

Highways, Living Facilities Found Good in Germany

Editor's Note—This is one of several articles written for this newspaper by Eric W. Allen, dean of the University of Oregon school of journalism, who is now traveling in Europe on a fellowship granted by the Oberlander Trust of the Karl Shurz memorial foundation.

MUNICH, Germany.—If this home letter develops into a series, they will not become political until the end. After all, there is much in any country besides politics and Munich is the heart of the Hitler region where political and social questions are to be handled (if at all) with some degree of discretion for very good and sufficient reasons.

Hitler was born on the Austrian border, which we have crossed twice in the last few days. His father was one of those comfortable, easy-going Austrian frontier guards who stamp your passports, take a look at your baggage, decide not to examine it too closely, and send you comfortably on your way with a "gruss gott" salutation. Hitler himself we saw some weeks ago in Berlin. But no more of this until later.

Yesterday was our second entry into Germany. We first crossed the entire country from Belgium to Czechoslovakia by the admirably paved, somewhat narrow and crooked ancient roads, that wind their tortuous way through another village about every four miles. Pedestrians and bicyclists (and there are unnumbered thousands of bicycles), school children and geese, oxen and small carts drawn by human hands or by dogs hitched between the wheels, pay not the slightest attention to the autoist.

This time we entered by one of the first of the new Reichsautobahn to be completed. These extremely modern roads are largely the work of an organization that corresponds to our OCC. They are planned to cross Germany with a network like the wires of a flyscreen, and they are coming into use very rapidly.

The new highways are very wide—there might be called eight-lane roads, but at the high speeds used they operate more as six-lane—three lanes going and three lanes coming with ten or twelve feet of grass and landscaped shrubbery in between. There are no grade crossings from end to end, no service stations, no signs, nothing to distract and there is no speed limit. They avoid all towns and villages. Every scar made by cuts or fills has been carefully graded and well kept. We have seen hundreds of developments of both kinds. But of this, more later. It is a complicated story; one should not jump to the conclusion that the general economic condition is good; the contrary is the fact.

Practical Education Need Superintendent Points Out

By LUCY E. RODGERS, County School Superintendent.

Every child, regardless of race, belief, economic status, or physical handicap, should have an opportunity for the fullest development in mental, moral, and physical health, and in attitudes, knowledge, and skills that are essential to happiness and good citizenship. It is the purpose of our schools to provide enriched curriculums that will prepare youth for the cultural, vocational, recreational, and civic responsibilities of life. No more important problem confronts our nation today than to provide an educational program that will meet the needs of youth both in and out of school. If such a program is to move forward, it must be continuously changing and improving. If a sound national health program is ever inaugurated, it must come in education. If juvenile delinquency is to be removed, it must be done thru education. If transportation on our highways is made safe, it must be done thru education. If we are to get more out of life, if we are to have a more satisfying social insurance, if we are to have a keener appreciation for the arts and sciences, all of these must come thru speeding up educational opportunity and advancing teacher welfare.

The relationship between the school and the community needs strengthening. The values of parent and teacher organizations, of public forums, of community dramatics and concerts and of gymnasiums and playgrounds are being recognized and utilized more and more. The frontiers today are not in new and unexplored lands, but in the realms of human endeavor. We must grow up with ourselves; we must find new resources within our personalities, new materials thru the physical sciences, and new adjustments by means of our social sciences.

We must conserve the experience of the pioneers for the sake of our new experiments. Like the automobile driver, we must see what is behind us without taking our eyes from the road ahead. We need our historical background as a safeguard for our "left turns." We must maintain the virtues of our founders, but we must find new fields of application. When we teach the lessons inculcated in character education, we must make them felt not only in the home community but also in the state and nation, in business, in government, in work, and in play. Not only who we practice the Golden Rule, but we must also be sensitive in our imaginations so that when we apply it, we will have a sympathetic idea of what we would want done to us if we were in the other fellow's place. We need an education that will help our sense of sin catch up with our various and new opportunities for sin.

Modern means of communication have enlarged our horizons, and we view provincialism with sarcasm. But after all, it is the home community that makes America. As the community, so is the nation. There is no question but that better homes and better schools make better communities, and better communities

to be immediately replaced with a spalling. Travel in Europe is quite different from travel at home—at least from the viewpoint of one who has just driven from Eugene to New York and thence across Europe through France, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria and the Austrian Alps, and Germany again. Here I sit in my private sitting room, facing a row of windows from which I can see nothing except the five or six acre palace garden of the former kings of Bavaria and the spires of a cathedral rising above the elms, oaks and lilacs. It is raining cats and dogs and it is what we would call a December day in Oregon and that is why this letter is being written. Within there is comfortable steam heat in our three very large rooms, with, altogether, fourteen electric lights that can be turned on if the day becomes darker. In the sitting room are a big club-style leather couch, another couch covered with a big fur robe and an aggregation of sofa pillows, this well appointed polished desk, two large rugs on the polished oak floor, two very large and comfortable easychairs, three tables, a bookcase and set of drawers besides the drawers in the desk, flower pots with flowers in them, and, outside, a thirty-three foot balcony (exclusively ours) which cannot be seen into and from which nothing unlovely can be seen—an immense awning is ready to be lowered if the sun comes out and gets too bright—and all this, together with our nine excellent meals, costs the three of us just two dollars a day apiece—just about what the meals alone would cost in large American cities.

The European ideal of housing, both as we experience it, and as we observe the vast amount of newer rehousing and resettlement work carried out in the seventeen years since the war, largely by governmental initiative, appears to us to be high. A vast amount of rehousing both urban and rural, was carried out by the democratic and socialist governments after the war, and now under the dictatorships in the various countries the subject is still a matter of wide public interest.

The social democrats built large community dwellings; the present idea makes for the decentralization of industry—spreading factories into the country—and erecting separate cottages for workers where each can have a garden. They all seem very clean and neat and well kept. We have seen hundreds of developments of both kinds. But of this, more later. It is a complicated story; one should not jump to the conclusion that the general economic condition is good; the contrary is the fact.

make a better nation. Better communities can be achieved only thru equal educational opportunities for every boy and girl in our great commonwealth.

Oregon Crops, Prices High; U. S. Yields Down
The composite yield of 33 principal crops in the country as a whole is estimated 17 per cent under the 1921-30 average, and total production 20 to 25 per cent below what would probably have been produced with normal weather, says the September agricultural situation report of the OSC extension service. This situation, plus increased consumer purchasing power, has boosted the general farm price level in Oregon to 82 per cent of the 1926-30 average—16 points, or 24 per cent, above August, 1935. In addition, Oregon crops taken together are slightly above average.

The report contains special sections on a number of commodities of commercial importance in Oregon, particularly potatoes. Owing to the nearness of the principal marketing season for potatoes, considerable space is given to an analysis of factors which affect prices for this crop.

The principal factors which are related to the price level for potatoes in Oregon from year to year are the size of the U. S. crop, the general level of food prices, and the percentage of the total crop produced in the western states. Other factors of local and seasonal nature also affect potato price levels and trends.

Preliminary estimates indicate that the 1936 potato crop will be one of the smallest, if not the least, in relation to population, during the past 16 years. Wholesale food prices are about the same as a year ago, but the western percentage of potato production is above average. If the final potato estimate should be no greater than the September 1 government figure, total production this year would approximate 244 bushels per 100 people in the country as against 299 as the 1921-35 average. In some previous years the final estimates have been changed quite materially compared with the September 1 estimate.

The report contains data showing the total production of potatoes per 100 people in each of the past 10 years, the western percentage each year, and other data of value to those who produce market potatoes. While the difficulties to be encountered by anyone who undertakes to estimate potato prices are pointed out, nevertheless some helpful rules and data are presented to aid those who face this problem in determining their marketing program.

More Growers Brand Turkeys
Redmond—The increasing number of turkey growers in Deschutes county has made the branding of the birds even more important than formerly, because in addition to danger from theft there is also more likelihood of two flocks becoming mixed, says County Agent Gus Hagglund. Mr. Hagglund reports that 37 growers now have registered brands in Deschutes county.
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"Rock of Marne" Papers Placed in OSC Museum

The most important documents connected with the career of the late Major General U. G. MacAlexander, as well as valuable war mementos are on display in the Horner museum at Oregon State college where they have been added to the permanent collections.

One of the most interesting exhibits is a large special book filled with the commissions and citations that marked General MacAlexander's career from the time he was appointed as a cadet to the United States military academy until he was commissioned to one of the highest ranks in the army. His commissions bear the original signatures of Presidents Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, William H. Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, and Calvin Coolidge.

The citations contained in the collection include some of the highest awards from the French, Italian and American governments. One large display case contains 25 items of war mementos, including a bullet-scarred helmet worn by him in the battle from which he received his nickname of "Rock of the Marne."

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\$15,000,000 Increase in State Farm Income Looms

With the Oregon farm price index published monthly by Oregon State college, now at 83 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, compared with 69 a year ago, and better crops on the whole than last year, it is evident that farm income will be larger than last year, says a report on the agricultural situation just released by the agricultural extension service. The report says it would be difficult to estimate the increase accurately at this time but a figure of \$15,000,000, more or less, above the 1935 income from crop and livestock production is suggested.

An incomplete estimate recently released by the government placed 1935 cash farm income in Oregon at \$92,560,000, including \$3,301,000 in AAA benefit payments. A considerable number of crop and animal products were not included in the estimate, such as flax fiber and seed, vetch seed, several kinds of grass and other seeds, turkeys, fur bearing animals, honey and beeswax, peppermint oil, filberts, and several other items of more or less importance.

According to the government figures, an average of 50.7 per cent of the cash farm income in Oregon from 1926 to 1935 has been derived from animal products and 49.3 per cent from the sale of crop products.

The animal products in order of importance were milk 18.1 per cent, sheep, lambs and wool 11.0 per cent, cattle and calves 10.2 per cent, eggs and chickens 6.3, hogs 4.4, horses and mules 4, and mohair 1 per cent.

Wheat ranked first among the crop products with 15.3 per cent of the ten year average cash farm income, small fruits 3.9 per cent, hay 3.7 per cent, apples 3.7, hops 3.5, truck crops 3.2, potatoes 2.9, prunes 2.7, pears 2.0, oats 1.5, cherries 1.2, greenhouse products .9, clover seed .5, walnuts .5, nursery products .4, peaches 2 per cent. Forest farm products accounted for 2.5 per cent.

Upward trends on a relative basis were indicated in respect to milk production and sheep among the animal group, and in hops, truck crops and greenhouse products in the plant group. Total receipts are still below the level of the first part of the 10-year period, but substantially above the figures of 1934, 1933, 1932 and 1931.

German Magazine Quotes O. S. C. Professor's Work

The work of the O. S. C. engineering experiment station in the study of water troubles in steam boilers has just received unusual recognition in one of the leading magazines of Germany, Die Wärme. This magazine, considered an important technical publication among European engineers, devotes a half page to a review of the bulletin by R. E. Summers, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at O. S. C., entitled, "Boiler Water Troubles and Treatments, with Special Reference to Problems in Western Oregon."

A new approach to scale formation problems was reported on in the bulletin, which has since influ-

enced practically all research in this field. It had long been considered that scale deposits were the result of using hard water, while Dr. Summers' study shows that some of the worst scale deposits to deal with occur with western Oregon soft water and consist of deposits of dissolved silicon. His findings proved so important that many industrial firms, including leading railways, have sent specialists to the college to study his findings.

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