

LIFE ON THE FARM

Farmers Taking Life Easier By Hiring More Hired Hands

Washington, (AP) Farm families are taking life easier this year and getting more hired hands to do the work. A count just completed by the bureau of agricultural economics showed 36,000 more hired hands on farms in May than there were a year previously.

It also showed 311,000 fewer members of the farmers' families were at work.

Several reasons are suggested. For one thing, there are more machines on farms than ever before, and machines produce larger crops with less labor. Second, the world food situation is easing. There isn't the pressure on the farmers to produce that there was during the war.

This BAE census showed farm people are working slightly shorter hours than they did last year. But the farm owners themselves still work longer than the hired hands do.

The BAE report says that the employees are working on the average 9.8 hours a day. Last year they put in 9.9 hours.

But the farm operators themselves are working 11.8 hours a day, about 12 minutes less than the year before.

On the day this survey was made, June 1, the North Dakota hands were working the longest hours of any in the U.S. Their average day was 11 hours long.

The shortest days were worked by Nevada's hired hands.

Along with this increase in machinery, there has been a decline in the number of horses and mules.

The 1948 colt crop was only 200,000 head, the smallest in more than a century.

This supply of colts is sufficient only to maintain a total horse and mule population of about 3,500,000 head—less than half the present number in the U.S.

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Stewart Enters Director's Race

Roy Stewart is a candidate for the office of Salem school director with no other objective than being of service to the community. "I have no pet projects and no axes to grind," he amplified when asked concerning his candidacy. He pointed out that some experience has been gained in school management by virtue of his membership on the suburban Rickey school board. Stewart is a resident of the Four Corners district where the Salem board recently let the contract for a new grade building.

A resident of Salem for 20 years, Stewart is office manager for the Valley Motor company. He has one son in high school and another in business in Salem. He is concluding a term as president of the Salem Lions club.

The election is to be held the afternoon of June 20. Limburger cheese gets its name from the town in which it originally was made—Limbourg, Belgium.

Amity Lions Install New Club Officers

Amity—Amity Lions club closed its meetings for the current season with a dinner meeting at the club rooms.

Merrill D. Ohling, district governor, installed the new officers: Earl Johnson, president; Walter Moore, 1st vice-president; 2nd

vice-president, Robert Callendar; 3rd vice-president, Donald Fuller; directors for two years, Adolph (Dutch) Neilsen, and Wm. West. The club will resume its work Sept. 26 with the new officers in charge.

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