis. These raised approximately 750,000 for sale. Gustaf Swanson, Eugene, is the

increased rapidly in the past 25 years. In 1920, only about 2000 acres in the entire state were devoted to seed production, consisting mostly of red clover. Recent figures show that 473,000 acres are now devoted to seed crops.

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Breakdown in Salem Plant Slows Output

A serious breakdown in the alumina plant at Salem has interrupted the production of ammonium sulphate for distribution to Oregon farmers. Repairs are being rushed so shipments may be resumed in February. War substitute lining in the crystallizing equipment failed, causing the shutdown.

Dealers had received 1526 tons of the first 2500 ton allocation when the breakdown occurred. Demand is so great that orders had been placed for 5000 tons more than the original allocation made by the reconstruction finance corporation.

The RFC has assured Senator Guy Cordon that production of ammonium sulphate can be continued as long as necessary so long as production of alumina is not interfered with. Plant officials say that some surplus ammonium sulphate can be supplied farmers even though the plant is on a full time alumina production schedule.

Dairymen to Dine Tonight

The Oregon Dairymen's association convention got underway Wednesday at the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms. The opening day was devoted to committee meetings. Two main features are scheduled for today; breed meetings during the afternoon and a banquet tonight.

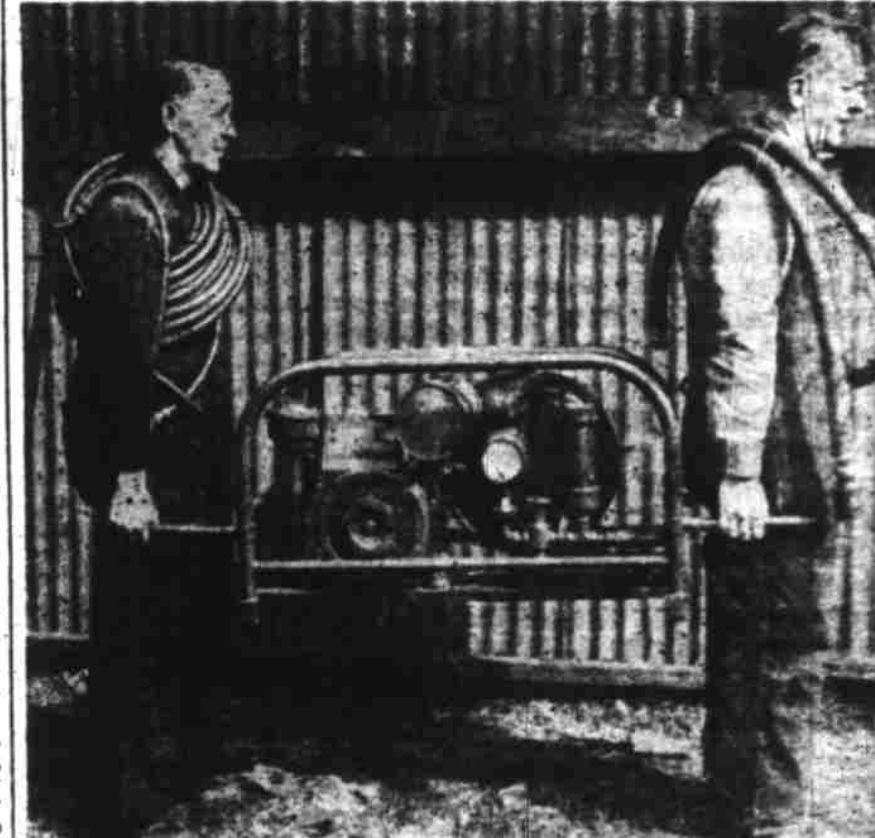
These are annual meetings for both Guernsey and Holstein breeds. Ten local dairymen, headed by William Newmyer, are making the plans. President Lee Holliday of Klamath Falls will open the meeting this morning. Speakers Friday include O. K. Beals, Kenneth L. Menfore, Mrs. Mary Kruger, Miss Grace Workman, Dr. Fred F. McKenzie.

CANNERS MEET SET
Dates for the 1946 canners' and frozen food packers' school given by the food industries department at the state college has been set for February 4 to 16. This will be the silver anniversary year for this school and past war problems will be featured.

only grower of other than Marshalls to pass all inspections, and he will have around \$50,000 Red Heart plants. Of nearly 50 growers who entered plants for certification, only 24 had fields passing all the inspections qualifying them, to sell plants with the blue tags. A good many growers failed to keep up the rigid roqueing required and so lost out in the final inspections.

Two Linn county packing companies, evidently unable to contract for a large enough supply of strawberries, have decided to enter the production field. The Associated Frozen Food Packers of Albany have planted 50 acres in the Lacombe community, while the Spencer Packing company of Lebanon is establishing fields in the Sweet Home and Holley communities.

Use Peach Leaf Curl Spray Now, Advice
Owing to extremely wet weather, peach growers were unable to make the usual December peach leaf curl spray. It is imperative that Bordeaux spray for the control of peach leaf curl be applied in the very near future, as control is not effective if the spray is applied after the winter buds swell. The recommended spray is 12-12-100 Bordeaux mixture which should be applied very thoroughly, making sure that every bud and the entire surface of the tree is covered.



The equipment pictured here was used to spray DDT on jungle insects. Because water was available almost everywhere in the jungle, the machine was not equipped with tanks. Two men could carry it and it proved practical to take along a 50-gallon drum in which to mix the chemicals. One man stirred the material with a wooden paddle while the second man did the spraying. Now the same equipment is being built on farm trailers for general spraying.

Farmers to Use Jungle Machines

The portable sprayer shown above was built for the armed services and used primarily for controlling insects with DDT. Large numbers of the machines were shipped to the South Pacific. Now it is being discovered that this wartime equipment has many uses on the peacetime farm. Besides ordinary spraying, it is being used for painting, weed killing and fire fighting.

The Food Machinery corporation of San Jose, Calif., is building the model for civilian use. It will be handled by at least one Marion county dealer in farm machinery.

The sprayer's two-horsepower Briggs & Stratton engine operates a pump with a capacity of four gallons per minute at pressures up to 300 pounds per square inch.

The outfit, as pictured, without tank and hose, weighs 190 pounds. Overall dimensions of the frame are 17 1/2 inches wide, 21 inches high and 36 inches long. Farmers using the outfit will likely mount the machine on trailer wheels. The company is building a model with a countershaft on the pump so that the owner can, if he later wishes, add a tank equipped with a power agitator.

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