

Study Made of Farm Income

Survey Brings to Light Many Very Interesting Facts

A survey of farm and urban incomes conducted by the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Illinois brings to light the interesting fact that the average farm income studied by this organization was greater than the average urban income.

The figures for forty-four farms investigated averaged receipts less expenses of \$3,545 a year, and after allowing for operator's and family unpaid labor, left an income of \$2,528. The same survey covered 345 native white families in cities, and included in the income per family total income for all members earning wages and not just the head of the family.

This survey also covered the equipment of farm homes of 412 farms. The following figures resulted from the tabulation of these investigations: 11% have individual lighting plants. 23% have electricity from power lines. 66% have water in the kitchen. 27% have running water at the sink. 20% have bathroom with running water. 43% have furnace heat. 77% have gasoline or kerosene cook stoves. 3% have electric cook stoves.

An Imminent Danger

While we are producing oil and its products in far greater quantity than any other nation—and have from 1857 to 1928 produced 65.4 per cent of the world's output of petroleum—this country by no means has a corresponding remaining of the world's known petroleum resources," says the Detroit, Michigan, News.

Almost every oil authority is of the opinion that if present over-production and waste continues the ultimate result must be a ruinous oil shortage. Yet our laws, outmoded and inadequate in dealing with modern conditions, literally force oil producers to waste our resources by allowing irresponsibles to produce as much oil as possible—regardless of demand.

Our "domestic self-sufficiency" in oil supplies may not be the permanent thing it seems. Oil waste is a criminal folly. Unless it is stopped, the future progress of the United States may be menaced.

Considering the great success of "Singing in the Rain," it has been wondered why no imitator writes one to the purr of the windshield wiper.

When the mayor of a town announces that he is going to stop flirting in the streets, it must be because he does not value the woman vote.

After keeping track of the parachute jumping records, we have about reached the conclusion that we prefer to risk an operation for appendicitis.

Singers on the radio have one advantage over their concert hall competitors, they are not obliged to dress for the occasion unless they want to.

Swiss railroads have become wholly electrified in the last five years, and the next thing would seem to be converting the battle fleet into oil burners.

A Brooklyn boy has become one of the leading matadors of Spain. He acquired his skill, we believe, from watching the traffic officers at home.

A California mountain has lost five feet in height in one generation. However, some notables of the past have fared as badly in a single biography.

It is against the law in Russia for an actor to retain a press agent. Thus, paradoxically, the actor saves money, although his published salary is smaller.

Baby carriages in Sweden are to be required to carry headlights at night. We understand that no exception is made in the case of an exceptionally bright child.

Tired, perhaps, of helping the young magazine agent through college, a man in Holland has invented a doorbell that doesn't ring until a penny is put in the slot.

There isn't anything much crueler, if we remember our childhood, than dragging a small boy through a grocery where the cookie tins are the height of his eyes.

An authority on legerdemain says there were magicians as far back as the days of the Ptolemys. This is odd, too, seeing that there were no pling hats in Egypt.

"Hockets to the moon" remind us of the early railroad stock promoters who called their line the Orient & Gulf, or something of the sort, and laid five miles of track in the prairie.

Business Men say: "Advertising Pays"

Motor Drivers Responsible at Railroad Crossings

Drivers of motor vehicles legally assume liability if they do not "stop, look and listen" at a railroad crossing. This was established at Fresno, Calif., recently in a decision rendered in the municipal court compelling a local transfer company to pay the Southern Pacific railroad company and George Maas, a vineyardist, the full amount of damage they sustained when a train crashed into a truck and trailer loaded with gasoline.

When a Southern Pacific train collided with the truck and trailer at a public road crossing, the gasoline was ignited and fire destroyed part of the train, track and adjoining grape vineyard. Investigation clearly established that the truck driver had driven on the railroad crossing without taking any precaution by stopping, looking or listening to ascertain if a train were approaching.

At the close of the trial the court rendered decision against the transfer company which was ordered to pay for the damage sustained by the railroad and the grape grower.

Home Pointers

Oranges and other citrus fruits are a particularly good source of vitamin C.

A little lemon or orange juice added to stewed dried fruit will often improve the flavor.

If waffles stick, don't grease the iron, but add two extra tablespoons of melted butter to the waffle batter.

White bread is not harmful, it is merely lacking in some valuable constituents which are supplied by whole wheat and graham bread.

Vitamin B, which occurs abundantly in vegetables, fruits, milk, and the whole-grained cereals, stimulates the appetite. This vitamin is lacking in sugar, fats, and highly refined cereals.

One of the most important points in cooking all products in which much egg or cheese is used is that they are best cooked at a low temperature and removed from the heat as soon as possible.

Graham baking powder biscuits are a pleasing variation at times. They are made by substituting graham flour for one-half of the white flour, and adding the milk carefully as a little more or less may be needed with the change in flour.

Homemakers can often save time by planning to have left overs to use for dessert. For instance, when cooking prunes for breakfast it is wise to cook enough to have prune whip a day or two later, or to cook extra apple sauce and use it for Brown Betty.

Members of the family who are in their teens, and often have flagging appetites need simple, well-cooked meals, attractively served. Their diet should include plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, whole wheat bread and cereals, with very little candy and pastries.

Many a husband with a little extra time in the house due to a slackening up of farm work, can make his wife very happy by sharpening the kitchen knives, tightening the springs in the roller shades, oiling the hinges in the squeaky doors, lengthening the bed slats that are always falling out, and then, if he has any time left, he might paint the lower cellar step white as a signal for his wife and children when descending the dark stairway.

A National Radio Chain

The growth of the radio as an entertainment device is inevitably marred, very often, by obtrusive advertising. As a vehicle of news the ether has not yet gone very far.

Sometime ago the suggestion was made that the United States government establish a station at Washington, with such additional stations throughout the country as may be necessary to give complete daytime coverage. Then, governmental information could be broadcast to every citizen and the session of congress when special occasions made them of unusual interest.

We fail to see any insuperable barrier in the carrying out of this idea, and hope that the congressmen from this state will bear it in mind.

Vacation for Housewives

Practically every worker receives some vacation during the year, except the housewives of the country, whose work of running the home has no let-up.

We thoroughly agree with Secretary of Labor Davis that every housewife should have a liberal vacation each year. As far as possible, some plan should be arranged in every home whereby the mother and housekeeper could be sent off and freed from her household duties for a period of recreation. As Secretary Davis said in a recent radio address:

"The wife is not looking for nor expecting rewards for her faithful labors, but if we could bring into her life some of the so-called luxuries with which the world abounds today, and which are the right of every toiler who helps to make them possible this wife, mother and business manager would be getting only her just deserts."

Power Scheme Measure Will Increase State Taxes

Amendment Provides Public Operation of Electric Plants

Following the defeat by the people of Oregon of a scheme to place the state in the light and power business, there has been initiated by the state grange a constitutional amendment that would provide for the establishment of Peoples Utility Districts. The new plan would enable promoters to form districts within one or more counties, but they would not need to be contiguous, and choice spots not physically connected could be selected for the organization of districts, which would be under the control of a board of directors of five members, who would presumably have the power to levy taxes and to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and to set up and operate plants for the manufacture and distribution of electric energy.

The people of Oregon defeated in the fall election of 1926 a proposition initiated by the Housewives Council of Portland to enable the state to plunge into the sea of public ownership and operation. The new plan is only a trifle more restricted in character, but the outline is similar to the Housewives measure repudiated by a vote of about four to one. Under the grange amendment, detailed plans for carrying its provisions into effect would be worked out by the legislature, unless a bill should be referred to the people.

The proposed amendment carries no specific restrictions as to limitation of indebtedness to be assumed by the power districts that may be formed.

Women urge a slash in the bachelors' tax. Careful ladies! Many a man marries to get the \$3,500 exemption.

While weeding out the useless matter in his library not long ago, a local litterateur found a filled-in crossword book.

Spain plans protection for her native musicians. Evidently the saxophone is not a native Spanish instrument.

Thieves in Southern California carried away a recently completed bungalow. In a moment of weakness, we assume.

Burglars occasionally manage to carry off heavy safes, but so far there is no record of their having lifted any mortgages.

Lives of dinosaurs remind us we can make our own sublime, and departing leave behind us footprints to be found—in time.

Many parents would save themselves a lot of worry merely by remembering that it is normal for youngsters to be savages.

Arrived are the days when the first thing to greet the eyes of the early bird as he leaves his doorstep, is his own frosted breath.

The woman who can look her best after riding all night in a day coach should be able to meet any conceivable situation gracefully.

Mortar and Pestle: A trade symbol, once found over apothecary doors: Now used by the proprietor to pound up tuna fish for sandwiches.

Cast your bread upon the waters and it will come back to you after many days. Or if you want faster service, you can cast manuscripts.

We imagine when you hunt with a camera you are sometimes surprised to find that the deer on the plate turns out to be a hunter in the print.

An inquirer asks the information editor what the rank of the commander of a cruiser ordinarily is. Taxi driver, we should say, at a guess.

Legend says that deer weep when wounded. We wonder whether they also are able to laugh if the hunter gets a bullet intended for them.

A noted Egyptologist traces the birth of conscience to a period about 2000 B. C.—No wonder old man conscience is so doddering and decrepit.

An indignant writer to an eastern paper asks, "What is the const guard's aim in firing on inoffensive yachtsmen?" Offhand we would say, poor.

Man is hopeful by nature, and we always look up the word "protocol" in the dictionary with the expectation that we will remember its meaning.

The sound apparatus in our neighborhood movie went wrong one night recently, giving off a crunching sound, as of a stout man settling in a wicker chair.

Explorers in the wilderness in Yucatan have found a new fruit, said to be 30 inches long and shaped like a pear. Not an old violin case, by any chance?

BILL THE BARBER SAYS MOST FELLOWS WHO ARE STUDYING FEMININITY SEEM TO BE UNABLE TO GRASP THE SUBJECT

Moro School Notes

Attendance

The 7th and 8th grades won the attendance banner the 20th school week with perfect attendance. This is the seventh time they have had the privilege of keeping the banner in their room.

Attendance certificates have been issued to the following grade school pupils: Mildred Alley, Mildred Adams Alton Axtell, Genevieve Nahouse, Richard Barnes, Dollie Belashee, Mildred Hanson, Maxine Henrichs, Flora Williams, Doris Morrison, Melba Thogerson, James Noonan, Lloyd Henrichs, Elmer Axtell, Harold Belashee, Louise Barzee, Lloyd Noonan, Frank Sayre, Donald Williams, Elmer Belashee, Gertrude Gillmor, Robert Gillmor, Elizabeth Mersinger, Lyle Nahouse, Vera Henrichs, Helen Morrison, Mary Parott, Clara Mersinger, Donald Reynolds, Lorean Ransier, Max Barzee, Eleanor Fortner, Billy Krueger, Reuthie Sayre.

Basket Ball

Those who anticipated a rough and tumble affair when the Grass Valley teams played here last Friday night were not disappointed in any respect. The Moro girls, although handicapped by the absence of Althea Powell, star player, won after a struggle ending 14-2. Lineup: Bryant and P. Powell, forwards; Nahouse and Peetz, centers; Johnson and Amidon, guards; substitute: Fortner for Bryant.

The boys game was a real fight, rough and fast. Numerous fouls were called on both teams by Wendell McLachlan, referee. Moro kept a safe lead throughout the game and won, 36-28. Lineup: Barr and Hastings, forwards; Amidon, center; Boardman and K. McDonald, guards; Pluemeke, McKinney, Adams, substitutes.

Two more victories were added to Moro's credit Monday night, when both teams beat Rufus on the opponents' floor. Boys score, 34-12; girls score, 20-10.

Saturday, the 15th, the two Condon teams will play here.

Boy Scout Activities

On Saturday, February 8th, the boy scout troop of Moro enjoyed a visit from W. W. Belcher, scout executive from The Dalles. The regular members present at this meeting were Tommy Fraser, Paul Fraser, Gordon Fraser, Harold Thogerson, Max Belashee, Arthur Belashee, Russel Belashee, Richard Barnes, Alton Axtell, Donald Davis, Melvin Hansen.

A Court of Honor is to be held at the schoolhouse March 26, at which each scout must take one degree.

Under the captainship of Tommy Fraser, the boy scouts are now organized to take care of the fire hose when the fire bell rings at unexpected moments during the day. Each scout who assists must have taken the fireman's badge. Three boys have been chosen to unroll the hose — Russel Belashee, Melvin Hansen, and Harold Thogerson.

Since this is anniversary week, all boy scouts are appearing in uniform. Their exhibit may be seen in the Ross' Confectionery store window.

Lewa Camp Fire News

The Lewa Camp Fire held its regular meeting February 6th, Mrs. Hamersley presided over the meeting. It was decided to clean up the place where we are intending to have our tea. The date for the tea was changed to February 15th. It was also decided to exchange valentines at the following meeting.

Mildred Hanson, Scribe.

Oregon State News

A total of 139 persons were killed and 4711 persons were injured in 30,131 traffic accidents in Oregon during the year 1929, according to the annual report of T. A. Raffety, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department, filed with the secretary of state recently. Approximately 13,890 of the accidents were due to reckless driving, while in 1025 cases drivers were exceeding the speed limit. Failure to give proper signals resulted in 2475 accidents. In 484 accidents the drivers were drunk. Of the total number of persons killed, 39 were pedestrians.

Salmon taken from both the Oregon and the Washington banks of the Columbia river with net gear and trolling equipment last season amounted to 26,076,391 pounds, valued at \$5,905,624, according to estimates of Master Fish Warden Hoyt.

A Umatilla county farmers exchange was formed at Milton recently, with Claude Harris, president, A. R. Shunway, vice president, and Ralph A. Tribon, secretary-treasurer. The company will handle hay, farm supplies, grain, fruit and produce.

Thousands of steelheads were able to ascend the Columbia, and Willamette-rivers during the freeze-up, and commercial fishermen were unable to catch them. This fact, according to State Game Warden Clifford, will insure a large run in four years.

A plan for the organization of the agricultural industry on a sound cooperative basis looking toward a federation of commodity agencies over the entire northwest is suggested by the agricultural committee of the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

Self-Educated Farmers Farming itself is an education—country people win through to a wider competence, a deeper wisdom, than most city folk—Farm and Fireside.

E. E. Larimore Recovers Memory in Salt Lake City

Business affairs of Moro have been upset since the unexpected leaving town of E. E. Larimore, manager of Hotel Moro for the past three years. It is known that Mr. Larimore had been sick for several weeks, this is thought to have brought on a loss of memory when in The Dalles Sunday evening, February 2, at which time he disappeared from knowledge of his friends until word came that he was in a hospital in Salt Lake City, suffering from loss of memory. The letter notifying friends here of his present address is printed herewith:

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 16, 1930 President Moro Hotel Co., Moro, Ore. Dear Sir:—E. E. Larimore, who has been manager of your hotel has been reported to me as having been found in Salt Lake City suffering from amnesia and has recovered enough to be able to give his name and ask them to write to me and telling me to notify Mrs. Larimore of that fact. He is now at the County Hospital in that city.

He has asked our organization for assistance and I would like to make inquiry as to how he came to leave Moro and the circumstances connected with the same. All information will be considered confidential. Thanking you for what information you can give me, I am, Yours very truly, Greeters of Oregon, A. E. Holcombe, Secretary.

Since the departure of Mr. Larimore became known, the affairs of the Hotel Moro have been conducted by A. B. Riddell, who made a report to the city council at its meeting last Tuesday night of the condition of affairs as shown by the books. As a result of the council meeting, W. D. Wallan was engaged to go over the books with Mr. Riddell and make report to the city council at its next meeting on Tuesday night.

Be thankful—you have reason enough whether you have sense enough, or not.

Frequently those who read of achievements like the latest one by Commander Byrd and then ask "what good is it?" are people who could not say what their own lives are good for in order to save them.

Zerxes are more troublesome to children than any other number says an arithmetic teacher. They become sore so later in life when they drop into your office on a Saturday and spend four hours chatting.

Farm waste will be the future source of motor fuel, says a research chemist. The problem, of course, is to design a carburetor which will digest spinach.

A speaker at a convention of sharks says contract bridge is sweeping the country. This is contrary to the supposition that some of the sweeping was being neglected.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—15 Choice Registered Shorthorn Bulls. Yearlings this spring. Good colors. Good breeding. Farmer's prices. Harry Ferguson, Goldendale, Wash. f14-37

WE CAN fit all kinds of people. Any size or weight. Crippled or deformed feet. Wernmark's Shoe Store, The Dalles.

FOR SALE—Two single comb Rhode Island Red roosters. Also settings of eggs from Rhode Islands. Mrs. Chas. Bullard, Moro, Ore. 21f14

WE PAY parcel post one way on all shoe repairing. Good quality work and leather. Joe Amore, The Dalles, opposite the post office.

PIANO TO BE SOLD AT MORO. Beautiful bungalow size like new. Big saving. Will accept photograph part payment, balance terms to suit. Address Factory Warehouse, 435 Washington St., Portland, Ore. 2t-114

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County. In the matter of the guardianship of the person and estate of Mary Quackenbush, an incompetent person.

It appearing to this court from the petition this day presented and filed by C. L. Pepper, the guardian of the person and estate of Mary Quackenbush, an incompetent person, praying for an order of sale of certain real estate belonging to said ward, that it would be to the benefit and interest of said ward that such real estate should be sold;

It is ordered that the next of kin of said ward, and all persons interested in said estate, appear before this court on Saturday, the 29th day of March, 1930, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the courtroom of the above entitled court, in the courthouse in the city of Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why an order should not be made and granted for the sale of the real estate belonging to said ward, which is known and described as follows:

An undivided one third interest in and to the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4), the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4), the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4), and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35) of Township Four (4) South of Range Sixteen (16) E. W. M., in Sherman County, Oregon.

And it is Further Ordered that a copy of this order be published for at least once a week for four successive weeks in the Sherman County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation, published weekly at Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon.

Dated this 13th day of February, 1930. E. D. McKEE, County Judge.

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