

Teacher Group Studies Soil Conservation



FARM STORAGE POND — Gunster Arends, left, Cloverdale farmer, stands on the dike-edge of the 22,000,000 gallon water storage pond on his farm. Ted Thorson, Mid-State Soil Conservation district technician holds the microphone as Arends explains to a group of teachers on a conservation tour how the pond was built and how it serves him in raising alfalfa, wheat and oats on part of his 240 acre farm.

Doesn't It Beat the Dutch How Arends Watered Crop?

Special to The Bulletin
REDMOND — Sometime next school session 72 teachers who are telling their classes why water is vital on a farm, will recall a day in Central Oregon. It was a day recently when they stood in the dusty basin of Gunster Arends' huge dried-up irrigation pond and learned that intelligence can produce moisture.

The teachers went to Arends' farm and pond in the Plainview district during a field study of resource management. The trip also included stops at the Lazy-Z ranch near Sisters; the Lake Creek fish screen; the Brooks-Seaman tree farm; Sisters school forest, and recreational areas in the Deschutes National forest. Fish hatcheries and a timber sale location were in the itinerary.

Along the Sisters-Bend highway, the teachers crossed the dike-shore of Arends' pond and gathered in the bowl while the Dutch-born farmer explained that his 240 acres carried only flood-water rights.

Melting snow from the Cascades supplied insufficient water in Squaw Creek for the demand, he said. So after prior water rights along the creek were granted, the remaining lands and farmers got only the surplus or flood-water when others had finished irrigating. At the peak of summer there was no surplus.

Dutch Training Helps
 Arends came from North Dakota 10 years ago. His ancestry was Dutch and he had learned dike-building; so he set to work with small equipment to grub out a water storage pond. Then the Mid-State Soil Conservation district helped him design a large pond and rented equipment to build it.

The pond has 20,000,000 gallon (30 acre feet) capacity when full. Its storage waters were used until July 1 to irrigate Arends' alfalfa, wheat and oats. Then there was no more excess water in the area to fill the pond. It will fill again in the fall, he said, when other farmers have stopped irrigating. In the meantime, the crops are thriving on what subsurface irrigation they have stored, and any rain that comes along before harvest.

Visit Both Shores
 The teachers in two groups of 36 were enrolled for a one-week

workshop of Portland summer session of the General Extension division, Oregon State System of Higher Education. Headquarters were at Hoodoo Ski Bowl Inn, the weeks of July 29-August 3, and August 4-10.

Each week of practical studies in conservation was directed by Dr. Ruth Hopson, associate professor of general science; and Robert J. Gridley, coordinator of workshops.

The teacher-students spent a day east and one west of the mountains on trips away from Hoodoo. They learned about soils, water, timber, fish, game and other resources peculiar to those slopes. Accompanying them besides Dr. Hopson and Gridley were four other regular members of the workshop staff: Gail C. Baker, information officer, U.S. Forest service, Portland; Robert L. Brown, deputy state conservationist, United States Soil Conservation service; Austin F. Hamer, education supervisor, Oregon State Game commission, and Arthur K. Roberts, education director, West Coast Lumbermen's association.

U.S. Agencies Aid
 The Soil Conservation service, the Mid-State Soil Conservation district and some of its cooperators were guides and hosts in this immediate area.

At the Lazy-Z ranch south of Sisters, the teachers arrived in their chartered bus and gathered in an alfalfa field to watch a demonstration of soil varieties and characteristics by George Smith, and hear a discussion of terrain, irrigation and crop practices by Ted Thorson, SCS technicians.

The class crossed the highway to the stock pond in front of the ranch house where Hamer explained the purpose and value of stocking farm ponds with fish.

Will Relay Instruction
 Other, east-side special staff instructors were: Paul Bonn, district game agent, Bend; Henry Delruin, district ranger, Sisters; Len Mathisen, regional supervisor, and Monty Montgomery, fishery biologist, OSGC, Bend; Gene Moore, hatchery superintendent, OSGC, Camp Sherman; Fred Ramsey,

Hudson House History Told

Hudson House, Inc., at 1315 Wall street, now a business headquarters at in scope, really owed its start to Central Oregon, according to its founder, Robert A. Hudson.

It was back in 1901 when Bend was a 3-year-old village that young Hudson started a wholesale business in Portland at the age of 20.

His warehouse branch in Bend was launched in 1929. In 1939 Hudson built his big warehouse and office at its present address.

At the time this building was completed there was a grand opening attended by the owner. Hudson said in an interview printed in The Bend Bulletin on July 31, 1939, that the money he made as a salesman in Central Oregon enabled him to begin his wholesale business. He is now celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The firm's headquarters is in Portland, Hudson and his partner, Fred P. Gram, began it in a small store in 1907.

Hudson's first orders came from Prineville and Bend. The business grew rapidly and moved several times to larger quarters then Hudson built his own building in 1930 — a large structure with docking space on the Willamette river.

In 1939 when the Bend branch building was opened, Einar Solfors, present manager, was assistant manager. Several years ago he became manager, succeeding Ralph Adams.

Solfors is a graduate of Bend high school and gained fame there as a tennis player when he was on the championship doubles team of Central Oregon.

Shots Scheduled For Servicemen

WASHINGTON (UP)—The U.S. Armed forces will begin receiving Asiatic flu vaccine in about a month, officials said today.

A Defense spokesman said first priority will go to men overseas, their families and Defense Department civilian employees overseas.

The department has for several years given a flu shot to military men. This year, officials said, a so-called monovalent shot, to combat solely the Asiatic flu strain, will be given first. Later the usual polyvalent shot will be given.

Filmland Suicide Attempt Fails

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Perc Westmore, 54, one of the Westmore brothers of movieland makeup fame, attempted to end his life Tuesday night by swallowing a handful of sleeping pills, police reported.

Westmore was rushed to Hollywood Receiving Hospital and then transferred to a private hospital for treatment. Doctors reported the makeup artist was "out of danger."

Screen maintenance man, OSGC, Bend; Gail M. Thomas, forester, Western Pine association, Bend; Mervin Wolf, district ranger, Metolius district ranger, Sisters.

The three-hour class for graduate or under-graduate credit included teachers from many Oregon cities, several from Washington, one each from Connecticut, Michigan, Alaska. All grades were represented.

The teachers, says Dr. Hopson, will integrate the conservation information with all their classes. At Hoodoo they received special material graded to each class level, so that children from first grade through high school seniors will receive conservation instruction along with other subjects.

City Families Wishing Farm Life Advised on Financing

The decision to buy a suburban home and acreage is frequently accompanied by the problem of how to finance the venture. Sound financing may mean the difference between a favorable and unfavorable experience.

The decision as to how much you can safely pay for a home and acreage is dependent on past savings, income expectations, and the proportion of this income the family is willing to give up for housing.

A rule-of-thumb is that one should not pay more than 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 times his annual normal spendable income for a home. To exceed these amounts means that most families do not have sufficient current income for food, clothing, education, recreation, transportation, and medical and dental care.

Few families today have sufficient savings to pay cash for the real estate, and to purchase the equipment or livestock needed. Wise use of credit, coupled with family savings, is a sound route to home ownership.

One-Third Cash Advisable

Experience indicates that a down payment of 25 to 30 per cent is necessary to establish reasonable security and safety. For example, if the asking price of a piece of property is \$15,000, you should have close to \$5,000 in cash that you can use as down payment if the financing is to be reasonably safe.

Sales contracts often are used when the family does not have enough money to make a substantial down payment, then monthly

or annual payments will usually be larger.

The number of years over which a loan is to be repaid determines the size of the payments and also the total amount of interest. The tendency is to accept a quick repayment of interest. This is good if income is adequate to provide living expenses and meet all farm operating and developing costs. A safer and more reasonable repayment program is at least a 20-year term, with provisions in the purchase agreement for optional or extra payments on principal at any anniversary date. This permits repaying as rapidly as possible without being forced to "save" faster than current income permits.

Numerous Firms Offer Credit
 Sources of credit that can be investigated are individuals, commercial banks, federal savings and loan associations, life insur-

ance companies and federal land banks. For those who are eligible, credit is also available through the Oregon Home and Farm Loan Program of the State Veterans Administration. The state will lend 75 per cent of the appraised value up to a maximum of \$9,000. The length of term is a maximum of 20 years at an interest rate of 4 per cent.

Commercial banks will not lend more than approximately 65 per cent of the bank's appraised value of a place as a home. They require a first mortgage on the property as security. Interest will be at least 5 per cent and may run as high as 6 per cent.

Federal savings and loan associations will lend a maximum amount varying from 50 to 70 per cent of their appraised value of the property. Interest is generally from 5 to 6 per cent.

Life insurance companies are important lenders in the agricultural field. However, their operating policy has kept them away from the small farm unit. For those who can qualify, long-term credit is available for 5 to 5 1/2 per

cent interest.
 A Federal Land Bank loan may be made on the security of a first mortgage to any person who is farming or raising livestock, or who is soon to start one of these operations, or gets his income principally from farming. The land banks, through the local National Farm Loan Associations, can lend up to 65 per cent of the normal agricultural value of the land and buildings. For borrowers who can qualify for credit, loans from this source can be made with terms of from 5 to 40 years. The current rate of interest is 4 per cent.
 Oregon game commission records show that East lake's fishing slows in July each year.

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