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The old Hauser-Coos Bay road in southwestern Oregon climbs around the head of Haynes Slough between Hauser and the bridge for 6.38 miles. The new highway wades right across the mouth of Haynes Slough to hook onto the end of the Coos Bay bridge, is 4.55 miles long, saves 1.83 miles and has but nine curves compared with 60 on the old route. It is a time and money saver. (State Highway Commission photo)

Farm Conference Hears Burton on Price Support

By CLAUDE STEUSLOFF

There are only four and one-half million farmers in the U. S. but through farm price supports the government owns or has under loan \$3 billion in farm produce. Dr. Burton Wood, member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture interim advisory committee, told the annual spring conference of the Marion County Agricultural Council last night at Kelzer Grange hall.

To be reasonable in view of rights of other economic groups of the nation, price supports must be limited by acreage control, he said. The Farmers Union is working for 100 per cent of farm parity while the Grange and Farm Bureau Federation want a lower level.

"The fundamental question is, at what level are we going to seek stability," Wood said. Should we stabilize at a high level, make living on the farm attractive or allow farming standards to drift lower.

Wood said now is the time to decide what should be done about the democratic principles involved in present day farm production. Freedom of choice and self-help can best be decided by local farm districts.

Bill Williams, president of the Marion County 4-H Club Leaders association, who presided at the meeting, announced the group is securing a trailer kitchen to provide club members with hot meals at shows and other public events. The purpose is to replace the universal hot dog with a more adequate diet.

Marion county now has 221 4-H club leaders, 1200 youngsters carrying 1800 projects. Strawberry harvest this

committee, reported on the March meeting of his group. Recommendations for increases include crimson clover and certified red clover seed. Big carry overs of common rye, English ryegrass, alta fescue and Ladino clover suggested care in plantings of these crops.

Albert Tippner of Silverton gave the land use committee report. Neatness of farm mail boxes and farm road sanitation were noted in the farm home committee report by Mrs. J. C. Krenz of Victor Point.

Ben Newell, Marion county agent, introduced the speaker of the evening. Attendance was estimated at 50 persons.

Top Wheat Counties In Inland Empire

Spokane (AP)—The top five wheat-producing counties in the nation during 1952 were all in the Inland Empire, a survey showed Thursday.

Umatilla County in Oregon moved past Texas County, Okla., to fourth place. The others in the first five last year are all in Washington. First was Whitman with 20,227,560 followed by Lincoln 11,180,000; Adams, 9,500,000; Umatilla, 9,030,000; Walla Walla, 8,503,619.

The Lions club estimates it has 10,000 groups in the world.

Clerk Totals Bonded Debt

The Salem school district had a bonded indebtedness of \$3,715,000 as of June 30, 1952, according to the records of C. C. Ward, clerk-manager.

An additional \$2,005,000 worth of bonds are expected to be sold in September, in order to secure funds with which to complete the new South Salem senior high school.

The total includes \$25,000 outstanding against the Salem Heights district which has been consolidated with Salem.

The bonds range in age from a \$330,000, four per cent issue of 1949 to the \$1,500,000 which were sold last March 1 at a rate of from 2 1/4 to 4 per cent. Annual retirement on all of the bonds totals \$199,000, with

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the vacancy made by the unexpected death of S. Parzy Rose recently.

Mr. Clough served the Silverton office for four years during the transfer of Mr. Rose to the Aurora district on special duties.

The selection of a permanent manager here, Mr. Clough reports, will probably be made within a fortnight.

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