

Flexible AAA Machinery Used in Drouth Crisis

The unprecedented drouth in the middle western states is greatly affecting the program of agricultural adjustment, according to word received by the extension service at Oregon State college. Not only is the far-flung organization set up by the AAA being pressed into emergency relief service, but adjustment programs and even contract requirements are being rapidly modified to meet the new conditions.

Flexibility of administration of the various AAA activities makes possible immediate adjustment where necessary, farm act leaders point out, an example being the designation of many counties in the affected area as drouth counties wherein contract signers will be released from certain restrictions on feed crop acreage or from grazing restrictions on contracted acreage under the wheat or corn contracts.

Plans for an adjustment program for beef cattle have been deferred to provide for possible coordination of that program with any necessary removal of surplus cattle as an emergency drouth relief activity.

Speed in purchasing the beef is necessary because of actual lack of feed for stock in some of the drouth areas. The beef to be bought will be canned for relief purposes.

The advisory committee of 25 on cattle adjustment plans appointed a subcommittee of five which has been working out details of a plan, which when completed, will be submitted to the industry in a series of regional meetings before being put into effect.

HARDMAN

There will be a benefit dance at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday night with supper served at midnight. Everyone is urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats and Echo of Boardman were visiting Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mary Coats, mother of Mr. Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lovgren, Miss Glays Lovgren, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harshman and small daughter and Miss Delsie Mae Harshman

were Eight Mile people calling on friends and relatives here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins were in from their mountain ranch one day last week attending to matters of business.

Mrs. Blaine Chapel and Mrs. Sam McDaniel, Jr., departed last Friday for the Monument country where they expect to spend several weeks with their husbands.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinnard McDaniel and family were Lonerock people spending Monday visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Veri Farrans and baby daughter, Mrs. Elsie Devore, Miss Ellen Peck and Frank Barlow were callers in town Monday from the Rhea creek way. Mrs. Devore was visiting old time friends while in the county from her home in Portland.

Mrs. L. J. Burnside spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Farrans, who is ill at her home here.

Strawberries in Sugar Hold Shape When Canned

In the order in which they ripen the Narcissa, Marshall and Corvallis strawberries are recommended for home canning, the latter probably being the most firm, says Lucy A. Case, extension specialist in foods at Oregon State college. In order to aid in retaining the shape of strawberries when canned and to prevent their shrinking and rising to the top of the jar, add sugar and let them stand over night.

Using one-third to one-half cup of sugar per box of berries, place the hulled washed berries in alternate layers with the sugar in preserving kettles and let them stand about twelve hours or over night. By the process of osmosis, the berries are plumped, losing part of their juice and absorbing part of the sugar. The next morning can them by the hot pack, the oven method, or the open kettle method.

By the hot pack method, the plumped berries and juice are brot to a boil, placed in hot jars, partially sealed and lowered into boiling water with rack under them, the water one inch above the tops of the jars. After boiling 20 minutes, remove with tongs and completely seal. Rolling jars on their sides helps to distribute berries evenly after cooling. It saves time and products in many cases, to test certain types of jars for leakage before packing, says Miss Case, by partially filling with hot water, inverting and watching for leakage.

Other methods of canning and preserving food are described in extension bulletin 450, "Home Food Preservation." Recipes suggesting the use of strawberries and sun-kissed jam are given in a mimeograph, HE 193, "Strawberry Recipes." These publications can be obtained free of charge from your county extension agent or by writing to the home economics division of the extension service, Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Gold fish and aquariums at Gordon's.

AAA Adds to Income; Farm Science Needed

Short bits from Agricultural Adjustment front:

Cash income of American agriculture increased more than 39 per cent during the first year of the operation of the AAA, according to figures compiled at Washington. The AAA reported that rental and benefit payments to farmers who cooperated accounted for more than 12 per cent of the 1 1/2 billion dollars of increase.

Approximately 1,200,000 of the United States, representing the bulk of the nation's commercial production of corn and hogs, have signed reduction contracts and will participate in the 1934 program. The Oregon Extension service reports that contracts in Oregon total right around 6500. The board of review is now working on the county reports.

A country grain elevator code became effective May 21 which applies to elevators in Oregon as well as all other states where grain is marketed by farmers. Chief benefits expected for the farmers from the code will be through enforcement of fair methods of competition, AAA authorities say. These prohibit intentional under-weighing or over-weighing, and provide for dockage and grades in conformity with the federal grain standards act. Protection is also given small elevators from being driven out of business by larger competitors outbidding them temporarily.

Secretary Wallace has again denounced the idea that there is a conflict between agricultural science and the effort to adjust agricultural production. His attention has been called to an article by a writer who was amazed that the technical branches of the U. S. D. A. should operate full blast to perfect crop and livestock production while the AAA labored to cut it down.

"Agriculture needs not less science in its production but more science in its economic life," declared Secretary Wallace. "Merely because it has served so well is no reason why we should charge science with responsibility to apportion production to need and to distribute the fruits of plenty equitably." "What would happen were farmers to abandon science, or even to use it with greatly decreased efficiency? They would have to continue plowing, sowing, and reaping. But they would use poor machinery, poor technique, and poor seed. They would allow pests and diseases to ravage their crops and would harvest inefficiently what remained. By so doing they would certainly reduce the output. But they would do so at a cost ruinous to themselves. They would increase their unit costs of production out of all proportion to any conceivable gain in prices."

For Rent—A five-room house, inside recently painted and kalsomined, \$10 per mo. See C. W. Barlow. 11-12.

IRRIGON

MRS. W. C. ISOM. Miss Ruth Leicht is staying at the home of Dr. Houser at Walla Walla and receiving medical treatment. Mrs. Frank Leicht, daughter Nellie and son Frankie motored to Walla Walla Saturday to spend the day with Ruth and report her getting along fine. Billy Markham and Mrs. Edith Puckett went to Patterson Friday to pick cherries. Mrs. Ollie Coryell and Mrs. Russell McCoy motored to The Dalles Tuesday for a short visit with relatives.

L. L. Cork accompanied them as far as The Dalles, being enroute to Hood River to visit his sister, Mrs. Mary Smith. Marshal Markham spent the week end with his family. James Warner left for The Dalles Thursday where he expected to meet his brother and go for a visit with other relatives in Yamhill. Rev. Walter Warner and wife of Wasco visited with Mr. Warner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Warner and other relatives several days last week. Rev. Warner finishes his pastorate at Wasco and Arlington this month and expects to leave for eastern and southern points in August. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warner will attend Yale university the coming season. Bessie Wilson and Rose McCoy left for The Dalles to pick cherries. Mrs. Tom Caldwell and daughter, Mrs. Bob Smith, and the Misses Josephine and Belle Fredrickson motored to The Dalles Friday. Ollie Coryell, Russell McCoy and Clarence Woods who are working in the CCC camp at Tollgate spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks. Ernest Bedwell had the misfortune to have his bicycle stolen from

their yard one day last week. As yet it has not been located. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kandler and little daughter, Yvonne, of Umatilla were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom Sunday. Mrs. W. C. Isom motored to Stanfield Saturday to deliver baby chicks to Mrs. Fred Thorne. For Sale—2 second-hand John Deere high lift mowers, 1 McCormick Bib 6 mower, 1 10-ft. sulky rake suitable for cutting right-of-ways on wheat allotment—at bargain prices. L. Van Marter, Heppner. 7ff.

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