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## SURPLUS IS SHOWN IN OUTLOOK REPORT

### Agricultural Analysis Gives Forecast for Oregon Poultry and Dairymen.

Oregon State College.—Reflecting the national outlook report that production of staple farm commodities for 1930 will equal or exceed demand with no further increase, but pointing out particular conditions in this state, the annual report has just been released here by the extension service.

The report was prepared by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist, in consultation with other college specialists, immediately following Breithaupt's return from Washington where he assisted in preparing the national outlook released last Monday. Incidentally, check-up shows that past national reports have been right in nine cases out of 10 in their predictions.

"Total spendable income from Oregon farm products of 1930 is not likely to be greater and may be less than for 1929," says a general opening statement of the report. "On the other hand, farm expenses may be slightly less so that the average sum available for farm family living may not be much different."

The labor situation is likely to be easier early in 1930 for farmers, with wages likely to rise in the last half of the year, the report predicts. Farm machinery prices are expected to remain about the same and farm taxes in Oregon may show slight reductions as indirect taxes take effect.

Turning first to the dairy situation, the report points out that the total number of milk cows in the United States increased 700,000 head or three per cent in 1929, a rate at least three times too fast under normal demand conditions.

Figures on dairy heifers on hand now indicate an excess of a half million yearlings, and that the number of heifer calves under a year old is proportionately large. Selling off of old and poor producing cows to relieve this situation, is expected to be slow until milk cow prices decline more nearly in line with their value for beef. Dairymen are unlikely to have a more favorable time than now to sell cull cows, says the report.

"Although there are relatively more dairy heifers in western states than east of the Rockies, the number here is not much in excess of requirements for producing dairy sufficient for demand in these states," the outlook reads. "The important factors in dairy market outlook are domestic supply and domestic markets. . . Dairymen with good cows in areas where good feed can be produced economically and in localities specializing in high quality products, will have the advantage."

The present situation in poultry is comparable to that of four years ago at the beginning of the period of declining prices, according to the poultry section of the report. There is evidence that Oregon egg producers will have more eggs to sell during 1930-31-32 than in 1929 when carlot shipments from Oregon dropped 12 per cent.

"While Oregon poultrymen may find it relatively more profitable to continue to operate on a stabilized basis or even to expand production during periods of declining egg prices rather than turn to other commodities, it seems certain that an advantage would be gained by considering the market outlook when considering changes in production," the report concludes.

"If Oregon poultrymen should have the most eggs to sell when prices are high rather than the least quantity at that time . . . they would make more money in the long run. Large flocks of high producing hens and production of high quality eggs, are also important factors in successful poultry keeping."

Reports on farm crops, horticulture and livestock outlooks will be issued next week. The entire report and separates on the various commodities are being printed and will be available at once free of charge direct from the college or from any county agent.

**In Near Accident**  
The Walla Walla Union reports that Dr. W. G. Hughes thought for a time Wednesday he was going to have to walk into Pendleton. He took the stage over, and near Weston it slid into the ditch, the pavement being icy. After waiting an hour and a half for the stage driver to get going, he hailed a passing motorist and got a ride into Pendleton. Many cars were in the ditch, he said.

**Pendleton Takes Two**  
The Pendleton Buckaroo basketball team added two more games to their season's victories by defeating La Grande and Baker.

## Business Institutes Use Plan of Getting People On a Thinking System

There is one general principle at the basis of all good teaching and it is that a person learns more readily by assimilating the experiences which he himself encounters than in any other way, says Harold Stoner, National Educational Director of the American Institute of Banking. This institute is the educational section of the American Bankers Association through which 35,000 bank men and women are receiving scientific instruction in their chosen business.

"The most advanced people in teaching today are emphasizing the importance of activity on the part of the student," he says. "In the school-room of former days we often heard such phrases as, 'Be still, learn by heart, don't do that.' What does the book say? The newer education asks, 'What do you think?' 'What was your reaction to that experiment?' 'What did you discover?' 'What reasons have you for your answer?'"

The New School Calls for Action  
"The 'expressing' school is taking the place of the repressing and listening school. The classroom is becoming an open forum, a studio of self-expression, a place of mental growth. The modern concepts of education are personal experimentation, individual investigation, critical discussion and creative self-expression. The pupil really learns only as he is able to assimilate the new meanings of facts and principles with his previous experiences. Activities therefore constitute the pivotal force around which are grouped the new factors in education. The primary responsibility of the teacher is to furnish a constant stream of activities which will afford the stimulating urge to mental growth.

"Education is a process of experiencing, and the program of the institute is so arranged as to give the greatest opportunity to gain by such experience. Through this we develop the art of thinking. Thinking has been described as the ability to handle experience and to bring it to bear on a problem. Effective thinking arises when we are presented with the choice of conduct. Our previous experiences become helpful as we marshal them and bring them to bear upon the matter of our choice."

The students in the American Institute of Banking by reason of the fact that they continue to go on about their employment in banks while taking the banking association's study courses have an opportunity to combine learning with practical thinking and action.

## Commission May Favor Opening Season on Elk

Farmers of Washington whose lands border Umatilla county are registering complaints against the destructiveness of elk that are the property of Oregon, and, according to Harold Clifford, state game warden, unless something is done the irate land owners may take the law into their own hands.

"I am convinced that within a short time it will be necessary to make a short open season on the elk in this particular section of the state," says Mr. Clifford. "There is no question but what the complaints of the Washington farmers are entirely justified. Elk wander into their lands and, because they are quite tame, are difficult to drive away. They are almost like domestic animals and show no fear of man and once in the field of a farmer their appetites do great damage. An open season which would regulate the number of licenses issued and limit the number of elk to be slain would perhaps remedy the situation."

**Son Assaults Father**  
D. C. Baker swore out a warrant for the arrest of his son, Claude Baker, charging him with assault and battery. With his face bruised from the blows struck by his son, Baker appeared in Judge Richards' court Saturday when Claude Baker was given the alternative of going to jail or leaving Athena, never to return or further molest his father, and he chose to give Athena a wide berth hereafter.

**Improvements to Line**  
A Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company construction crew is in Athena, making improvements to telephone lines. New poles are being set, old crossarms replaced and some new cables installed. A considerable amount of material has been stored in the Worthington building and at the warehouse in the rear of the Red & White store.

**Waters Overflow Land**  
In the Three Mile district near Wallula, melting snow raised the waters of the Walla Walla river so that adjacent farm lands were overflowed. One field sown to grain was completely under water.

**McKenzie Pass Blocked**  
McKenzie pass summit is covered by four feet of snow, according to information from George Moody, McKenzie Bridge trapper and guide, at Bend.

## "SCENIC OR SIGN-IC?"



The photograph, according to the Standard Oil Bulletin, illustrates "a motorist viewing California Mountain Scenery." The Standard Oil Company of California is now conducting four prize contests with a view to finding a solution of the problem of the defacement of the scenery of the Pacific Coast by objectionable advertising signs. Cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 are being offered for the three best 1500-word or less answers as to how the evil can be corrected; of \$500, \$250 and \$125 for the best 500-word or less statements on why it should be corrected; of \$250, \$125 and \$75 for the three eight-word or less slogans which will most effectively arouse public sentiment on the question, and additional prizes of \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 for the five best amateur photographs of actual signs

which best portray defacement. The judges of the contest are: Hon. Horace M. Albright, Director, National Park Service. Kathleen Norris. Ex-Senator James D. Phelan of California.

W. L. Valentine, Former President, Automobile Club of Southern California. H. B. Van Duzer, Chairman, Oregon State Highway Commission. Mrs. H. F. Alexander, Seattle Garden Club.

David Whitcomb, Chairman, Executive Committee, Pacific Empire Association. Full text of conditions may be obtained from any Standard Oil office or by writing to the Company at 225 Bush Street, San Francisco.

## Income Tax Return Must Be Made By March 15th

Failure to receive a form does not relieve a taxpayer of his obligation to file an income tax return and pay his income tax within the period prescribed—on or before March 15, 1930, if return is filed on the calendar-year basis, as is true with most individuals. Forms may be obtained upon request, written or personal, from the offices of collectors and deputy collectors of internal revenue. The tax may be paid in full or in quarterly installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15.

The filing period ends at midnight March 15, 1930. The returns should be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives or has his principal place of business. The personal exemption under the revenue act is \$1,500 for a single person or \$3,500 for married persons living together. Also a taxpayer may claim \$400 for each person dependent upon him for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective. Such dependent need not be a relative of the taxpayer nor a member of his household. The term "mentally or physically defective" includes not only cripples and those mentally defective but persons in ill health and the aged.

**Cowboy Convention July 4**  
Dates announced for the cowboy's convention at Ukiah this year will be July 4 and 5. At a recent meeting of the committee on general arrangements, at Ukiah, Albert Peterson was re-elected president, and business managers selected are Arthur McRoberts and G. K. Caldwell. A number of Athena people attend the Ukiah show annually, and invariably bring home with them the unanimous report of a good time.

**Plane Makes Forced Landing**  
On account of the fog banks in the Grande Ronde and Columbia river valleys last Saturday, pilot Kenneth Neese was forced to land his Varney air mail plane on the emergency field at Meacham. On landing in the mud and snow, the plane turned turtle, slightly injuring Neese and damaging the ship. The mail was taken to Meacham and forwarded from there by train.

**A Reception Held**  
A reception was held at the Baptist church Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McFadden, who are leaving Athena to reside in Portland. The church was filled with friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. McFadden and the occasion was a most happy one. A program was enjoyed and later, refreshments were served in the basement dining room.

**Tom Kay Out of It**  
Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, will not be a candidate for the republican nomination of governor. This authoritative declaration is contained in a statement issued by Mr. Kay.

**Helix Lodge Entertains**  
Helix I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges will entertain the members of the Pendleton lodges tomorrow evening, when a banquet dinner will be served and a program of entertainment given.

**James King, city marshal of Weston, was an Athena visitor Tuesday.**

## Athena High School Won Double Header Basketball Games From Stanfield Hi

Athena boys and girls won their basketball games in easy fashion from Stanfield high school on the local court Friday evening, before a capacity audience.

With the one-sided score of 37 to 3, Athena girls were never extended in effort during the game. They led at the half 22 to 2. Arleen Myrick, Athena forward was highpoint winner with 27 to her credit. It is understood here that Stanfield girls' team was handicapped by illness of a couple of players. Athena lineup: Myrtle Campbell, Arleen Myrick, forwards; Goldie Miller, Marjorie Douglas, centers; Lois and Montana Montgomery, guards. Helen Barrett, Mary Tompkins, Emma Hiteman, substitutes.

After Athena got started, the boys had no trouble in hopping into the lead and keeping it against Stanfield, which presented one of the best teams seen on the home floor this season.

Athena spotted the westenders to five points right off the reel, and then made everybody sit up and take notice by dropping in five baskets and clicking off a free throw before Stanfield scored another point. The half ended with Athena 20, Stanfield 9.

Athena appeared to rest on their lead margin in the third quarter, and Stanfield, with a short passing offensive, began to crawl up, but the local lads put a crimp in their team work and kept the lead to win, 30-25. Myrick was the highest scorer on the floor, with 15. "Pike" Miller lined them up as follows:

Huffman, center; Myrick, Jenkins, forwards; Rogers, Hansell, guards. Substitutions were Crowley for Hansell and Hansell for Huffman.

Pilot Rock plays Athena here tonight, doubleheader, beginning at 7:30.

## New Owner Takes Over McFadden's Pharmacy

Mr. Leo Cox arrived in the city yesterday morning to take charge of McFadden's Pharmacy which he has purchased from C. L. McFadden, and the inventory of the stock and fixtures is now being made. Mr. McFadden and family contemplate leaving for Portland tomorrow, where Mr. McFadden will take possession of the Grant High Pharmacy at 33rd street, East.

Mr. Cox comes to Athena from Coifax. Formerly he owned a drug store at Koskia, Idaho, where he was in business for seven years. He is a graduate of W. S. C. class '17 and is registered as a pharmacist in the states of Washington and Idaho.

Mrs. Cox will join her husband in Athena the latter part of next week.

**Death of Mrs. Nelson**  
Mrs. Mary O. Nelson, widow of the late H. B. Nelson, Weston brick manufacturer, died Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Victor Chastain, in Freewater. Mrs. Nelson is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Chastain, and son Clark Nelson of Portland. Other surviving relatives include two brothers, James D. Clark of Spokane and John Clark of Los Angeles, and two sisters, Mrs. Addie Cox of Ocean Park, California and Mrs. Emma Jennings of Oakland, California. Mrs. Nelson had lived in Umatilla county for 51 years, most of the time at Weston, where burial took place Wednesday afternoon.

**Death of Wade Holdman**  
Announcement of the death of Wade Holdman, pioneer resident of Umatilla county, which occurred Sunday at Portersville, California, after a long illness, has been received. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. J. McPaul, widow of the late Dr. McPaul, at Portersville. The body was brought to Pendleton for burial. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. McPaul and Mrs. Ella Bowling, of Adams and two brothers Wm. Holdman of Adams and Frank Holdman of Pendleton. Twelve nieces and nephews also survive.

**Dogs Die From Poison**  
Three dogs have died in Athena this week as the result of being poisoned. "Rex" the fine pointer dog of Arthur Douglas was the first to die from the effects of poison. Then old "Judge," who made his home, since Bob Prouditt left town, at Arthur Taylor's was found dead in an alley. The third reported to be poisoned was a dog owned by the Wilson boys.

**Lutton-Piper**  
The marriage of Miss Anna Piper to Mr. Edward Lutton, both of Milton, took place at Walla Walla, Tuesday of last week. The bride is a daughter of J. H. Piper, president of the First National Bank of Milton. The young couple went to California on a honeymoon trip.

**Dr. Sharp In Hospital**  
Dr. Sharp, whose present illness has been very severe, has been returned to Walla Walla for treatment in a hospital there. The veterinarian was removed from home to the hospital, Sunday. He is reported to be in a critical condition as the result of a series of hemorrhages.

**Miss Edna Stone, 40, dropped dead at the wheel of her car at Walla Walla, Tuesday evening. She was taking a trained nurse to attend her mother who was ill, when death came to her, after she had stopped her car at a street crossing. Heart failure was the cause of her death.**

**Spinal Meningitis Deaths**  
Another death from spinal meningitis occurred at Yakima Tuesday after two in Sunnyside Sunday had brought the total to four for Yakima county this year.

**Wardens Save Deer**  
In a deep canyon near Grants Pass, game wardens found sixteen mother deer and their young fawns snowlocked and starving. The fawns were too weak to battle the drifts, and apparently the mothers would have starved to death rather than desert their young. Wardens provided feed for the deer.

**Torch Explodes Gasoline**  
While thawing a frozen water pipe with a blow torch at Hermiston, Earl Carson, plumber, held the blaze too close to the gasoline pipes of a filling station. There was an explosion which hurled debris 30 feet in the air, and Carson emerged from the catastrophe minus eyebrows and portion of his hair.

**Factory Resumes Operations**  
The Milton Box factory, closed down for two weeks on account of cold weather resumed operations Monday, with the full force of workmen employed.

## Joe Baddley Strikes California Oil Gusher In Signal Hill District

Dr. J. C. Baddley, who left Athena several years ago and went to Los Angeles to recuperate his health, and later successfully operated in real estate, is basking opulently beneath the warm smiles of good fortune—he is half-owner in an oil gusher that "came in" last week in the famous Signal Hill district, that has settled to a 1500 barrels per day flow. Of Dr. Baddley's good fortune and his well, the Los Angeles Examiner says:

"Black gold in a huge stream flows from the well of Dr. J. C. Baddley and Frank E. Lewis, local residents, located on Signal Hill. The well came in last week, and has now settled down to a constant flow of about 1600 barrels per day.

"Dr. Baddley and Mr. Lewis held a supreme faith in their investment venture. In fact, they held all interest in the well intact, the reward of which came when the gigantic flow of oil blew in last week.

"Dr. Baddley is president of the Los Angeles American Building and Loan Company at Avenue 51 and York boulevard. Mr. Lewis lives at 1415 Mt. Pleasant."

The Baddley family have the best of wishes from their Athena friends. Mrs. Baddley is registered at Occidental College, where she is taking a special course in speech education and play production, in addition to teaching privately a class in dramatics. Joleae, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Baddley, has just entered junior high school, at the age of 10.

## Annual Tournament At Pendleton, March 7 and 8

Arrangement have been made for holding the annual basketball tournament, which will take place at Pendleton, Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8.

A committee composed of B. W. Wheatley, Pendleton high school principal, Harold Bronson, McLoughlin and William Poulson of Heppner, met at Pendleton Saturday and revamped the district comprising Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler and Gilliam counties into four sub-districts, with Helix, McLoughlin, Pendleton and Heppner as the districts designated.

Under this new division, Athena, Weston, Umapine, Adams, Helix, Pilot Rock, Ukiah, Echo and Stanfield are grouped. The Heppner district embraces Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman, Umatilla, Hermiston, Arlington, Fossil and Condon.

Pendleton and McLoughlin are awarded separate districts and, at the tournament, the Helix and Heppner districts will enter three teams, while Pendleton and McLoughlin are allowed to enter but one team each.

## Court Holds It Crime To Make Girl Walk Home

The girl who walked home had her day in a Wisconsin court Monday—and in the state's highest court too. The supreme court, in effect, found that making a young lady escort herself home from an automobile ride is a crime.

It sustained Judge Otto Breidenbach's district court decision against a writ of habeas corpus to release James Ambrose, West Allis, from a year sentence. He was convicted on complaint of a 19 year old girl. His attorney, asking the writ, said the offense did not constitute a felony. Judge Breidenbach refused the writ and the high court sustained that ruling.

**Early Start For Vegetables**  
Spinach and green onions will begin moving two or three weeks earlier this year than they did last year if present weather conditions continue, according to Walla Walla produce dealers. Last year these vegetables did not commence to move until the first part of March but should start very soon now with the snow gone. A little spinach is reported to have come in.

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**Piano Recital**  
Miss Hanna, assisted by Miss Lois Johnson, will hold a recital of the pupils of the Mahlen Burnett School of Music (Athena branch) at high school auditorium, Wednesday evening of next week, February 12.

**Rides With Broken Leg**  
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## VARNEY EMPLOYS EIGHTEEN PILOTS

### Twelve Planes Used In Mail Service—Pasco Center of Operations.

The drone of those white Varney air mail planes is a familiar sound to the ears of Athena people, and on clear days the planes may be seen drifting speedily along on their flights to and from Pasco, the center of mail plane operations in the Northwest.

Flying day and night, Varney mail planes carrying transcontinental mail out of and into the Northwest fly a total of 3454 miles every 24 hours. Post Office schedules call for two services each way per day from Pasco to Salt Lake City. Mail is flown to Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland from Pasco and back each day.

To fly this mail the Varney company uses four small, 200 horsepower Stearman biplanes, three large Stearman Speed Mail planes with 525 horsepower motors, and five Boeing mail planes with 525 horsepower each. This is a total of 12 ships carrying air mail exclusively all in Northwest territory. The eastern terminus of the lines being Salt Lake City.

Eighteen mail pilots are employed by the Varney Air Lines to give the Northwest the start and end of its transcontinental mail service. Westbound mail is picked up at Salt Lake City and flown to the population centers of the Northwest. Eastbound mail is picked up from the same centers and flown east as far as Salt Lake. From there on it is taken by other lines.

Small groups of pilots are assigned to regular runs from 150 to 300 air miles each. One pilot flies his run and back again each day, thus enabling him to establish a permanent home at one point and become a part of his local community with home and interests. Most of the Varney pilots are married and have families. This method also allows a pilot to become so familiar with the territory he flies over that it results in a more consistent mail service.

Points of contact of the Varney mail network are Seattle, Portland, Pasco, Spokane, Boise, Salt Lake City and Tacoma.

A telegraph teletype system is the nerve center for the Northwest air mail network. At each principal field of the Varney mail system a dispatcher keeps close track of all movements of mail planes. Each time a plane takes off or lands, in fact, each time any information is received regarding the proximity of the pilots, messages are ticked off to all points in the system with as much ease as writing it on a typewriter. The keyboard is identical with a standard typewriter and the touch lighter.

Each time a plane takes off, the following information is dispatched to the next field: Name of pilot, pounds of mail cargo, time of departure, number of plane, and any other incidents concerning that particular flight.

**Athena Town Team Defeats Pendleton Again**  
The Athena town basketball team took another game from the Pendleton team at Pendleton Monday night, by a score of 39 to 19.

At the end of the first quarter the score stood 8 to 5. The Athena boys came back strong and at the end of the first half had boosted the score to 14 to 9. Pendleton started the second half by making a field goal and a free throw but the locals dropped the Pendleton lads behind to win a rough, hard fought battle.

The local team has begun to function better during the last two games, and expect to take a majority of their remaining tilts.

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