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Six Months Under AAA in Oregon Summarized

Start of the new year finds Oregon's agricultural industry well along in adapting itself to the almost revolutionary changes brought about by the application of the national adjustment act. What has transpired to date may be just a beginning, but when summarized according to major commodities the record begins to look formidable already. Here it is in the most brief outline:

WHEAT—Oregon growers signed up to remove 126,000 acres from production and in return qualified for \$2,777,000 in domestic allotment benefit payments for the first year. All organization work is completed and some counties have received the checks for the first payments to growers. The northwest as a whole reports 14 per cent reduction in winter wheat acreage planted. Emergency export association moved 10 million bushels of northwest surplus.

HORTICULTURE — Northwest Tree Fruit Industries, Inc., formed as trade group of all northwest tree fruit shippers under trade agreements and code of operation designed to bring orderly marketing practices more profitable for the producers. Walnut industry organized under similar agreements in conjunction with California area.

CORN-HOGS—Emergency purchase of pigs and brood sows carried on to limited extent in this state. Corn-hog production control plan launched with possible maximum benefit payments on hogs totaling \$720,000 for hogs and \$123,000 on corn. Full signup not expected, however, because of nature of industry here.

DAIRYING—Emergency butter surplus purchasing carried on by AAA in this region. Trade agreement among dairy products manufacturers drawn but not yet approved nationally. Milk marketing agree-

ments provided for but none applied for in this state. Production control to be launched soon but details of plan not yet available.

LIVESTOCK—beef may be included under dairy adjustment program.

FARM CREDIT—Reorganization of federal farm credit structure under farm act brought many applications for mortgage refinancing from Oregon farmers. State Agricultural Advisory council for aiding in farm debt adjustment set up under federal program. Four federal credit agencies set up at Spokane to handle all forms of government supervised farm credit in this district.

CCC Camp Education Plan Announced

The new educational program adopted for the CCC calls for the establishment of individual programs of instruction in each of the 1,466 forest camps where the forest army is working this winter. This new education system is to incorporate the best features of the educational facilities now available in most of the camps. The aim at each camp will be to develop a unified, informal educational program that will best fit the needs, capabilities and desires of the 200 enrolled men living at each of the camps, according to announcement of Robert Fechner, Director of Emergency Conservation Work.

Dean Clarence S. Marsh of the Evening Session of the University of Buffalo has been named by the Office of Education of the Interior Department as the educational director of the new educational program now being introduced into the Civilian Conservation Corps camps. Under the supervision of Dr. George F. Zook, Commissioner of Education, Mr. Marsh will have general charge of the educational program in adult education. To administer the program there

will be appointed a corps area educational adviser for each of the nine army corps areas and one camp educational advisor for each of the camps. All told, about 1,500 persons will be added to the Emergency Conservation Work organization to participate in the administration of the educational program.

"I look upon this", Dr. Zook said today, "as a program which may prove of the greatest significance in the expansion of adult education. If the conservation camps continue we may be able to develop a program which will be a new departure in American education. It may point the way to the development of methods of instruction and of counseling of people who are attempting to prepare themselves for new vocations. I feel confident it will give a large number of men from the cities and towns an opportunity to appreciate the possibilities of life in the country and in smaller villages. Instruction is to be informal. One of the chief duties of the camp educational advisers soon to be appointed will be to organize the existing educational facilities in the camps or in nearby cities and towns. There will be one camp educational adviser in each camp."

CWA Workers to Make Survey of Tax Situation

A survey of tax delinquency, mortgage foreclosures and real estate transfers for the last six years in about 12 representative Oregon counties will be carried out in this state as a special CWA project ordered direct from Washington. The study will be made under the general supervision of E. L. Potter, head of the agricultural economics division in the school of agriculture at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

A similar study is being made in each state for the federal bureau of agricultural economics, presumably to obtain exact facts regarding these subjects both before and during the depression, such facts to form the basis of any future federal action in this field.

About 100 persons, all to be taken from the CWA roles, and mostly women familiar with courthouse records, are to be employed in making the study. Ralph Reynolds of Portland has been selected to be the director in active charge of the survey, while Dr. W. H. Dressen, professor of economics will assist in an advisory capacity.

Plans are to cover about 12 counties, though more will be added if possible within the time limit which is until February 15. CWA money

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