

Local Buttermaker Ranks Third In Statewide Contest

An industry-wide attack on the problem of increasing consumption of dairy products was agreed upon by Oregon's two leading dairy organizations in joint convention at Oregon State college. Both the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' association and the Oregon Dairymen's association agreed to back legislation for this purpose and both arranged for committees to work out details of a bill to be presented at the next legislature.

The so-called "Iowa plan" was referred to by both organizations as being the most practical for this state. It provides for the raising of promotional funds through a small uniform assessment, similar to the Washington law, but is said to be simpler in administration.

Increase in production of dairy products is certain to continue, speakers declared which, coupled with an actual decline in per capita consumption of some products makes more sales efforts essential if price collapse is to be avoided, it was said.

Both organizations also urged greater financial support of the dairy research work at Oregon State college, where, according to resolutions adopted, the physical plant of the creamery-laboratory is in a "deplorable condition." The producers urged adherence to a six-year plan of improvement for the department.

The dairymen also favored taxes on butter substitutes and elimination of butter substitute advertising in Oregon schools; opposed reciprocal trade agreements that "lower the level of income for dairy farmers;" favored efficient federal-state butter grading, and asked Governor Sprague, in making appointments to the state board of higher education, to consider the necessity of adequate research work.

As a feature at the annual banquet for members of both organizations, Joseph A. Larson, manager of the Coos Bay Mutual Creamery in Marshfield for many years, was awarded a distinguished service certificate for outstanding work in this state in the field of dairy manufacturing by the Oregon Dairy Manufacturing Association.

Ellis "Hap" Rackleff of Arago, butter maker for the Cream O' Coos Ice Cream Company, Coquille, was awarded third place on his entry of fresh butter in the contest sponsored by the Manufacturers' Association.

E. L. Peterson of North Bend presided as toastmaster for the banquet where these awards were made.

Oscar Hagg, Reedsville, was elected president of the dairymen, succeeding George Fullenwider, Carlton, president for eight years. Other officers are E. L. Peterson, North Bend first vice-president; J. F. Bonebrake, Roseburg, second vice-president and Roger W. Morse, O. S. C., secretary-treasurer.

The manufacturers elected Andrew Tachella, Portland, president; U. S. Long, Tillamook, vice-president; G. H. Wilster, O. S. C., secretary, and F. F. Moser, Corvallis, treasurer.

New Service Inaugurated

A "Doctor-Patient Finance Service" to provide money for prompt payment of doctor and dentist bills, with convenient monthly payment over a year's period, is being inaugurated this week by the Coquille branch of the First National Bank of Portland, it is announced by Harry L. Claterbos, manager.

"Physicians and dentists have to pay their bills like anyone else," Mr. Claterbos said, "but too frequently they are the first to be called and the last to be paid."

"We feel that no group of persons is more worthy of our help and cooperation than these men upon whom we depend for the health of our communities. This new plan that we are announcing offers the patient the opportunity to pay his doctor bills in convenient monthly payments over a year's time. At the same time he establishes credit with the First National Bank for such purposes as buying an automobile or financing the buying, building or modernizing of his home. It, of course, also makes it possible for the doctor to receive prompt payment for his services."

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Hale Nosler Coquille Born

The Hale Nosler, who was murdered near Tacoma last Friday night, was a cousin of S. M. and Gene Nosler, Mrs. Birdie Skeels, Mrs. Mary Gage, of Coquille, and Mrs. A. T. Morrison. He was born in Coquille but left here while a small boy. The following is the daily newspaper account of the affair in last Sunday's paper:

Undersheriff Clyde Knowles announced Saturday that John Ord, held in jail for the "human torch" slaying of Hale Nosler and the wounding of Mrs. Nosler, had signed a full confession. Nosler was burned to death after being shot by a man who invaded his home south of Tacoma.

Mrs. Myra Nosler, 39, a bride of less than a day, was given a bare chance of survival Saturday as the aftermath of a night during which the bridegroom, Hale R. Nosler, 58, was shot and his kerosene-soaked clothes set fire.

The bride married Friday, was given blood transfusions this morning and physicians said she was "holding her own."

Mrs. Nosler was shot through the abdomen and severely beaten over the head with a stick of cordwood when she tried to snuff her flaming husband with a rug.

King Pomeroy, 50, who crawled from the Nosler's blazing home after being knocked unconscious with a poker, was reported recovering at a Tacoma hospital.

Pierce county officers arrested John Ord, 42, Tacoma city fireman, and held him for investigation on the strength of dramatic accusations by Mrs. Nosler and Pomeroy that he had shot Nosler, soaked his body with kerosene and set it afire, later shooting Mrs. Nosler and beating Pomeroy.

Officers received their first word of the tragedy when Ord brought Mrs. Nosler, near death, to a hospital here. He was held. A few minutes later, Mrs. Nosler, told she was about to die, dictated a statement accusing him of the slaying.

P. U. C. Collects Million and Third

Total revenues in the year 1939 collected by the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon amounted to \$1,386,576.67. This is an increase of \$157,854.71 over 1938. This is the largest gross take in the history of the office and this increase of ten and three-tenths per cent shown in these figures is being reflected in the 1940 collections, said Commissioner Ormond R. Bean, who predicts a banner year for 1940.

Total expense of operating the department for 1939 was \$290,176.77 as against \$291,266.72 in 1938 or a decrease in overall operating cost of \$1,089.95. This showing was made, commented Commissioner Bean, despite an enlarged personnel and new activities. Among these was the issuance of an annual report which was the first printed report of the department since 1932; also, the new division relating to railroad regulation entirely headed by John H. Carkin, former state tax commissioner.

In the motor transportation department the cost of administering the act is 16.07 per cent as against 18.65 per cent for 1938 a net decrease of 2.58 per cent.

Turnover to the secretary of state from motor carrier collections for permits, etc., was \$975,116.46, an all-time high.

Personal service expenditures for 1939 in the motor transportation department was \$193,389.97, which is \$3,733.44 less than the preceding year. Personal service expenditures for the P. U. C. fund, track scales inspection fund, special appropriation and log boom appropriation was \$78,827.83 for 1939, an increase of \$5,639.43 caused by the expenditure for revaluation of utilities on an historical cost basis.

All personal services expenditures for 1939 exceed that of 1938 by \$1,089.95.

A number of economies were noted, such as a reduction of travel expense for the department; this dropped from \$19,014.69 in 1938 to \$15,121.13 in 1939, a reduction of \$3,893.56.

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Sunday, March 3, is Go-to-Church Sunday.

Riverton School

Minstrel Successful
Over 200 persons were present at "The Cotton Blossom Minstrel" show presented Friday night at Riverton by the Riverton high school students assisted by pupils from the grade school. Mrs. Marcella Rawe directed the production of the show which was appreciatively received by the audience.

James Staten, on behalf of the staff, presented Mrs. Rawe with a myrtle wood bowl and a myrtle wood fork and spoon.

About \$30 was cleared on the minstrel besides the receipts from the sale of refreshments and dance tickets. The money will be used to send the basketball team to Ashland.

Ashland Tournament
Nine boys and Mr. Beall, coach, are attending the basketball tournament at Ashland this week. The team this year won three out of eight games.

Those attending the tournament will be James Staten, Phillip Staten, Keith Young, Orville Young, Orton Standley, Warren Smith, Floyd Cooper, Bobby Giorgis, James Childers, (business manager) and Mr. Beall.

The trip is being financed by the student body and receipts from the tournament.

Cafeteria Started
A cafeteria has been started in the Riverton school serving free hot dishes at lunch time to all students enrolled. Food is being furnished by the community, with some aid from the government, on a voluntary basis. The cook is being paid by the WPA.

Each child has been asked to bring a cup and a spoon. These articles will be left at school and will be properly sterilized by the cook after each meal.

Enough food has been definitely pledged for several weeks' operation.

It is hoped that a trial of the system this spring will determine the advisability of attempting a permanent free lunch for next year on a donation basis.

Paper Published
The "Trojan," school paper, was published for the tenth time this year last Friday. Since Genevieve Fetch, editor, was busy with her leading part in the minstrel Alice Church, assistant editor, edited this issue of the paper.

School Survey
Two members of the National School Survey crew visited the Riverton school last week. Diagrams of the building and grounds were made and much of the physical equipment was listed.

Riverton-Leneve Consolidation
At special elections of the Riverton and Leneve grade school districts last Saturday, the two districts voted to consolidate. The consolidation will be effective on June 17 of this year.

New President Federal Land Bank

Official announcement of the election of R. E. Brown as president of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane to succeed E. M. Ehrhardt was received this week by E. J. Tilley, secretary-treasurer of the Roseburg Group 5-R National Farm Loan Association.

Mr. Brown was selected president of the land bank by the bank's board of directors, following Mr. Ehrhardt's resignation. He has been general agent of the Farm Credit Administration, and will combine that position with his new duties. The change becomes effective March 1.

In a letter to all persons connected with the Farm Credit Administration, Mr. Brown said this week, "I want to assure you that I have no intention of proposing any changes in policies or personnel of the land bank except as the need for them is clearly demonstrated, and then only after full consideration and discussion."

Resignation of Ward K. Newcomb, a vice-president of the land bank, also was announced last week. His position will be combined with other executive posts for the sake of economy.

Former Riverton Teacher Engaged To Portland Man

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. (Almon) Hufford of 861 M St., Springfield, Oregon, have announced the engagement of their daughter Gail to Mr. Karl F. Drlica, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Drlica, 2814 N. E. 27th Street, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hufford will be remembered as long time residents of Coos county, having operated a dairy ranch at Riverton for years prior to moving to Springfield in 1929.

Miss Hufford attended the Riverton Grade School for several years and graduated from Coquille high school, and after attending the university returned in 1936 to teach one year in the Riverton high school, having since taught at Yoncalla.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Go to Church Sunday, March 3.

News From County School Supt. Office

Riverton and Leneve Consolidate
Riverton and Leneve school districts, Saturday, voted to consolidate according to reports from the districts. The vote was unanimous.

An official count will be made by the District Boundary Board when the ballots with poll and tally sheets are received. If the vote is found to be favorable the new consolidation will be declared and will go into effect June 17th.

Riverton was already a consolidated district since several schools had many years ago gone together to form same. Leneve had for several years suspended school and transported them to Riverton.

North Bayside Schools
Four North Bayside schools will vote on the matter of consolidation on March 9, at 7:30. The people of each, Mulkey, Hauser, Haynes and Larson, will vote in their own respective districts.

Each of these are one-room schools, now hiring four teachers; by combining, it will be possible to easily handle this number of children with two teachers.

The order is so written that if the consolidation vote is favorable the new district will immediately be formed.

247 O. S. C. Students Are Married; 229 At Eugene

Married students now enrolled at Oregon State college total 247, or 4.9 per cent of the entire enrollment, according to a study being made in the school of home economics at Oregon state college. The same study shows 229 married students at the University of Oregon, which is 6.3 per cent of the enrollment.

At the college 202 men and 45 women are continuing their education after marriage. Preliminary reports show the average of the married men to be about 25, and of the women 23. Married students are enrolled fairly evenly throughout the institution, although engineering and home economics appear to have a slight edge in numbers.

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