

### Farm Loan Ass'n Met In Roseburg Last Saturday

Proposals that would assure farmers continued low interest rates on their mortgages with the Federal Land Bank, and at the same time would help the land bank system cut operating costs, were discussed in Roseburg Saturday by the directors of five National Farm Loan Associations in Coos, Curry and Douglas counties. The meeting was held in the Umpqua Hotel in Roseburg, A. W. Behrens, district manager of the Association Service Department of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, and Frank J. Reff, Assistant Secretary of the bank, both from Spokane, participating.

The associations represented are composed of approximately 600 farmers who have Federal Land Bank loans. These associations are stockholders in the Spokane bank.

Among the subjects discussed were the possibility of government guarantee of land bank bonds; a change in the structure of National Farm Loan Associations from stock cooperatives to membership cooperatives, and a safe and workable mechanism for the adjustment of excessive mortgage indebtedness in appropriate cases, it was reported by U. D. Powell, secretary-treasurer of the associations represented, which maintain offices in Roseburg, Oregon.

"In the 23 years that the land bank system has been in operation," Secretary Powell said, "many changes have taken place in the system, in farming and in the organization of cooperative associations of all kinds. In light of their experience during these 23 years, members have made many suggestions for changes in the system. This conference is one of many being held throughout the northwest by the Spokane bank to obtain the reaction of its borrowers and stockholders to some of the changes most generally recommended."

"These conferences are part of the effort of the land bank to decentralize its operations—to transfer as much responsibility as possible into the hands of the members of the system, and to consult those members when-

ever important changes are being considered."

Besides discussing the problems of the land bank system, the bank's loan servicing policy was reviewed. This policy, Powell said, is designed to continue deserving borrowers on their farms; to reduce farm tenancy, and to preserve the security—the farm with its soil and its improvements.

"Our aim," Powell explained, "is to make farm mortgage credit promote farm ownership, the well-being of the farm family, and at the same time protect the community and the nation from the loss of its human resources through tenancy, and the loss of its soil resources through erosion or other depletion."

Association directors were urged to become familiar with the work of county and community land use planning committees. These committees, it was explained, are the means by which local farm people are studying their own resources and problems, and are the channel through which voluntary adjustments may be made. Their work will have a direct effect on the lending, loan servicing and land selling program of the land bank and National Farm Loan Associations, it was pointed out, and the associations should work closely with the committee so the best interest of the community will be served.

### Annamae Holverstott On The Honor Roll at Monmouth

Annamae Holverstott of Coquille, has been named on the first honor roll at the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. Those students who carry at least 15 term hours for the quarter and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better are eligible for this honor. About 4 per cent of the total student body earned places on the first honor roll this Fall term.

Miss Holverstott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holverstott of this city, and is a senior on the OCE campus. She is vice-president of Associated Women Students and is active in other campus activities.

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That the proposed legislative redistricting of the state as outlined by Representative Neuberger of Multnomah county is not going to prove any too popular is a foregone conclusion. Already the measure is being made the target for severe criticism, not only at the hands of senators and representatives from those counties standing to lose representation in the proposed reshuffle but from other upstate lawmakers who do not like the idea of giving Multnomah county such a big bloc of votes as it would have under the proposed plan.

In the senate the Neuberger bill proposes to abolish the Lane-Linn joint district and give Lane county two full senators, leaving Linn with its one. Josephine county would be deprived of its one senator and tied into a joint district with Jackson county. The Clackamas-Columbia-Multnomah district would be abolished and Columbia tied into a joint district with Clatsop while Clackamas county would be given two senators of its own.

Over east of the mountains it is proposed to do away with the present Gilliam - Sherman - Wheeler district and the Gilliam and Sherman counties in the Hood River and Wasco counties and throw Wheeler county in with Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake. Morrow county would be tied in with Umatilla county in another joint district and Baker county which now has a senator of its own would be joined up with Union and Walla counties. The three senators squeezed out of the less populated areas by the reshuffle would be given to Multnomah county, increasing its delegation in that house to nine.

On the house side of the picture the counties of eastern and central Oregon would also stand to lose most heavily in the reshuffle. The Gilliam-Morrow-Sherman-Wheeler district which now has two representatives would be abolished and a new district created out of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties with a single representative while Wheeler county would be tacked onto the present Crook-Jefferson district. The Deschutes - Lane district would be whiped out and Lake county tied in with Grant and Harney with one representative between the three and Walla county would be deprived of its seat and joined up with Umatilla county with an allotment of two representatives. The Clackamas-Multnomah and Clatsop - Columbia joint districts would both be abolished. Multnomah county would again be the principal beneficiary of the proposed redistricting, picking up five new members to bring its house delegation up to a total of 18.

According to long prevailing custom the lawmakers knocked off work shortly after noon Thursday and most of them, together with the small army of clerks and stenographers on the legislative payroll left immediately for their homes to spend the week end resting up for the work ahead. Only a handful of senators and representatives, mostly from the wide open spaces of eastern Oregon, and members of the ways and means committee remained in the capital city after the gavels sounded the adjournment. A statistically minded member of the capitol family has figured it out that the workless weekend cost the taxpayers approximately \$2000 in clerk hire alone for doing nothing.

Labor launched its fight for liberalization of the unemployment compensation act during the first week of the session. Four bills sponsored by the American Federation of Labor were brought to Salem and deposited in the house hopper. One of these seeks to eliminate the "experience rating" provision. A second seeks to reduce the waiting period from three to one week. A third seeks to increase the maximum of weekly benefits paid to jobless workers from \$15 to \$24. The fourth is designed to eliminate the seasonality exemption for employers. At the same time it was discovered that the "experience rating" provision written into the act in 1939 contains an error which must be corrected before the Oregon program can meet the standards required by the Social Security Board.

A program designed to protect the jobs of men who are being inducted into the nation's armed forces has now been definitely worked out according to Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Cooperating in this program, in addition to the selective service organization, are the state and federal employment agencies and the state department of vocational education.

Under this program a record will be set up showing the employment of men at the time of their induction into service as well as their skills and

occupational experience. When the men are discharged from service every effort will be made to return them to their old jobs. If this is not possible efforts will be made to find some other job for which they are qualified. For men who lack training for jobs this training will be supplied through special courses to be set up by the state department for vocational education.

A total of 454,608 books were loaned by the state library during the past two years according to the biennial report of Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. These books, going out in 87,480 separate shipments were distributed through 665 Oregon postoffices to ranch homes, forest lookouts, schools, villages, public libraries, granges and other organizations.

Large American flags now flutter in the breeze from the tops of the two tall fir poles recently installed at either end of the new capitol building. The flags, presented to the state by the Salem Elks lodge were first raised in a ceremony conducted during the noon hour on the opening day of the legislative session with prominent members of the Elks, the American Legion and officials of the state participating.

Income taxpayers in Oregon contributed a total of \$6,021,326 toward the support of state government during 1940, according to a report of the state tax commission. This represents an increase of 31 percent over the 1939 collection and 10 percent over 1938. A total of 169,521 individuals filed income tax returns with 109,697 paying a tax.

Coos county's share of the \$2,410,961.31 in highway funds just allocated to the several counties by Secretary of State Snell amounted to \$68,399.11. The apportioned money represented 15.7 percent of the 1940 revenues from motor vehicle and operator's registration fees, motor vehicle fuel taxes, motor carrier fees and fines for traffic law violations. The apportionment was based upon the 1939 registration of motor vehicles in each county.

There were 45 percent more persons placed in jobs through the state employment service during 1940 than during 1939. It was shown in the annual report of L. C. Stoll, state employment director. Job placements during 1940 totalled 170,500 compared to 117,019 in 1939 and 70,102 in 1938.

### Townsend Caravan Last Sunday

The Townsend caravan of Coos county clubs held forth at Grange Hall in Myrtle Point last Sunday, 116 enjoying the potluck dinner at 12:30 o'clock. It was followed by a business meeting of the caravan, with the president, Tom Drake, in charge. Report of previous meeting was given by Secretary Glenn Wright followed by a short talk by John Prentice, of Marshfield.

Election of officers was held, the following being chosen: H. M. MacLean, president; Geo. Stout, of Marshfield, vice president; Glenn Wright, of Hauser, secretary.

The various clubs were represented by: one from North Bend, one from Hauser, 11 from Marshfield, 19 from Coquille, 42 from Myrtle Point, six from Bandon, four from Medford, a total of 84. The rest of those attending were visitors.

The program, announced by Mrs. O. H. Clarke, was as follows: piano duet by Curtis Townsend, of Powers, and Mrs. Clarke, of Myrtle Point; vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Arnot, of North Bend, with accompaniment by Mrs. O. H. Clarke; violin solo, "Hymn to the Sun," by Prof. Fred Dallas, of Myrtle Point, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. H. T. Mitchellmore; violin solo, "Old Oaken Bucket," with variations, by Prof. Fred Dallas, with Mrs. H. T. Mitchellmore at the piano; violin solo, "Two Guitars," Russian melody, by Prof. Fred Dallas, with Mrs. H. A. Mitchellmore, at the piano; saxophone solo, by Prof. Fred Dallas, with Mrs. H. T. Mitchellmore at the piano; reading by little Lucille Roff, of Coquille; trumpet solo by Curtis Townsend, with Mrs. O. H. Clarke, at the piano. H. M. MacLean, caravan president-elect, gave a fine talk.

Rudy Singler, of Medford, was present and explained fully the Triple T program, a plan that is working well in Medford. It was originated to finance national headquarters. Thirty-three business places in Medford are using these trading stamps and they bring \$100.00 worth of business when passed out. A purchaser of goods receives a stamp for every 10¢ purchased. The stamps are also good for the purchase of goods when a certain number of stamps are turned in to national headquarters.

It was moved and carried that local managers be appointed to handle the stamps in each city and that the club accept the Triple T

program in Coos county. These T. T. stamps work on a good deal the same principle as the old time green trading stamps.

In Medford, from the sales of Triple T they have sent more than \$1000.00 to Townsend national headquarters to help carry on. The city of Medford also has 1200 Townsend members.

Tom Drake, outgoing caravan president, made a good talk. Rudy Singler, of Medford, showed Townsend motion-talking pictures, "Life Begins at 65," and others.

The next caravan of county clubs is expected to be sponsored by the

Myrtle Point club. The meeting Sunday was sponsored by the Coquille club but was transferred to Myrtle Point, as the community building was not available.

### Leslie Kime Writes From Los Angeles

Writing to renew his subscription to the Sentinel, Leslie H. Kime, formerly of Coquille, says: "Los Angeles is having a nice winter, more rain than most winters. The hills are nice and green now. I am well and working every day. Mother hasn't been very well this winter but seems to be getting better now."

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