

School Lunches Continued; Funds Needed in Oregon

The school lunch program, with its dual objectives of better health for children and wider markets for farm products, became permanent with the enactment of the National School Lunch act this month, according to E. Harvey Miller, Oregon director of the Production and Marketing Administration, United States department of agriculture.

Operation of the program within the states is turned over to state agencies by the new legislation, which also provides federal assistance to states on a matching-of-funds basis.

"This means that the state Production and Marketing Administration office no longer will administer the school lunch program in Oregon," Miller said. "Federal assistance to local school lunch programs this coming school year is dependent upon the state department of education assuming responsibility for the program in Oregon."

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, has announced that his department is willing to take over operation of the program, but lacks the necessary administrative funds. He said that an application has been made to the state emergency board for an emergency appropriation of about \$18,000 to operate the program for the 1946-47 school year.

During the past school year, 6,347,653 hot lunches were served to 59,966 children in 392 Oregon schools, Miller reported. Schools in all but four Oregon counties participated. About two-thirds of the cost of the lunches, \$881,991, was contributed by the children and by local sponsors—Parent-Teacher associations, school districts, community clubs and other groups. Federal assistance amounted to \$459,063.35, an average of less than 8 cents a meal. More than 200 local sponsoring groups already have requested participation during the coming school year.

"The adoption of the National School Lunch act opens a new door to the improvement of our farm future," Miller said. "Adequate and nutritious lunches for our children

mean improved health and an immediate market for quantities of food that otherwise might have to be diverted to non-food uses. At the same time our children are educated to a higher standard of nutrition—which is just another way of saying a higher standard of consumption of farm products.

4-H To Resume Full-Scale Show At State Fair

Awards valued at approximately \$7000 have been arranged for the first full-scale 4-H club participation in the Oregon state fair at Salem since 1941, announces H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader at Oregon State college. The fair will be held from September 2 to 8.

Although a few exhibits and even fewer streamlined demonstrations were held for a couple of years at the fairgrounds and one year in Portland, this will be the first time in five years that the 4-H department at the fair will be back at its colorful prewar tempo. Premium lists for the 4-H contests and exhibits will be available shortly at all county extension offices.

Demonstration and judging contests have been scheduled in livestock, poultry, crops, rabbit, clothing, cooking, homemaking and canning, Seymour says. In addition, special demonstrations will include those in dairy foods sponsored by the Kraft company, baking demonstration sponsored by Sears-Roebuck, canning demonstration sponsored by the Spreckles company, dollar dinner contest sponsored by Safeway stores, and the style dress

review sponsored by the American Viscose company and the Oregon Bankers association.

About 750 boys and girls are expected to participate in the demonstration and judging contests alone. Seymour estimates. Livestock exhibits will be in the barns and the other exhibits in the new 4-H club building, which has been converted for the youngsters from the old poultry building. The new building will provide more room for demonstrations and exhibits.

Locals

The Missionary Circle of the Church of Christ will meet August 16 at the home of Mrs. Doc Houston. Etta Lacy will be co-hostess.

The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond and family of Reese Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brown of Medford were callers at the E. M. Geyer home Friday.

A party was given at the Anders home honoring Mrs. Victor Noel's birthday. About 20 guests were present. The guest of honor received a number of lovely gifts. Cake and ice cream were served.

Mrs. Strubble, Sweet Home, Oregon, visited a few days with Mrs. C. K. Buckman, who is an old friend. Mrs. Buckman underwent a minor operation at the Sacred Heart hospital Monday, and returned home Tuesday. She is getting along quite well.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimer and son, Dick, moved into the Milton house which they rented.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCue and Patty visited a few days this week in Baird, Nebraska, at the home of Mr. McCue's parents, before continuing on to Fort Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kiser have moved into the Scott apartment. Mr. Kiser is working at the Planing Mill.

Mrs. C. M. Tuttle passed away July 31 in Resida, California, after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were former residents of Central Point, having lived on the Grant Road where Mr. and Mrs. Dave Blumenstein now live.

Mrs. Lottie Gregory and daughter, Lysle, left Tuesday morning for a couple of weeks visit at Vallejo, California with Mrs. Gregory's sister, Mrs. Mary Coker.

Jimmy Anders, Bill Saxbury, and Roland Smith have enlisted in the army and left for Portland Monday evening for their physicals and Bill Langston left Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Adams are visiting in California for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert, and Delores, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Lotus, left Wednesday morning to go to Klamath Falls via of Crater Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Lotus took the train from Klamath Falls to return home, and the Bohnerts returned home Thursday, having spent the night at Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCoy and Ted, and Mr. and Mrs. John Langston, Medford, plan to leave Sunday for a week's vacation at River's End.

Mrs. O. Ward, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Mollie Neale, Butte Falls, visited a week recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox and children Delores and Jack, of Coquille, came last Friday to visit Mrs. Cox's parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Milton of Medford and friends in Central Point.

Mrs. Ethyl Geyer and children spent Sunday with friends of the Derby district.

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