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JAPAN RESIDENT RELATES VIEWS

Mrs. F. H. Springer, Once Local Teacher, Brings Nipponese Tales.

MUCH BEAUTY SEEN

Farmers Hopelessly in Debt, Tax- ation Sales Methods Out, Am- erican Unique, Lions Told.

"As an American Views Japan" was the topic of an address by Mrs. F. H. Springer of Kobe, Japan, at the Monday Lions luncheon. Mrs. Springer was formerly Miss Addie Quesinberry and taught in the Heppner schools thirteen years ago. She has spent five years in Japan with her husband, and with her son Richard has been visiting friends here for two weeks.

Mrs. Springer dealt at some length on the picturesqueness and quaintness of the country and its people. Farmers of Japan are hopelessly in debt, and the majority can never hope to be relieved of their debt burden, she said in touching on the economic life. The smallness of the country and the intensity of population makes it imperative that farms be small and that the land be tilled intensively.

No such things as yards as known in America exist in Japan. They are known as gardens. Almost every home has its lily pond with goldfish and profusion of blossoms adding color and beauty to the landscape on every hand. The houses generally are lightly built and scantily furnished, the Japanese finding it convenient to eat from the same utensils in which the food is cooked, and to sit and sleep on the floors. Kimonos are the national dress for both men and women.

The Japanese do not transact business after the manner of the Americans, making it difficult for the American high pressure sales methods, Mrs. Springer said. In dealing with a Japanese one must first pass the time of day to considerable length, sip tea until one can hold no more, then broach one's business proposition. Maybe after a month or two the deal can be closed. Mrs. Springer's husband, a lumber salesman, had the experience of closing a deal after a year's time. It was a considerable order and worth it, she said.

In the cities most every home is a factory where articles of many kinds are made to export for goods which Japan must import. Since the 1923 earthquake with its immense damage, many skyscrapers built on American lines have been erected in Kobe. Earthquakes and typhoons are a constant menace.

Americans living in Japan find heavy demands on their time in carrying on relief work, said Mrs. Springer. There is constant demand for relief among the mass of poorer people, and no end to the work which may be done.

Foreign schools, of which several are present in Kobe provide educational opportunities about equal to common schools in this country.

While winter and spring bring considerable rain, the wet season comes in the summer, when it is a constant chore to keep clothes dry. Summer homes are maintained on the coast, though surf bathing becomes unbearable in some sections at times due to large amounts of refuse coming from inland.

Asked about taxation in Japan, Mrs. Springer said the Japanese are overburdened with taxation without means of escape. The government is coming to tax foreigners heavily, too. A unique method of assessment is used. The tax collector walks into the home and takes its appearance as an indication of the income of the tenant, basing the tax on that income. The home of the manager of the Dollar Steamship line was so appraised and his tax based on an income of \$800 a month, she said.

Earl Hunt was introduced as a club guest. Installation of officers was announced for the next meeting, with Spencer Crawford as installing officer.

Charles Notsons Reach Chinese Mission Field

A letter received by Mrs. S. E. Notson from Charles Notson and his wife states that they arrived at Hoochow on May 18, their destination in China near the border of Tibet where they are entering the mission field.

They were two and a half days on the trail from Lanchow to Hoochow. They were met at Lanchow by Rev. C. F. Snyder and Mrs. Snyder and a Chinese boy, who came down to escort them to Hoochow. They put their freight on a string of eight mules. The Snyders and Charles and the boy rode horses, but as the weather was stormy going over the mountains between Lanchow and Hoochow, they deemed it best for Mrs. Notson to ride in a shanties. This is a sort of basket chair swung between two poles, the front end of the poles being held in loops of leather on a belt placed around a mule, the rear ends of the poles being held in similar loops in a belt worn by another mule. This enabled her to wrap up in blankets and to be protected by a sort of cover. Those who rode horses were well dressed and had an allied sheet wrapped around each of them. They encountered wind, sleet and snow on the mountains. It was very cold part of the time.

They slept in inns the two nights on the trip. They slept on kangas. A kang is a sort of platform across the end of the room, made of brick or stone, and under the platform is a sort of furnace, so the kang can be heated. The heat was provided by burning stable manure, and the smoke escaped in the room, which was not very pleasant. They were glad to get up at 4:30 and travel on. They used their own bedding on the kangas.

The trail was steep and narrow in many places, the snow and sleet making many places very dangerous.

A committee of the local Chinese church met them just outside of Hoochow, bringing with them tea, boiled eggs, melon seeds, and some little cakes for refreshments. After serving the refreshments and visiting about an hour, they all went into the city. There the local people served a feast.

Lanchow is the capital of Kansu province and has a population of over a half million. Hoochow is a small city on a branch of the Hwang Ho river. It is situated in a beautiful little valley surrounded by snow-capped mountains. It is near the border of Tibet. The people are largely Moslems.

GRANGE PICNIC SLATED.

Rhea Creek grange will hold its annual picnic Sunday, June 30, at the McDonald meadows, three miles west of Burton valley. All grange members and their friends invited. If you have been a granger or are thinking of becoming one, come and join us. A welcome awaits you. Bring a picnic basket. The route will be well posted from the grange hall.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gentry in this city, Sunday, a 7½ pound daughter.

JOHN PARKER, SON OF MR. AND MRS. F. S. PARKER AND STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON FOR THE PAST YEAR, IS ATTENDING R. O. T. CAMP AT VANCOUVER BARRACKS.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Robison were shopping in town Tuesday from their farm home in the Hardman section.

R. G. Sowers, who resides in California, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Anglin.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

The stockholders of the Lexington Farmers Warehouse company met Saturday afternoon and voted to sell the warehouse to the Morrow County Grain Growers corporation. Harry Dinges, the present manager, will be retained by the new owners.

Fred Nelson received a badly sprained wrist Thursday when he was thrown from a horse which he was riding.

A special meeting of Lexington grange will be held Saturday night for the purpose of initiation. All members are urged to attend.

Sunday was a gala day for Lexington grange members and their families, for they motored to the mountains for the annual grange picnic, which was a grand success with plenty of eats and everything. About 60 people attended. Everyone, old and young alike, enjoyed the baseball game in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth and family, Miss Gladys Graves and T. W. Cutsforth returned home Sunday from a week's vacation at Lehman springs. They came back through the mountains and stopped to enjoy the grange picnic.

Mrs. Harvey Bauman was a visitor in Pendleton Friday.

Fred Hankins of Ione was a business visitor in this city Monday.

George Peck accompanied Frank Parker and Harry Tamblin to Portland Thursday to see about a flood control project for Morrow county.

Ralph Jackson made a business trip to Spray Saturday.

Kenneth Jackson and Bunny Breshears were members of a large class of Catholic children who were confirmed at the Catholic church in Heppner Tuesday. The Bishop from Baker was in charge of the confirmation services.

Mrs. George Peck and Mrs. Arthur Keene attended a quilting party at the home of Mrs. W. T. Campbell in Heppner last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. G. Cowins of Heppner visited with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Allyn, one day last week.

Dwight Misner of Thornton, Wn., was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunt and son Dean spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt near Heppner.

Glenn Jones of Heppner was transacting business in Lexington Monday.

COMPANY 4255 CCC AT WORK ON CAMP

Lt. Hayes and Lt. Davis Here With 12 Boys; 16 More Arrive.

READY AUGUST FIRST

Lumber to be on Ground Within Two Weeks; Main Contingent Coming from New York.

First ground was broken Tuesday in construction of Heppner's CCC Soil Conservation camp which will house company 4255. Lt. R. M. Hayes of Portland and Lt. E. A. Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y., are in charge. They arrived at 6:30 Tuesday morning with twelve New York boys who have been in CCC work for six months, and started the work immediately.

Lumber for the buildings will be on the ground within two weeks, and orders are that the buildings must be completed by one month from the time the lumber arrives on the ground.

Sixteen local experienced men arrived yesterday. These are older men who have knowledge of the work contemplated, and who will direct crews in carrying on the soil conservation work.

The personnel of the camp will include mostly New York boys. About 200 of these boys will make their home here.

All experienced carpenters employed in constructing the camp will be hired locally. Orders are that as many carpenters be hired as may be used efficiently in pushing the work. It was expected the camp would be completed by August 1. L. D. Bailey has been retained as chief carpenter.

Construction of the camp on city ground adjacent to the Rodeo grounds will not interfere with staging the Rodeo, as forty feet clearance will be left between the camp and the arena.

The local camp is being established under the usual custom of CCC work, with the army in charge of camp construction and operation and with the soil conservation service of the department of agriculture directing the field work.

STARTS HARVEST.

Orville Cutsforth, in town the first of the week, expected to start his wheat harvest yesterday. He expects a fair yield from some of his fields, with prospects better on the higher ground near Swagart buttes. Grain generally in the Lexington section is expected to yield from nothing to as high as 12 and 14 bushels to the acre.

POISON RABBITS.

Harold Dobyns, with the U. S. Biological survey, assisted County Agent Belanger in distributing rabbit poison in the north end of the county Tuesday. Rabbits are so thick this season that they may be calculated at the rate of so many to the square foot. Mr. Belanger said. Mrs. Dobyns accompanied her husband to Heppner.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.

The marriage of Miss Nina Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cox, to Mr. Reese Burkenbine, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burkenbine, has been announced as an event of next Sunday.

ADVERTISE CELEBRATION.

A group of Umatilla men were in the city yesterday distributing advertising for the open-river Fourth of July celebration to be held there.

RELIEF BODY CALLS FOR WHEAT BIDS

618,000 Bushels to be Taken From State Surplus to Make Flour for Relief Distribution.

APPLICATION MADE FOR FLOOD CONTROL

Project Calls for Dams Where Heavy Run-offs May be Retarded.

APPLY FIRST IN LINE

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This week the State Relief committee called for bids on 618,000 bushels of surplus wheat, all of which must be grown in Oregon, and which when made into flour will be distributed in sacks to relief families of the state. This action by the State Relief administration followed immediately on advice from Governor Martin that thousands of dollars will come to the Oregon wheat producer.

Purchases will be made on warehouse or elevator tickets from producers or associations of producers, as the case may be.

It is understood that there are some 13,000,000 or 14,000,000 bushels of surplus wheat in storage in Oregon at this time, and though this call for bids on 618,000 bushels is only a drop in the bucket of the surplus article, it will go a long way toward caring for surplus now in the hands of some producers or associations.

Oregon's wheat crop is spotty, some counties reporting good, others fair and still others no crop worth selling, let alone harvesting. In the northwest generally the crop indications point to a fully normal size. Recent rains helped wheat in all districts, except where it came too late. Had the river counties and light lands had moisture several weeks earlier, there would probably have been a bumper crop in both winter and spring wheat. The Federal Relief government is asking for figures on surplus wheat only in storage at this time.

The purchasing department of the State Relief administration is located on the fifth floor of the Spalding building, Portland, where bids may be submitted for all wheat at once.

Joe Beetles Hit Hard As Heppner Wins, 23-11

"What a game!" That's the echo and re-echo from all who attended the Heppner-Rhea Creek fracas Sunday in the Morrow county league series. The game was played at Rhea Creek before a large crowd and Heppner won it, 23-11, while treating Joe Beetles, southpaw Indian chucker from Pendleton, to one of the hottest receptions he had seen in many a day.

Joe has pitched nice ball this season for the Pendleton, Umatilla league, regulars, and Rhea Creek thought they had something when they imported him. The Heppner boys didn't let it bother them much, however, as they proceeded to find Joe for five home runs, three triples and plenty more hits. Lowell Turner and Al Massey each hit two homers and Clinton Rohrer knocked out the fifth. Turner started the chucking for Heppner, being spelled by Leonard Gilman. Other local players were Jimmy Farley, Don Turner, Bill McRoberts, Merle Cummings, Raymond and Donald Drake and Dale Bleakman. Score sheet of the game was not available and the Rhea Creek line-up was not learned.

SOIL EXPERT TO SPEAK.

C. E. Hill, assistant regional director of the Soil Conservation service at Athens, will be the main speaker at the Morrow County Farmers' grange at Cecil on July 6, and will talk on the subject of soil erosion. Mr. Hill has been in charge of the erosion control district at Athens and previously has spent some twelve years at the experiment station at Waterville, Wash.

During the last few years both wind and water erosion have become increasingly prominent as agriculture problems demanding serious consideration, states Joseph Belanger, county agent, in announcing the appearance of the speaker in the county. Mr. Hill's background and present work has made him a recognized authority on erosion matters. This subject is especially timely here in Morrow county in view of the CCC camp which is being established at Heppner for the primary purpose of working on erosion control measures.

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The project calls for the building of dams at points on water-courses where heavy run-offs are known to occur, it being declared by Engineer Luper that such dams are entirely feasible as a means of preventing the recurrence of such a flood as visited Heppner on June 14, 1903, which took a toll of more than 200 lives and a half million dollars in property damage.

If the project is approved the only expense of construction to the county will be obtaining rights-of-way. The federal government will make necessary surveys, construct the dams and maintain them for two years, after which time the county, or local flood control district, must assume the maintenance.

While the dams have been applied for as a strictly flood-control measure, the water conserved by them would be available for irrigation, and such conservation is contemplated as being of much benefit to farm lands located below the dams.

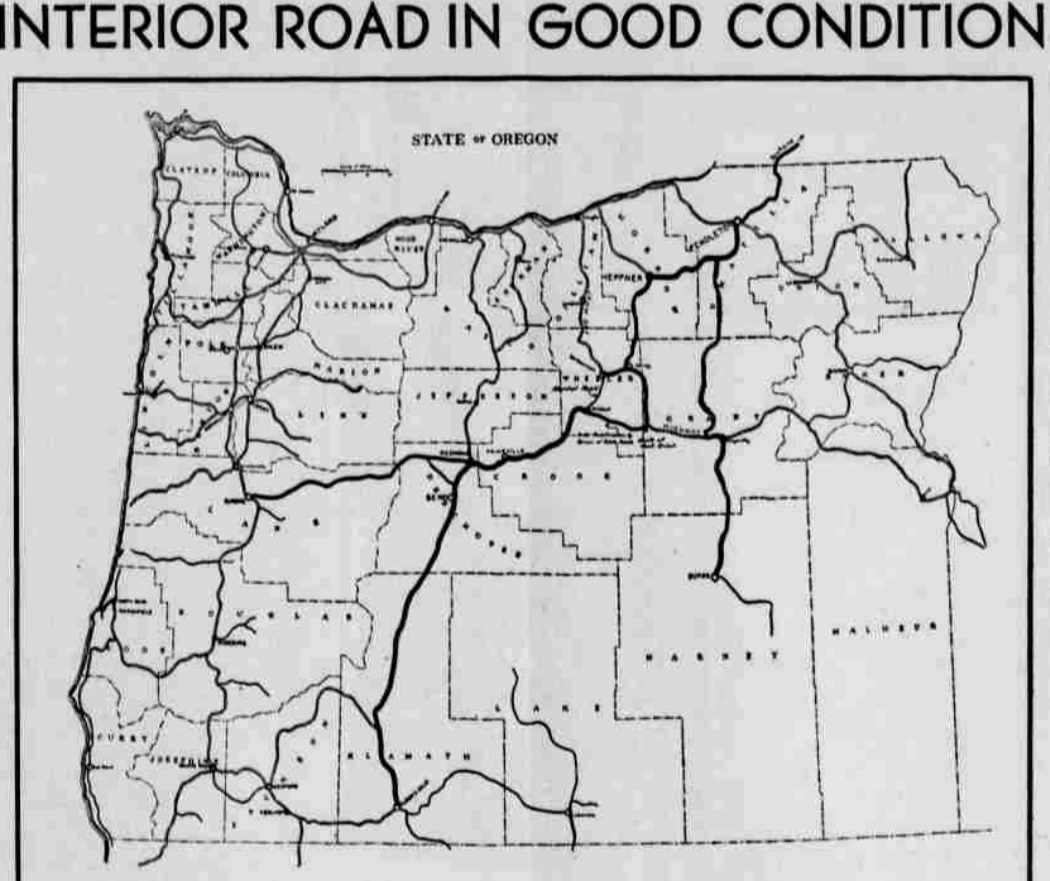
INTERIOR ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION

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By this route it is just 178 miles to Bend.



ANYONE going from here to central Oregon, to lower Willamette valley points, to southern Oregon, or to California, will save time and find an enjoyable trip over the recently completed Heppner-Spray road and connections.

The Heppner-Spray road proper is now graveled its entire length and is in good condition.

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By MRS. MARGARET BLAKE

Mrs. Millie Newton of South Bend, Wash., and Mrs. Jalmar Koski and daughter Thelma Jean of Olympia are visiting relatives here.

Norman Swanson has accepted a position with the North Pacific Grain Growers Inc., of Spokane. Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson drove him to Grangeville, Idaho, Sunday where he was to report for auditing work on Monday.

Miss Linea Troedson is home from her year's work in the Portland schools.

Dwight Misner of Thornton, Wn., was in town several days last week. He was disposing of his crop which it would not pay to cut, for sheep pasture and arranging for the removal of the balance of his farm machinery to his new location.

Vance McMurray of Palouse is spending the summer at the ranch of his uncle, Laxton McMurray.

Mrs. George Tucker, Mrs. Frank Lundell and Mrs. Carl Allyn entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allyn one night last week. A dinner at seven was followed by five tables of bridge. Prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Lundell and Harlan McCurdy. A gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Blake who are leaving soon to make their home in Heppner.

Mrs. George Tucker and daughter Maxine spent the week end at the Corley wood camp in the mountains.

Mrs. Eunice Warfield and son Buddy and George Cochran of Hermiston visited their mother, Mrs. Alice Cochran last week.

Mrs. Leora Withers of The Dalles spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay.

R. B. Rice of Lexington and A. E. Johnson spent Sunday and Monday in Portland on business for the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Junior Mason spent several days of last week in Athena.

Mrs. E. G. Sperry returned from Portland on Saturday morning. Her daughter Eileen remained for a visit with her aunt, Miss Agnes Niblen.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle B. M. Wright and sons of Baker are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Grabbil.

Mrs. Mary Nyland, Miss Marie Lacabere and Miss Nellie Carlson of King City, Cal., who have been at the Smouse ranch for the past two weeks returned to their home on Tuesday.

Miss Barbara Parker entertained ten of her small friends on her birthday Tuesday.

The members of the Masonic lodge and Eastern Star and their families enjoyed their annual strawberry feed at the Masonic hall on Tuesday evening. Fifty people attended.

Miss Olga Johnson of Portland arrived on Friday to spend her vacation at the ranch of her brother, A. E. Johnson.

S. J. Devine of Lexington was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Frank Finn who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Peter Timm, departed for La Grande on Wednesday to visit her sisters, Mrs. Helen Crete Bork and Mrs. Will Stein.

Miss Bethal Blake was given a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell on Friday night. Games were played and refreshments served. Those present were Misses Eleanor Everson, Helen Lindsay, Helen Lundell, Dorothy Brady, Mildred Lundell, Miriam Hale, Sibyl and Dorothy Howell and Bethal Blake.

Mrs. Peter Timm gave a dinner in honor of her sister, Miss Opal Finn, last Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Vernice Crawford, Misses Ruth, Helen and Margaret Crawford, Margaret Ely, Harriet Helker, Clara and Ellen Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bristow, Milton Morgan, Berl Akers, Paul Smouse, Theodore Thompson and Donald Helker. Miss Finn who has been at the home of her sister the past six months departed for her home at Long Beach, Cal., on Wednesday. She took a plane from Pendleton to Salt Lake where she will visit relatives for a few days, continuing from there to San Francisco by plane, then by boat to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith and children motored to The Dalles and Dufur on Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jones and Miss Gwendolen Jones departed for their home at Gladstone on Saturday. They were accompanied by Miss Helen Blake who will visit at their home and by Mrs. E. J. Keller who will visit sisters in Tacoma and Port Angeles, Wash.

Richard Peterson of Kimberley visited his mother, Mrs. Ida Peterson on Sunday.

The Gooseberry Lutheran church was filled to capacity on Tuesday night to enjoy the program of musical numbers and speeches presented by six young men from Bethany college of Lindborg, Kan.

Paul Dickey, a student from a theological seminary in Chicago, arrived on Saturday to fill the pulpit of the Congregation church during the summer. Mr. Dickey will preach each Sunday morning in whichever church the Union Sunday school is held and in the Congregation church on Sunday evenings. His wife and baby who are visiting in Klamath Falls, will arrive later.

Mrs. Maude Farris and daughter Earline are visiting relatives in Portland and Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall of the north-Lexington district were shopping in the city this morning.

CANDIDATES NAMED FOR RODEO QUEEN

Series of Six Dances for Voting Begins July 13, Ends August 17.

FOUR GIRLS IN RACE

Progress of Plans Reported for Rodeo, 4-H Club Fair; Clown Is Added Attraction.

The throne of 1935 Rodeodom is assured a charming occupant with announcement this week of candidates who will represent four granges of the county in a popular voting contest at a series of six dances beginning Saturday, July 13, and ending Saturday, August 17. The candidates are:

Miss Ilene Kenny, Lexington grange.
Miss Camille Stanley, Lena grange.
Miss Maxine McCurdy, Rhea Creek grange.
Miss Ilene Farley, Willows grange.

As in previous years, a vote ticket will be issued with each admission at each of the queen dances, the girl receiving the highest number of votes to be queen and the others to be her attendants during the Rodeo, August 22-23-24. The schedule of dances was drawn last evening at a meeting of representatives of the granges. The "kick-off" and "wind up" dances will be held at Heppner under Rodeo auspices, with one dance each to be sponsored by the granges. The schedule follows:

July 13, Heppner; July 20, Willows; July 27, Rhea Creek; August 3, Lena; August 10, Lexington; August 17, Heppner.

To encourage keeping the voting on a strictly popular basis, representatives of the granges last evening made a gentlemen's agreement that the granges would do no vote buying for their candidates. The admission price agreed upon was 75 cents a couple, which will hold at each of the dances. The grange dance managers who had a part in making the arrangements are Elmer Lundell, Willows; Oral Scott, Lexington; Joe Brosnan, Lena; Floyd Worden and Fred Akers, Rhea Creek.

Further details for the coming show were discussed at a general Rodeo committee meeting Friday evening, when the list of events was completed and turned over to the printer. These will be available for distribution this week end. A few minor changes only were made in the events of last year, with addition of musical rope race and clown. It is expected to have a good show on the job to help enlighten the show.

Joe Belanger, county agent, announced arrangements well in hand for staging the 4-H club fair and wool and grain show in connection with the Rodeo. Besides the model kitchen in the dance pavilion, all of the former exhibit pavilion will be used, and surrounding grounds will be cleared for livestock and commercial exhibits.

The Browning Amusement company of Salem has already been contracted to bring rides and carnival. Their mid-way will be located on city property adjacent to the Standard Oil service station.

Concessions at the fair grounds have been turned over to 4-H club members. Hot dog stands on Main street were left open to anyone on payment of \$25 each. Earl W. Gordon and E. R. Shaeffer are in charge of carnival and concessions.

New Record Low Rate Announced by Land Bank

By using the cooperative financing facilities which are available through the Federal Land bank, local farmers may now obtain first mortgage loans at the lowest rate in agricultural history—4 percent.

Passing along full benefits from the present cheaper money market, the Land bank put this record low interest rate into effect on Monday of this week (June 24), according to word received from President E. M. Ehrhardt.

This is the third successive reduction by this cooperative mortgage institution in three months. On April 1 a reduction was made from 5 percent to 4½, then to 4½ on April 10 and now to 4 percent on new loans closed through and insured by local borrower-owned associations which hold an investment in the bank's capital stock.

These reductions were automatically brought about by the marketing of new bond issues to the investing public. The rate of interest charged on new loans made through and guaranteed by local farm loan associations may not exceed by more than 1 percent the rate of interest borne by bonds last issued by the bank. The recent offering and oversubscription of 3 percent bonds thereby established the new base lending rate of 4 percent, allowing 1 percent for operating expenses. Loans made by the bank without local association endorsement bear one-half of one percent higher rate, or 4½ percent through the new reduction.