

Postwar Changes On Farms Forecast By Oregon State College Economist

Continued agricultural production at a high level but with slightly smaller marketings, and with a lesser share of consumer expenditures for food going to producers, are some of the highlights in the 1946 agricultural outlook nationally reported by L. R. Breithaupt, extension agricultural economist at O. S. C., upon his return from the annual outlook conference in Washington, D. C.

The significant facts gleaned from the national conference as applied to Oregon conditions have been published in the current agricultural situation and outlook circular for December available for free distribution through any county extension office. The circular includes an outlook summary, demand and production outlook, farm prices, costs, gross and net income statistics, family living prospects, farm land price outlook, and a page devoted to current farm prices, costs and trends.

The general trend in 1946 will be toward more unemployment, lower national income and smaller agricultural exports, the report states. Consumers are expected to spend less for food even though their combined spending from earnings and savings be greater than in 1945. An increase in marketing costs plus continued high production costs will tend to decrease the share of the consumer's food dollar reaching the farmer.

The general level of prices received by farmers may average ten per cent lower in 1946, with net income down 15 per cent, but this would still mean 80 per cent higher prices than the 1935-39 average and more than twice as much net farm income.

Beyond 1946 further declines in prices for farm products and net farm income are to be expected, the report set out. The extent and rate of the decline depends chiefly on national employment and the trend in farm production and marketing costs.

"Many decisions and commitments will be made during 1946 that will be of unusual importance in the future well-being of farmers," Breithaupt concludes. "Some will be made on the farm. Some will require community consideration and action. Some will involve counties, states or the whole nation, while some will depend on international developments."

Coaledo Myrtle Club Entertains Thursday

Last Thursday afternoon, the Myrtle club of Coaledo was entertained with a Christmas party and exchange at the home of Mrs. Alice Stanley. Each member received a gift from her secret sister. One special feature was the fact that electric lights were in evidence for the first time. Sewing and conversation filled a busy afternoon.

The club plans a watch party at the home of the Standleys Monday night. Refreshments were served by the hostesses to the following Mesdames Ina Sandline, Bob Cook and Ivan, Ains Eckholm, Blanche Neff, Nancy Duey, Elsie Beyers, Katie Anderson and Merle, Pearl Ruble, Tessie Mannellin and Bradley and Marguerite Southmayd.

Altar Society Meets

The Altar Society of the Holy Name Catholic Church met last Thursday evening in the rectory. Plans were made for church decorations and activities. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kelley.

"Flu" Tips Given By Dr. Erickson

Current reports of increase in the incidence of "flu" in Oregon and nationally should serve to emphasize the importance of precautionary measures, advises Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer.

Although of a mild type, the "influenza" being reported can be serious, especially in infants and elderly and debilitated persons. Pneumonia frequently complicates the condition. "Flu" is contagious. That is, it is usually spread directly from one person to another.

Precautionary measures advised by Dr. Erickson to prevent getting "flu" include:

1. Maintenance of general health. Eat the right foods in moderation. Drink plenty of water. Get sufficient sleep. Don't overwork.
2. Stay away from persons with bad cold (they should be confined to bed). Keep small children, including babies, away from crowds.
3. Dress warmly. Avoid sudden changes in temperature unless dressed for them.
4. Consult your own qualified physician for advice on vitamins, vaccines, and other "preventives."
5. Don't worry. Although precautions are wise, be sensible about them. A "flu phobia" or undue concern may only do harm.

If you develop symptoms of a cold, here are some suggestions Dr. Erickson says may prove helpful:

1. Go to bed—rest.
2. Cover your cough or sneeze. Advice and follow it.
4. Don't resume work until free from symptoms.

Guidance Board At Oregon State

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — A veterans guidance center has been established here by the national Veterans administration which has assigned three men to work with members of the college staff in giving advice to any veterans within this district concerning their rights under the G.I. bill of rights or rehabilitation act.

Included in this territory will be Benton, Lincoln, Linn and Polk counties and parts of Marion county, including Salem, Silverton and Mt. Angel. College personnel and facilities will be used in providing guidance and testing service. Heading the federal staff is Lt. Col. Kenneth H. Baker, a 1933 graduate here in agriculture, now out of the service.

Artificial Breeds Groups Flourish In Midwest, East

Artificial breeding associations are proving so successful in certain mid-western and eastern states that they have grown far more rapidly than expected, reports Dr. Fred F. McKenzie, professor of animal husbandry at Oregon State college, who has just returned from a 15,000-mile, two-months trip that took him across the country and to Chile in South America. The trip was on the request and expense of the Chilean government which engaged him to help start artificial breeding work there.

Enroute to and from Chile Dr. McKenzie visited some of the leading artificial breeding centers in Michigan where he conferred with leaders on their experiences and gathered data on the effectiveness of various procedures.

In Michigan where the movement was organized in 1944 with only six to eight units there are already 52 units operating which include 50,000 cows, Dr. McKenzie found. Data so far indicate an average of two inseminations for each calf born, while the overall percentage of cows settled is approximately the same as with natural breeding. This is in accordance with previous conclusions that good artificial breeding is no better nor worse than good natural breeding so far as percentage of cows that conceive.

In Chile Dr. McKenzie worked with the national ministry of agriculture in setting up a program of artificial breeding for both cattle and sheep. He trained the first group of technicians in a three week course. The students were 13 selected graduate veterinarians who will, in turn, instruct others.

Dr. McKenzie did most of his work in Santiago, the capital, but later visited what he considered an ideal unit for artificial breeding near Concepcion where 4000 cows are owned by 32 men, 29 of whom are in one cooperative.

Before leaving Chile Dr. McKenzie was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science from the University of Chile. This was only the seventh honorary degree granted in 25 years and the first to a man from an English-speaking country.

Francis T. Keltner Visiting At Parents'

Francis T. Keltner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Keltner of Arago, has been visiting his parents following his discharge from the navy with the rating chief electrician's mate. He enlisted June 2, 1942, and was assigned to Coast Patrol on the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to, and including, the West Indies, and in the South Pacific.

A year ago he was transferred to Camp Peary, Virginia, as instructor in the electrical school.

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Hosts To Friends At Christmas Party

Last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilghman were hosts to a group of friends for a Christmas party. Christmas decorations and a large tree were the highlights of the room.

The evening was spent in opening gifts, singing carols and general good time. Delicious refreshments, carrying out the holiday motif, were served by the hostess.

Friends present were Messrs. and Mesdames Wm. Ross, Archie Hatcher, M. Deyoe, W. Kistner, Harold McCue, Fred Von Pegert, J. V. Sims, Mrs. Ella Strang, Mrs. Laura Hamilton, Mrs. Jane Collier, Mrs. A. Christian, Mrs. and Ronnie, Charles Idle, Mrs. E. Westbrook, Mrs. Wm. Rhule, Mrs. Laura Krantz and Mrs. E. Wilbur.

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Unemployment Reaches New High In State

Oregon's unemployment reached a new post-war high this week as 24,057 payments were made to those without jobs. Not since April, 1938, have so many weekly checks been sent out by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, Administrator Silar Galtzer declared.

The number of payments compares with 783 for the week ending Sept. 1; 4,324 for the week ending Oct. 6; 8,658 for the week ending Nov. 3; and 18,503 for the week ending Dec. 1. More than \$400,000 was paid this week, and officials said the amount showed no signs of falling off before late spring, when construction, lumbering and other seasonal activities will be resumed in greater volume.

Nearly \$80,000 of the total was paid to 4,077 veterans under the G-I Bill of Rights, which is administered here by the state commission under

agreement with the Veterans Administration. With approximately 70,000 Oregon service men and women already discharged and new claims being filed at the rate of 2,000 a week, officials see a considerable increase in the veterans' claim load.

A recent study by the commission showed that more than half of the veterans' claims are filed within four weeks after discharge from the armed forces, and that 75 per cent have been back in civilian life less than eight weeks. Unemployed veterans may draw up to \$20 a week for 52 weeks if claims are filed within two years after discharge, while self-employed also may receive readjustment allowances while they are getting started in a business or profession.

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OLD JUDGE: "Very interesting, Steve. One of the doctors on the staff read a paper on the research work that is going on at one of the big universities where they are studying chronic alcoholism."

STEVE: "I'd like to have heard that, Judge."

OLD JUDGE: "He pointed out that approximately 95% of the people who drink do so sensibly. Only 5% abuse the privilege oc-

asionally and included in that 5% is the very small number known as alcoholics. Then he quoted a doctor from a famous university who said 'Alcoholics are sick persons and, if treated as such, may be cured.' Alcoholism, he said, is not caused by alcohol but by deep-rooted emotional derailments which can be prevented by education and often cured through modern psychology!"

STEVE: "That's the most sensible approach to the problem I've heard."