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NEED FOR FARM PLANS

Recently there has been additional criticism of the farm program especially the potato part of it. Criticism reflects on the entire program which is growing in unpopularity. Thoughtful farmers and all farm organizations have devised other plans than the present, all of which indicate that something new in the way of a farm program may well be expected.

There seems no doubt that the government will continue to aid agriculture. Economically it is desirable because the nation needs a safe supply of food and fiber and a surplus of moderate amount would not be amiss if the cold war turns warm. Politically there is no opposition to it inasmuch as both parties have a farm program, differing only in detail.

Farmers are not aided by a program that increases any one crop to too great an extent. Specifically wheat growers are not aided by a program that piles up surpluses grown on land that that should be producing grass or other crops. If the government is going to take a hand in payment for crops and in control then government should use that hand to provide crops of kind and quantity to fit the nation's needs. That is the aid of the government should be to provide a balanced production tailored to fit the demands of the people.

Surpluses are an indicator of poor planning on the part of the government. Long continued surpluses are proof of governmental mismanagement.

The theory of parity puts the farmer in a preferred class because his efficiency has increased so greatly since the 1909-14 period. The new Brannan formula for parity would include ten good years and give the farmer a fine price level, but if continued into poor years would likewise keep his prices low over a long period.

Farm prices are gradually falling, not with a bang as they did after World War I but falling nevertheless—with some exceptions. The price of nearly every thing else is going up; labor, machinery, freight, operating costs. If long continued this condition will bring on a farm problem as great as the one in 1931. Nothing has been done to cure the ills of agriculture; we have merely borrowed money and donated it to farmers.

Our agriculture is still out of balance. We grow too much of wheat and potatoes and too little wool and beef. Our subsidy program has served to emphasize this lack of balance, not cure it. We were to put our subsidy on deficiency crops instead of surplus crops we might make some reasonable strides toward recovery.

Probably the thing most wrong with farm programs is that they are made politically, for political reasons, instead of for economic reasons. As long as congress and the administration passes laws to obtain the political support of farmers the nation and the farmers will continue in distress.

It does seem possible that a group of farm leaders and some economists could get together and make a better farm program than this nation has ever had. We do not think they would have to be mentally remarkable to do that. If it saved any money it would probably be unpopular with farmers although there are many farmers who do not think a subsidy is necessary to their continued welfare.

The farmer is getting blamed for the caves full of dried eggs and the piles of dried potatoes and milk and tons and tons of other foods. But it isn't the farmer's fault except that he has been rather more than acquiescent in following the government's suggestions.

Need a new farm program? There's one on the way. And it behooves farmers to have as much to say about it as the politicians.

SIZE OF PRODUCTION

From estimates of agricultural income of most of the counties of Oregon it is possible to obtain a different idea of the size of counties as far as population is concerned.

There are many ways to judge an area or state or county. Its size, its population, its taxable valuation and its production. From an economic standpoint the latter is as important as any. It is like judging a crew of men—the producer is important regardless of size.

Marion is probably the largest county in agricultural production with some \$27 million and then comes Umatilla, Jackson and Klamath in that order, all with production in excess of \$20 million. Linn, Lane, Clackamas, Yamhill and Union all produce more than \$10 million worth of farm stuff.

In the group that produce in the bracket between \$5 and \$10 million come Multnomah, Morrow, Wasco, Douglas, Wallowa, Benton, Sherman, Coos, Tillamook, Hood River, Josephine, Deschutes, Crook and Columbia, Lake, Harney in that order.

Not all counties are included. But the point is that by actual production of saleable food stuffs the counties do not rate in the same positions as when judged by other criteria. Production is an important as size, or population or valuation.

HOW'S YOUR BLOOD

The other day we were talking to a lady, a young lady, at least, she wore a skirt and sweater, and the subject was sulphur and molasses and other such blood purifiers as were given to children in the spring by parents who thought that something should be done to drive out the morbid ills of winter.

The lady rather held to sassa-parilla while we upheld sulphur and molasses and it was never decided whether the difference was of age or of parents.

We recall that the conditioner season usually began while snow was still on the ground, rather late in the winter when the diet of dried fruits and vegetables and salt meat and potatoes had begun to pale on all the family. The defenders of health felt that something should be done and like better known advocates of the "do something" school they picked on the worst thing available.

The talking of tonics was customary in those days anyway. It was a time, says social history, when the use of alcohol as a beverage was frowned upon by the better element of the population. That made conditions just right for the tonic trade. But some moral or financial sense prevented the giving of store bought tonics to children whose little bodies were brought up to a proper spring-time glow with sulphur and molasses or sassa-parilla or other digestive stimulants.

It was often administered at night after the scratching wool underwear was piled on a chair and the wet boots set near the cooling stove. As the young spartans prepared for the cold run upstairs to the feather bed, father (it took sternness to do it) doled out the sulphur and molasses, a whole spoonful of it.

LETTING CHILDREN DRIVE MAY COST HEAVILY

Recent surveys and accident studies reveal that many Oregon parents are allowing their high school teen agers to drive the family car without an operator's permit, the state traffic safety division reported today.

While this may be due to a mistaken belief that only parental permission is needed to legalize a minor's use of the car, the division warned that parents may be overlooking other and more important considerations as well.

Officials pointed to the following facts which parents of young drivers should keep in mind:

1. Teenagers have a higher rate of severe accidents per miles driven than any other age group.
2. A greater percentage of their accidents involve negligence or law violation, which may readily form a basis for civil damage suits in which the parents may be held liable.
3. A parent's liability insurance normally does not cover a son or daughter driving a car belonging to another person or to the teen ager himself. Young drivers frequently exchange cars without thought for these troublesome considerations.

The safety division suggested parents should see that young

Food Brokers Who Housewife; Cite 50 Years' Top Ten Advances



Jewell Lain's armload represents food brokers' selection of the greatest grocery advances of the first half of the 20th century.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—May- to perfect pastries; 3. such laundry products as detergents, improved won't agree, but the mere men who set the pace in the food-brokerage business have picked the "top ten" advances in grocery products and services, over the past half-century.

However, they don't expect many women to disagree with the nominations, because at least half of the goods and services named were included because they represent savings in time and labor for the homemaker. Here's the "top ten" named at a convention here:

1. Frozen foods, sharply reducing meal-preparation time.
2. Ready-mixes, spectacular shortening.
3. Dehydrated foods, saving hours of preparation.
4. Pre-packaged foods, especially meats and poultry, reducing shopping time.
5. Freshness-control methods, especially with regard to eggs.
6. High-speed transportation, making fresh foods of all sections available in all seasons.
7. Improved more versatile shortenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, who bought the old Porter place at Twin Bridges spent the weekend in Tigard where they went to bring up a load of furniture from their home in Tigard.

Carroll S. Bennet and family were in Portland last week and learned that their son had completely recovered from his skin ailment.

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RUFUS NEWS
Mrs. George Fox

The Home Economics club of Rufus grange met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Huck Thursday with a 1:30 p. m. dessert luncheon. Mrs. Huck was assisted by Mrs. Walter Morris.

Mrs. Trace Fields opened the business meeting. Roll Call was answered by members telling of their favorite house plants. Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers, Mrs. Robert Byrd, together with Mrs. Fields are on a committee to arrange the club program to put on at grange March 16.

The ladies decided to give the linen which the club has on hand to the P.T.A. linen sale. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Morris with Mrs. Luther Stewart as helper. For roll call members are to bring hand painted china and tell about it.

The club decided to have each member bring a gift for the secret pal, who has been their pal when the club meets in April. Also April is the month when secret pals will be revealed. Mrs. Robert Byrd gave an outline on how to plant trees and shrubs.

Mrs. Harland McDonald asked for ideas of what she should purchase with the \$5.00 which Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant of Seattle donated when they were here last week to buy something for the grange hall.

The club decided to have a Mother's Day Tea at the grange hall. The date to be set later.

Mrs. Walt Morris volunteered to bring some food at the next meeting which chances would be sold for at 5 cents. The winner of the drawing to bring the article for the next time.

The amount of the silver in dish was \$1.75. Mrs. Mason of Spokane was an invited guest. The following members were present: Besides the hostess Mrs. Huck and Mrs. Morris were Mesdames E. Kuypers, Harland McDonald, Curt Tom, Atlee Wilson, Robert Byrd, Joe Morris, George Fox, Grace Medler, Luther Stewart, Sam Brock, Her-

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Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Marvin Howell, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

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bert Church, Alta Smith, Trace Fields, and George Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byrd's children were sick over the week end with a sickness hard to define. So many of the little children get sick and stay out of school, but is thought not to be the flu. However, they seem

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given Guy C. Andrews, Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. Sandviz, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, his final Account and the Court has set the 25th day of April, 1950, in the office of the County Clerk in the County Court house at Moro, Oregon at 10:00 o'clock a. m. as the time and place for the settlement of said accounting and for hearing objections to the same, if any.

GUY C. ANDREWS Administrator
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to get over it in a couple of Mrs. Bee Macnab and son, Bob and daughter Joan were overnight visitors Saturday night after they attended the Rufus carnival. They were also guests for dinner Sunday. Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and children and Mrs. Clara Mac-

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