

**Wasco News**

By Pauline Broughton

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk returned Monday from Salem where they had been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Ross. They stopped at The Dalles to get Adeline Hull, who will spend a few days visiting old friends.

Gary and Glenda Lee Van Gilder from Antelope spent the week end with their grandmother, Mrs. Leona Van Gilder, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Van Gilder, attended the rodeo at Tygh Valley. Monday the children returned to their home, accompanied by their maternal grandfather O. T. Hansen of The Dalles.

S. C. Brock and family from Great Falls, Montana, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, last week. The Brocks, who were on their way home from a California trip, stopped to visit his sister, Mrs. D. H. Banta, in North Bend before coming here. They will stop in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to visit a brother before returning to Great Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Downie of Los Angeles, who left recently after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. L. L. Funk, were involved in a slight accident at Bend on their way up from California. No serious damage was reported, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Landers and baby son of McMinnville are here to visit his mother, Mrs. Vinton Watkins, and to help with the harvest on the Watkins ranch.

Attending the funeral services for Joe Hilderbrand at Lebanon last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pshigoda, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent, Mrs. Grace Madler, Mrs. L. P. Haven, Mrs. Willis Miller and Joe Morrow. Interment was at Twin Oaks cemetery, near Lebanon.

Mrs. Idah Everett and Mrs. Harry VanGilder drove to Hood River last week to visit E. D. McKee and family.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dave Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg attended the Air Show at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Glen Wallace returned Saturday from Scott City, Kansas, where she had been called at the death of her mother, Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Esther Standley was taken to the hospital again last week. Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton were Mrs. Leona Van Gilder and grand children

Gary and Glenda Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gunnels and Donna Jean from Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Malloy took a short trip to Delake last week to visit friends. They enjoyed the cool weather there.

Stanley Swett was taken to the hospital last week suffering from virus pneumonia. He returned to his home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Malloy had as week end guests her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCormic and family from Hoytville, Ohio. The McCormics who had previously resided in Portland, will return there to make their home—(after one has experienced the joys of living in Oregon, it's hard to be content elsewhere!) The two older children will remain at the Malloy home until their parents are settled in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fulton of Los Angeles were here last week visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton, and looking over their ranch holdings.

Mrs. Shirley Woods of Portland was a guest last week in the home of her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kaseberg.

Mrs. Harold Engberg drove to Selah, Wn., Saturday to get Mrs. William Jones, Barbara, Bob, and Phil Jones and Kay Whipple, all of whom had spent the previous week attending camp at Bible Rock. Mrs. Jones attended in the capacity of girls' counselor at the camp.

Larry Eddings, pastor of the Wasco Methodist church, left Monday to attend a pastor's school at Tacoma, Wn. He will return to his duties at Wasco Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse had as guests recently her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Missman and children Bill, Mark and Marilyn from Des Moines, Iowa. Sunday the group enjoyed a picnic and family reunion at Sorosis Park in The Dalles. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse and son Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Missman and family, Mrs. Augusta Royse, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shierbon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shierbon and family, Mrs. W. H. Shierbon, Mr. and Mrs. John Sholdrake and two sons from Hood River, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodrich from Primeville.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Royse escorted their visitors on a sight seeing trip. They drove to Eugene via McKenzie Pass, and while there visited a daughter of the Royse's, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hockley. They returned to Wasco Tuesday via Portland, Mt. Hood and Timberline. The Missmans

and boys from Perryton, Texas, and her sister from Fresno, Calif., arrived last Wednesday at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pshigoda. Mrs. Martin Pshigoda said wryly that the Texans, arriving in the midst of last week's heat wave, were hard to convince that Oregon does usually have some cool summer days.

Mrs. Gene McConaughy and two children from Portland arrived last Thursday for a visit with the Clyde Fridley and Robert Nisbet families. Mr. McConaughy, who is the brother of Mrs. Fridley and Mrs. Nisbet, has been helping with the harvest at the Fridley ranch. Mrs. McConaughy and the children returned to Portland on Sunday.

**County Ramblings**

County Agricultural Agents

The U. S. department of agriculture has announced plans for the Conservation Reserve of the

Soil Bank for the 1960 crop season. This will be the fifth year of the Conservation Reserve program under which farmers contract to withdraw general cropland from production and protect it with conservation uses for a period of 3 to 10 years.

The 1960 Conservation Reserve will be similar to the 1959 program. Principal changes have been made in regulations relating to publicly owned land, tenure of ownership, the method of setting payment rates, and the determination of priorities when more applications are received than can be accepted. Detailed information as to the application of these and other changes to individual farm situations will be available in county ASC offices until mid-August, since time is required to instruct state and county office personnel in the new program.

The basic Oregon per-acre rate of payment for 1960 will be \$16, the same as for 1959. The acreage goal is approximately 5 million acres (46,000 in Oregon) for land to be put in the program under contracts beginning with 1960 crops. This is the estimated maximum additional acreage that can be accommodated under the \$375 million annual program authorized by Congress for 1960. This compares with approximately 13 million new acres placed under contract in 1959.

Approximately 10 million acres will also remain under Conservation Reserve contract in 1960 from years previous to 1959. If farmers contract for the expected 5 million new acres in 1960, the total acreage in the program next year will be approximately 28 million acres. The principal Conservation Reserve changes for next year will be as follows:

(1) Land owned by a state, county, town, or local government will be ineligible for the program—a rule which is already in effect for federal land.

(2) Land which has changed ownership (except through inheritance) since December 31, 1956, is ineligible to enter the program in 1960.

(3) If land under a 1960 Conservation Reserve contract is sold, the contract generally may be assumed by the purchaser only after it has been in effect for 3 years.

(4) The priority system of accepting applications has been modified to assure first consideration to farmers who were unable to participate in the 1959 program because of lack of funds. As in 1959, the 1960 Conserva-

tion Reserve will be conducted on an offer-and-acceptance basis. Under this plan, the farmer will request that a basic annual per-acre rate be established for his farm, indicating whether he plans to replace part or all of his eligible cropland in the program.

Forms for farmers to use in requesting rate determinations for their farms will be available from county ASC offices about the middle of August. The period for filing such requests will be August 24-September 10.

In setting the basic annual per-acre rate for land offered, the county committee will take into consideration the productivity of the land and the rate will be limited to the local fair rental value of the land based on crops harvested during the past 5 years. When all eligible cropland on the farm is to be retired, the rate will generally be set 10 percent higher than the rate for only part of eligible land.

After the basic rate has been determined, the farmer may apply for a contract at any figure below the basic rate established for the land offered in the request for rates. In cases where acceptance of all applications would exhaust available funds in a county or where more land is offered than it would be desirable to retire in one year, the priority system will be used to determine which offers are accepted.

As provided in the 1960 Agriculture Appropriation Act, first consideration will go to farmers who applied but could not be offered contracts in the 1959 program because of shortage of funds. Such a farmer will be offered a contract at the basic rate for his land reduced by the average

amount of reduction for all offers received in the county. If he is not willing to accept such terms, his application will be considered on the regular basis along with other applications received.

After this initial group, priority will be given to the farmer offering land at the lowest rate compared with the basic rate established for his land. Each offer will be computed as a percentage of the basic rate for the land offered and acceptance will begin with the lowest percentage offer.

For most farms, placing land under contract will require a corresponding acreage reduction in

Soil Bank base crops (grains, oilseeds, and row crops). In addition, acreage may be placed under contract which does not require a reduction of Soil Bank base crops. This land is called non-diversion acreage, and the rate of payment will be 50 percent of the regular payment rate approved for the contract.

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