

Two AAA Closing Dates Announced By State Office

The closing date for receiving new 1939 work sheets and the final date for taking applications for wheat loans on the 1938 crop have been announced by the state AAA office at Oregon State college. In line with the date set in other parts of the western area, January 15 will be the closing date for receiving work sheets for those who have not heretofore participated in any AAA program.

As in previous years, the filling out of a work sheet merely qualifies the farmer to participate in the program if he so desires, and does not obligate him in any way.

December 31 is the final date for making applications for wheat loans on the 1938 crop. Oregon is now one of the leading states in the country in total volume of wheat loans, the total granted on December 10 being 2016, representing 6,833,973 bushels. The average loan rate was slightly below 52 cents per bushel. Of the total loans certified by the county conservation committees, 1942 were on warehouse loans and 74 on farm storage.

Umatilla county with 561 loans on 2,574,422 bushels, heads the nine Oregon counties reporting. Sherman county with 605 loans has a smaller bushelage with 1,645,337. Other counties in the order of total wheat

on which loans have been taken are Morrow, Wasco, Gilliam, Union, Jefferson, Wallowa, and Baker.

All county acreage allotments for Oregon as recommended by the state committee at its recent meeting at The Dalles, have been approved in Washington and have been distributed to the various counties in Oregon. This is the earliest that these allotments have ever been announced, making it possible for every farmer to know in advance of planting time exactly what the possibilities will be in cooperating with the AAA program.

The approval recently given affected total soil depleting allotments, potato allotments, and certain minor phases of the program. Wheat allotments had been distributed previously.

La Grande—Recent expansion of the Blue Mt. Seed Growers' association has resulted in assembling of the largest pool of crested wheat grass seed ever handled by any sales organization, reports H. G. Avery, county agent. A total of more than 320,000 pounds of this seed was under contract to the association this year, which is more than the total available in the entire country four years ago, Avery says. More than 300,000 pounds of this seed had been marketed by the first of December, at a price expected to be higher than in any state where a surplus of seed is produced.

OSC Conference Directs Thought On Future Needs

A thorough consideration of Oregon's rural life needs, in which experiment station, extension service and resident instruction staff members all joined, featured the annual conference of agricultural and home economics workers of Oregon at Oregon State college late in December. The occasion was also one for hearing from leaders from other states in this field and for recognizing outstanding achievements among Oregon workers. Wm. A. Schoenfeld is dean of the combined service.

Miss Lois Lutz, home demonstration agent of Lane county, was elected head of the Home Economics Extension Workers organization for the coming year, while George Jenkins, county agent in Coos county, was named president of the County Agents association.

Frank L. Ballard, vice-director in charge of the extension service, was the recipient of a certificate of recognition from Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national honor society for extension workers. He received one of only 4 such certificates awarded in the western states this year. He was praised by his fellow workers for his outstanding success in administering extension work in Oregon and for having unified all branches of extension work in pursuit of a coordinated program to improve rural

homes and rural living standards.

Members of the extension staff elected to Epsilon Sigma Phi, all of whom have had 10 years or more connection with the extension service, are Mabel Mack, home demonstration agent of Jackson county, and five county agents—LeRoy Wright, Sherman; Robert Knox, Curry; A. L. Marble, Hood River; W. A. Holt, Umatilla, and Vic Johnson, Lake.

The principal outside speaker at the conference was Dr. E. F. Dummer, professor of economics at Washington State college. Dummer discussed the principle of international trade and pointed out that the Pacific northwest has a greater stake in the continuance of foreign trade than any other agricultural section with the possible exception of the southern cotton growing regions. He endorsed the principle of the reciprocal trade agreements.

OSC Promises Students New Chem Quarters

Oregon State College—"Resolved: That the 1000 students at OSC taking chemistry will never have to start another year without adequate and safe building facilities."

This is one New Year's resolution that is assured of fulfillment as workmen move ahead with the big \$400,000 PWA chemistry and chemical engineering building here. For the term which opens Tuesday, January 3, and the spring quarter starting March 20, the old "Chem shack" must still be used, but starting next fall the new building will be ready for use by this largest department of the school of science.

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