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## County Farm Sales Almost Stationary in 1958, Says County Agent Inskeep

By J. J. Inskeep, County Agent

Clackamas County farm sales remained practically stationary in 1958 when compared with 1957 figures. Our estimate of 1958 sales at the farm gate totals \$25,592,000 compared to \$25,505,000 in 1957. Loss of income for certain farm commodities have been balanced by greater income from others. Certain increases have been due to additional units rather than to better prices.

Actually Clackamas County farmers, as a whole, had less cash for their labor at the end of the year. Growers of several commodities are in real distress. This is particularly true of berry growers. They experienced a disastrous year.

It is interesting to note that total farm sales in Clackamas County have remained stationary for the past four years. Production costs, which include taxes, have greatly increased during that period.

Regardless of the individual farmers immediate cash position 25 million dollars in total sales is of tremendous economic importance affecting every resident of the county. In many respects the total farm income resembles a payroll of the same size. Farmers spend their income for taxes, interest, labor, farm machinery, fertilizers and other steadily increasing production costs.

To make a comparison Clackamas County's allowable timber cut approximates 200 million board feet. On a stumpage basis at \$30 a thousand the gross return would total \$6 million.

It is estimated that for every dollar the farmer receives, two dollars are added for processing and marketing most of which present added labor costs. We do not have the figures showing added value by way of transportation and fabrication of timber but the comparison is obvious.

Subsidies from the federal government play a negligible role in Clackamas County. Our farmers are subject to extreme competition from other areas. It now appears that our top position as a strawberry producing county may be lost forever to California. It is probably true that our Marshall berries are of higher quality but California growers have much longer harvest season with higher yields. And the trade is accepting the California berry for processing.

Producers of blackberries ran into a snag with overproduction. Our great and important poultry industry suffers stiff competition with every item produced. The same is more or less true of every farm commodity produced here.

Changes in the farming picture are coming along rapidly. We are seeing more intensified farming every year. We cannot go into detail but we look for more changes during the next 10 years than we have experienced in the past 50 years.

Income from dairy products continued on a slightly downward trend as the numbers of dairy herds and dairy cows continue to decrease slightly. The larger herds are becoming larger. Most of the smaller herds cannot compete with those of the larger outfits which have smaller unit costs.

For the second year in succession gross income from meat animals and wool has exceeded the income from dairy products. This is a new trend which first happened last year, 1957. This past year the gross income from the dairy industry totalled \$2,570,000. The income from meat animals and wool come to \$3,685,000. Meat animal prices have been generally satisfactory.

This would seem a remarkable situation in a county adjacent to a large metropolitan area. Extension Agent Hugh Caton attributes these changes to the following factors:

1. Continued reductions in dairy cattle numbers and lower prices to producers. Prices to producers were down approximately

3 percent.

2. Nearly 30 percent improvement in beef cattle prices.

3. Increases sheep numbers, 5 percent increase in wool incentive payments (numbers or pounds of wool in applications for payments.)

4. Nearly 15 percent less value for wool because of lower price of wool and correspondingly lower incentive payments.

5. About 12 percent better prices for lambs.

6. Further increases in hog numbers plus about 15 percent improvement in prices.

Many may be surprised to learn that our largest source of agricultural cash receipts in Clackamas County come from our poultry industry. Total sales from chicken eggs, farm chickens, turkeys, turkey eggs, commercial broilers and miscellaneous poultry products amounted to \$6,164,000 as compared to only \$5,714,000 in 1957.

Since the start of World War II the Pacific Northwest has failed to produce enough eggs to satisfy the area demand, that is, until now. Laying flock expansion has slowed down as we balance the scales. Egg prices were up 2 cents a dozen over 1957.

Other increases are due to expansion rather than to more favorable prices. We are producing more broilers and we had an increase in turkey numbers. The latter was mostly due to raising slightly more earlier market turkeys. This area has been the source of income about \$860,000 in 1958.

These figures do not imply that all is smooth sailing in the poultry industry. All segments of the industry are subject to the stiffest kind of competition. Broiler producers must compete with cheaper feed costs and cheaper labor found in the cotton belt. No longer can we ship turkeys profitably to Eastern states. We now produce just enough turkeys to supply area needs. A small increase in the local market price results in a flood of turkeys and chicken broilers from other areas. Only the most efficient remain in the game. Lower unit margins of profit are responsible for larger flocks and fewer flock owners. The same is true of the broiler industry where producers commonly have housing capacity for 20,000 or more birds. They commonly raise three batches per year.

Income from seed crops was down from \$1,190,000 in 1957 to \$850,000 in 1958. The seed crop average remained steady but unseasonal hot weather in May and June resulted in decreased yields. At the same time, it is interesting to note that the gross income from seed crops average \$75 per acre while the gross from grain crops averaged only \$42 per acre. Chewing fescue, used in lawn grass mixtures, continues as our most important small seed crop. Return \$500,000.

The acreage of hay and grain remained about the same. So did the gross income 2,900,000. The county wheat acreage has been increasing steadily due to the increasing number of growers producing the minimum allowance under the U. S. program—15 acres.

Income from sales of tree fruits and nuts increased slightly due to increased yields of English walnuts and filberts. As explained previously, the small fruit industry is in distress. Truck crops and potatoes, certified seed potatoes in particular are important in the total picture. However, sales dropped from \$3,121,000 in 1957 to \$2,708,000 in 1958.

These statistics are made by the Clackamas County Extension Agents. They may be subject to a certain amount of criticism. We shall be glad to make correction should any of these figures be in error and we shall welcome anyone with open arms who volunteers to do a better job. In the meantime our figures are in great demand from many sources. Itemized copies are available at the Extension office in Oregon City.

Mrs. Emma Gilleran, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vandecoevinger and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gilleran and family spent New Year's day at the Tim Gillerans in Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Verburg of Eagle Creek spent Christmas week end in Seattle visiting cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cooke celebrated on the Melvin Johnstons in Portland on New Year's eve. Later the Judge took his wife out to dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cooke had New Year's dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kohl of Lower Logan.

## Last Rites for Local Pioneer

Funeral services for Robert Hugh Currin, a true pioneer of this community, age 89, whose parents founded the town of Currinsville after coming to Oregon by the Barlow Trail, were held last Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Clayville Chapel in Estacada.

Rev. Arthur Hansen officiated at the funeral rites. Mr. Currin, a farmer and dairyman, was born and married in Currinsville. From 1918 to 1929 he was foreman of the Dodge Park waterworks of the City of Portland. He was a charter member of Estacada Lodge No. 175, IOOF, and of Rebecca Lodge No. 147.

He was identified with the development of this community, being instrumental in having the first telephone line established in the Currinsville area and at times served as its president and secretary. He was the first to have rural electricity on his farm, building his own line from the transmission line crossing his farm. As an ardent road enthusiast, in early life, he helped establish a passable wagon road between Barton and Carver.

Mr. Currin retired to his home at Currinsville where he spent the last 25 years. He always adhered to the Golden Rule and counted everyone his friend.

The Currins celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1947 and quietly observed their 61st in 1958.

Survivors are the widow Nellie, and a daughter, Mrs. Donald F. Allen, both of Estacada.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Gresham, with Bate-man Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

## RETURN FROM ENGLAND; SPEND NEW YEAR'S HERE

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Don Berg and son Duane, who recently returned from England, spent from New Year's until Tuesday of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Utt. Other members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sherman of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bates and family of Oakridge, and Mr. and Mrs. James Arndt and family of Portland, were also at the Utt home at different times during this period. A wonderful time of eating and visiting was enjoyed.

## John Marchbanks Celebrate 60 Year Marriage

Many friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Marchbanks the evening of January 1st to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The Marchbanks were married in Oregon City by Pastor A. J. Ware. They moved to Estacada in 1903 and have lived here ever since.

Games were played and enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Marchbanks were seated at the table and placed before them was a cake decorated in their honor with bells, pink roses and lily of the valley. Then a love song was sung by Miss Heather Hendrickson, accompanied on the violin by her mother, Mrs. Jewel Hendrickson. Mrs. Charlie Smith read a very appropriate verse about the trials and joys they have shared together the past 60 years. They have passed the Tin, Silver and Gold anniversaries, a privilege granted to only a few. Still very much in love, we wish them many more happy anniversaries together.

The Marchbanks were presented records for their new record player, a beautiful red bedspread and a red azalia plant. While refreshments of cake, strawberries, ice cream and punch were being served by the hostesses, the new records were played and enjoyed.

The Estacada Garden Club will meet at the City Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 13th. The meeting was postponed from Jan. 5 on account of weather conditions.

**BARGAINS!**  
O. E. S. Social Club  
White Elephant and  
RUMMAGE SALE  
FRI. - SAT. JAN. 9-10  
LEGION HALL

## LOCAL STUDENTS ON OSC HONOR ROLL FOR FALL TERM

Robert H. Marchbank of Estacada and Janice M. Buhlinger and Barbara J. Burnett of Eagle Creek are listed on the fall term scholastic honor roll released by Oregon State College.

To be eligible for the honor roll listing, students must make at least a B plus average for the term.

Miss Buhlinger was singled out for special recognition as one of 81 students making straight-A grades. She is a sophomore in the school of business and technology. Her home address is Eagle Creek, Route One.

Marchbank is a senior in the school of pharmacy. Miss Burnett is a senior in business and technology.

## MR. & MRS. PAULI SPEND HOLIDAYS IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pauli made a trip to California over the holidays. They arrived at the home of Mrs. Pauli's sister, Mrs. Clayton Woodward in Stockton, on Christmas day. They visited there with them and their three daughters who were home from Los Angeles, until Sunday. While there they also called on Mrs. Ella Garretson, a former resident of Estacada, and Mrs. Garretson's son, Alvin and family. On Sunday they went to Daly City, where they visited with Mrs. Pauli's brother and family until Thursday. They came home the Coast highway and enjoyed the redwoods and other interesting sights, arriving home Saturday afternoon.

## Job's Daughters Will Install

The International Order of Job's Daughters will hold a public installation of officers Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 9 P.M. at the Masonic temple in Estacada.

## MARIAN GUILD-DISCUSES PLANS FOR FUTURE

At the December meeting of the Marian Guild Christmas decorations and cleaning for the church were discussed. The Holy Name Society agreed to help.

The Christmas sale was a great success due to the wonderful cooperation of the people of Estacada. Mrs. Ava Goodman won the door prize which was a lovely apron.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Eileen Marak and Mrs. Pauline Van Dyke.

## WILL ASSIST TAXPAYERS WITH THEIR INCOME TAX RETURNS

Ralph C. Granquist, District Director of the Internal Revenue Service for Oregon, announced to-day that the period for filing 1958 Federal income tax returns extends from January 2 to April 15, inclusive. In order to assist taxpayers throughout the State of Oregon during this period, the Portland office will be open each weekday (Mondays through Fridays) beginning January 2, 1959 and continuing through April 15, 1959. Director Granquist stated that new space is being provided in Portland and taxpayer information which was previously furnished at 830 N. E. Oregon Street will now be furnished at 830 N. E. Holladay Street. The use of the telephones wherever possible in contacting local offices of the Internal Revenue Service is urged to save time and unnecessary travel expenses in obtaining answers to tax questions.

## Local Teen-Ager Held for Homicide

Daniel Thomas Kerr, 17, of Eagle Creek, was charged with negligent homicide and having no operator's license by Multnomah County authorities, following the death of Suzanne Page of Portland. The girl was thrown from a car driven by her mother, Jean Page, when it was struck by Kerr's car and spun into the path of a car driven by Harry L. Rist, 4320 S. E. 113th Ave. Witnesses said that the car driven by Kerr nearly hit the Page car after running a stop light.

Betty Fullerton arrived last Sunday morning from Hawaii to visit her aunt, Mrs. Emil Poikilla, who lives in the George district.

## Rehbein Defeats Army Champ

Estacada's flashy Jerry Rehbein had little trouble in defeating U. S. Army Champ John Piechl at Portland Labor Temple Tuesday night. Piechl put up a game scrap but couldn't keep up with fast pace set by Rehbein. Hard stomach smashes had the Army fighter hanging on desperately in the last round. Both boys received a big round of applause. Rehbein will enter the Tacoma G. G. championship Jan. 23 and 24 where he will be an outstanding favorite.

## LEGION AND AUXILIARY MEETING JANUARY 12

The local American Legion Post and its Auxiliary Unit will hold their regular meeting on Jan. 12th with pot luck supper at 6:30.

## Jerry Will Fight In Estacada Bout

Jerry Rehbein, Estacada's G. G. champ, will fight the main event of a 12 bout fight card at Estacada Jan. 17 in the Grade School Gym. Rehbein will fight Portland's Wade Smith whose only losses are to Rehbein. These boys have put on a whale of a show in the past and a repeat is expected.

## MILBERGER TO FIGHT SPENCER

Ed Milberger, veteran from Portland Pal Club will tangle with Thad Spencer of Knott St. in one of the top bouts. Estacada's John Woodcock, who won the Ore. Novice Championship last month will try to continue his winning ways against Larry Young of Portland. Woodcock's stand up and slug style has made him a big favorite. Clyde William, Northwest Bantam Champ will also appear on the show.

## Liz Taylor in "Cat on Tin Roof" Plays Broadway Sunday

Now playing at the Broadway Theatre, a suspense and horror picture o a western style "THE FIEND WHO WALKED THE WEST" starring Hugh O'Brian and Robert Evans with Dolores Michaels and Linda Cristal. A picture teeming with excitement from start to finish. Second feature—"THE DECKS RAN RED" with James Mason, Dorothy Dandridge and Broderick Crawford. A modern day mutiny at sea. A film crammed with action, suspense and thrills.

Starts Sunday—one of the pictures on the "Must see" list "CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF" with lovely Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman and Burl Ives plus a host of others. The story is superb, based on the play by Tennessee Williams. There are scenes with much humor, others with high drama and characterizations that are quite important attention. Next week—"Missouri Traveler" and "Zero Hour". The free kiddie matinee on Saturday will be showing "California" in color plus several cartoons and comedies with another chapter of "Captain Video."

## SPRINGWATER HOME EX. TO HOLD MONTHLY MEET

The Springwater Home Extension will hold its monthly meeting at the Grange Hall on Tuesday, January 13 at 10 A. M.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Lucy Smith and Mrs. Clair Brown who are to serve cake and coffee and furnish a door prize.

The project for the day will be "Italian Cooking" which will be prepared and served by Mrs. Grace Henderson and Mrs. Edna Mae Palumbo. They will also tell about the many interesting dishes which can be made with Italian cheese, meats and sauces.

Any lady living in the vicinity Chairman Mrs. Bertha Genty is welcome to attend by notification.

## BOOK FORUM AT LIBRARY

A Book Forum will be held at the Estacada Library Saturday, January 10 at 3 P. M. The subject will be "Biographies." Everyone is invited.

## Phone Co. Presents Rate Hike Case

Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Estacada Telephone & Telegraph Co. had its public hearing at the Estacada Legion hall. The only people present were the Public Utility Commissioners staff and personnel from the Estacada Telephone Co.

Duane Day presented a brochure which contained a comparative balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, rate base data, gross revenue, operating expenses, computation of revenue, proposed rates and revenue and summary of revenue needed to earn 2.44 percent rate of return.

Several reasons were given for the necessity of the increase: (1) Since the last increase of 1955 the telephone company now has \$395,274.00 more money invested in the dial phone plant. (2) Increase of taxes over 1955 has been \$6,358.00. (3) The general increasing costs of doing business. They pointed out that they have spent \$10,943.00 more in the maintenance of the telephone plant than was spent in 1955. (4) They also pointed out the increasing cost in labor and fringe benefits which have been offered to employees since 1955.

The Public Utility Commissioner's staff had no comment to make. Now the final approval will be made by the Public Utility Commission.

## SMITH-BROADHURST FAMILY REUNION JAN. 1

The Smith-Broadhurst annual family reunion was celebrated on New Year's day at the American Legion hall with a big dinner and a good time visiting. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Broadhurst and family of Milwaukie, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith and family of Concord, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown and family of Faraday, Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Broadhurst and family of Springwater, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Broadhurst and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith all of Estacada.

## OREGON ALIENS MUST REGISTER THIS MONTH

All Clackamas County aliens together with the other 20,000 aliens in Oregon, must register their addresses with the federal government this month in compliance with the Federal Alien Address Program.

Postmaster Chris Myers has the required blanks at the local postoffice which he will provide aliens living in this area.

## Estacada Locals

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Westerberg and Sue drove to Seattle last Monday and spent two days visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Barrett.

## DR. ALLYN PRICE MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Dr. Allyn Price was recently elected President of the Clackamas Medical Society for a term of one year. He will assume his duties this month.

## ANN HARBERT GOES TO OSC

Ann Harbert left Sunday for Corvallis where she will attend Oregon State College. She has been transferred from U. of O. at Eugene. She is taking a course in pre-nursing.

A special meeting of the Centennial Rebecca Lodge is to be held Friday, Jan. 9 at 8 P.M. honoring the visitation of the President of the Rebeca Assembly of Oregon, Edna Oster of Molalla. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vandecoevinger and family of Cloverdale, Calif., have been visiting Mrs. Emma Gilleran, mother of Mrs. Vandecoevinger, and with other relatives in Milwaukie and Hillsboro. They left Sunday for their home in Calif.

## Texaco Service Has New Operator



J. C. (Buster) Tunnell is the new lessee of the Texaco Service Station at Wade's corner. He took over from Al Larson. We are sorry to lose Mr. Larson as an Estacada business man, but at the same time we have regained Buster who is a former Currinsville store owner.

# WANTED!

## The CLACKAMAS COUNTY NEWS

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