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Polk County Farm Acreage Shrinks and Number Fewer

The number of farms in Polk county, as shown by the preliminary count of returns of the 1945 census of agriculture, was 1728, as compared with 1743 in 1940, and 1966 in 1935. This is announced by James Centers, supervisor for the 1945 farm census in the first Oregon census district with headquarters at Portland.

The total land in farms in Polk county, according to the preliminary 1945 census count, was 208,918 acres, as compared with 222,622 acres in 1940, and 241,421 acres in 1935. Average size of farms shown in the preliminary 1945 census count for Polk county was 121 acres, as compared with 128 acres in 1940, and 123 acres in 1935.

In announcing the 1945 census totals of farms and land in farms in Polk county, Supervisor Centers pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction. Final tabulations of Polk county farm census returns will be made by the bureau of the census and announced from Washington when completed, Centers said.

Attending the affair were Mrs. Caroline Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Cordis Shipley and Suzanne, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goulet, Olive E. Norwood, Mrs. Nora Justice, Mrs. Jerry Harritt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Deil-schneider, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Atterson, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Harritt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maerz and Karl and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Williamson, Mrs. Ruth Norwood, Mrs. Josephine Cook.

Pratum

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice de Vries of Orville, Calif., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will deVries.

The Ralph G. Kleen family were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kleen Monday. They left Tuesday morning for Tillamook, where Rev. Kleen will be pastor of the Tillamook First Methodist church, having been appointed by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter when appointments were read at the close of the conference at First church in Salem.

Emil Ronner of Portland, who is radio examiner for the government, spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ronner at Pratum.

Silverton Rotary Officers Installed

Silverton—Jonas Byberg, retiring president of the Silverton Rotary club, installed the new officers at the Monday noon luncheon program at Toney's. Oscar Lee will serve as president for the coming year. He will be assisted by Rev. S. L. Amlie, vice president; A. W. Woodward, secretary; Dr. P. A. Loar, treasurer, and directors, George W. Hubbs, Leonard Hudson and Jonas Byberg.

Street Fund Placed Upon Cash Basis

Silverton—At the week's meeting of the Silverton city council, the treasurer's semi-annual report showed the city street fund on a cash basis out of the red for the first time in five years. Land sales for the city reports for the year ending June 30 showed a total of more than \$5,000.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brinker of Grass Valley are here this week helping Mrs. Brinker's father, Fred Crolley, during the cherry harvest.

Albany Lacks USO Director

Albany—Transportation difficulties are blamed by J. N. Nallion, district USO supervisor, San Francisco, for delay in the arrival of a director for the Albany USO club, which is daily becoming more frequented by servicemen as Camp Adair cadre is enlarged.

The explanation is contained in a telegram received by V. A. Hurley, chairman of the local USO council, under whose supervision the local USO club is being operated while arrival of the director is awaited.

Volunteer workers are assisting Hurley in conducting the club's activities until the new director arrives. Hurley has issued a plea for more volunteer help.

Dallas Ration Board Hours Are Curtailed

Dallas—A new schedule of office hours has been announced by the Dallas war price and rationing board. Now effective the board will be open to the public week days from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. and on Saturdays from 10 a. m. until 12 noon.

The shortened hours were announced as necessary to allow the clerks to take care of the huge volume of office work.

It is urged that all possible business be transacted by mail, regardless of how close the patron lives to the board, as the procedure simplifies the work for the clerks, saves time and makes possible the speedy issuance of ration coupons.

Brooks

Mrs. Roy Westling and young son, Dean, is visiting her sister at Doris, Calif.

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Card Club Guest At Huffman Home

Lyons—Mrs. George Huffman was hostess for the Wednesday afternoon card club with a party held at her home. Several tables of "500" were in play, with high score going to Mrs. Roy Huber, low to Mrs. Roy Hienek and traveling prize to Mrs. Oscar Naue. Present were Mrs. Clifford West, Mrs. Percy Hiatt, Mrs. Arthur Olmstead, Mrs. Albert Carr, Mrs. John Neal, Mrs. Pat Lyons, Mrs. James Reed, Mrs. Roy Huber, Mrs. Oscar Naue, Mrs. Roy Hienek, Mrs. Sam Bridges and her mother, Mrs. Gieson, and the hostess, Mrs. Huffman.

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Central Howell—J. S. Kaufman is planning the construction of a new home on his property next to the Central Howell schoolhouse. The old house has been moved back and to the east of his store building, and the large old pine tree, for many years a landmark, has been cut down. Kaufman erected a modern store building and cold storage plant with lockers a few years ago. There are also two apartments on the second floor which are occupied. The old house on this place was for a good many years the store and post office of Central Howell, but this was discontinued when route 2 out of Silverton was lengthened.

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Monmouth—Things are buzzing at Monmouth in preparation for the big influx of army personnel at the army ground force replacement center which is expected to be a large unit. It has already begun to move in and expects to be in the near future. Several officers are here now as advance parties for securing and preparing to activate the unit. Most every house has already been taken and all available apartments and rooms are asked to be listed with the officers.

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Guests will include Mrs. Mabelle Hargrove, Red Cross field director, U. S. navy hospital at Corvallis; the special service officer and the recently appointed Red Cross field director at Camp Adair.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. It is requested that all bring covered dishes and their own dishes. Since a request for playing cards and magazines at Camp Adair has been received by the chairman, she suggests that anyone wishing to make card and magazine donations bring them to the meeting.

Independence Den Committees Named

Independence—Walter L. Smith, newly installed president of the Independent Lions club announces the committee appointments for the coming year.

The following appointments will be made at the meeting of the club at the Cafe Adair Monday noon:

Administrative committees. Attention—Wm. Darlind, W. A. Barnum, Ralph Evans.

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Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bass this week were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moses of Eureka, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moses of San Francisco, Calif., L. J. Moses of Philomath, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bass and son, Darrell Ray, of Mill City. Four generations were represented by Mrs. Bass, her father, R. J. Moses, her son, Kenneth, and his son, Darrell Ray.

Fourth of July guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Ayers were his two brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ayers of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayers of Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodeker and daughter, Miss Betty Jean, have returned home from San Diego, Calif., after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton, another daughter of the Bodekers. They visited en route home at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hiatt of Roseburg, a brother of Mrs. Bodeker.

Mrs. Helen Bauer and daughter, Evelyn Mae, of Salem, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston. Evelyn Mae remained for the week. She will also visit at the Alex Bodeker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Engdahl are spending the week vacationing at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston, Carroll, Shirley and George, his mother, Mrs. Daisy Johnston, and Evelyn Mae Bauer were Fourth of July guests at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt, in Salem.

Election of officers was held at the Lyons Methodist Sunday school, with Charles Powers elected superintendent; Carl Reid, secretary; Eva Bressler, re-elected treasurer, and Carroll Johnston, pianist.

Handkerchief Shower Honors Mrs. Ivan Day

Lyons—Mrs. Pat Lyons was hostess honoring Mrs. Ivan Day with a handkerchief shower, held at the Lyons home. The afternoon was spent informally and refreshments were served to Mrs. Day, the honored guest, Mrs. Roy Huber, Mrs. Roy Hienek, Mrs. Floyd Bassett, Mrs. Oscar Naue, Mrs. Sam Bridges, Mrs. Gieson, Miss Fannie Wilson, Mrs. Daisy Johnston, Mrs. Merrill Brassfield, Mrs. Percy Hiatt, Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. Wayne Hickman, Mrs. Dorel Lewis and the hostess, Mrs. Lyons.

Old Timers Will Hold Sunday Picnic

Silverton Hills—The Old Timers' picnic will be held Sunday, July 8, at the Hills community hall, with a basket dinner at 1 o'clock and the program following.

Mrs. L. O. Hadley is president of the Old Tim