

**First Insurance
On Wheat Loans
Paid in Oregon**

Ernest Christopherson of Ione and George L. Barnett of Kent in Sherman county are the two first Oregon wheat growers to have their applications for crop insurance payments approved by the state office, announces Clyde Kiddle, supervisor of the federal crop insurance program under the AAA.

Christopherson had 953 acres insured under four policies. He is asking indemnities on two of them involving 512 acres which will yield below normal.

"This is the first crop failure in my history of farming," said Christopherson in regard to his application. "I have farmed the present land since 1916. It surely is lucky for me that I took out insurance this year." The crop insurance corporation will doubtless pay Christopherson in cash rather than in wheat, according to Kiddle.

George Barnett had a policy covering 171 acres of winter wheat with a guaranteed production of 1552 bushels. Drouth and frosts, however, reduced his yield to only about 427 bushels. As a result, he will receive 1125 bushels from stored wheat held by the insurance corporation. His premium amounted to 248 bushels.

Oregon wheat growers have 708 policies in effect this year out of a total of 834 insurance applications filed. It is too early to predict the extent of losses to be paid, says Kiddle, but preliminary reports coming in from Gilliam, Jefferson, Morrow and Sherman counties, particularly, indicate that growers will collect indemnity payments amounting to somewhere under 100,000 bushels, perhaps no more than 70,000.

The Corvallis AAA office has just been notified that details of the 1940 crop insurance program have been approved and that these provide for a somewhat simplified and improved plan for the coming year. More of the work of issuing policies will be done in the counties and hereafter the insurance will be written at the same time the application is filed.

**Latest Facts Feeding
Laying Hens Issued**

Feed represents the largest item of cost in the business of producing eggs and, as a relatively small profit per dozen is made even by efficient operators, the proper selection of feed for laying hens is of utmost importance if egg production is to be kept a paying business.

These facts are pointed out by H. E. Cosby, head of the poultry husbandry department at Oregon State college in the introduction to a new extension bulletin just issued, entitled "Feeding Laying Hens."

The importance of feed in relation to egg quality is also pointed out in the bulletin, which shows that careless uses of certain feeds and other faulty management practices have objectionable effects on interior egg quality.

"Oregon for more than two decades has been producing a surplus

of eggs that must compete on a specified quality basis at distant terminal markets with eggs from all sections of the country," Cosby pointed out. "The price per dozen is determined by the quality of eggs at the eastern markets to which Oregon eggs are shipped."

This bulletin, No. 526, discusses feed nutrients, feed formulas for different purposes, analysis and vitamin content of various feeds, and different feeding methods for differing circumstances. There are also sections on housing range pullets, feeding breeding hens for reproduction, and handling hens in individual cages.

**Dr. Condon's Log
Given to U. of O.**

University of Oregon, Eugene, July 12—The log of Dr. Thomas Condon, noted early day University of Oregon geologist, made during his thrilling voyage around Cape Horn in 1852, has been presented to the University of Oregon museum of natural history, it was announced here today by Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the department of geology and geography.

The account, in Dr. Condon's own handwriting, is the gift of Herbert Condon, son of the noted geologist, who is retiring this year as controller of the University of Washington.

The log is a day-to-day account of the voyage made on the ship Trade Wind, which left New York with Dr. and Mrs. Condon and a number of other passengers November 13, 1852. The trip became a real adventure when on December 4, a fire was discovered in the hold of the ship.

For a time the fire apparently was out of control, since the account states that passengers and crew made ready to take to lifeboats, and several sailors were overcome by smoke and fumes. Dr. Condon, after first making sure his wife was prepared to leave ship, assisted in fighting the flames. While aiding in the "bucket line" his log book fell into the hold, and the cover badly scorched, bears testimony to his part in the episode.

Dr. Condon became one of the first faculty members of the university and for years not only was an inspirational teacher, but did considerable research and made important geological discoveries in the John Day and other regions of the state. Condon Hall, one of the important university buildings, was named in his honor.

Chicago has reduced night accidents at three of its most hazardous street intersections by 56 per cent since the installation of modern lighting units. A marked reduction in fatalities has also been noted in 16 New Jersey counties where up-to-date lighting has been installed.

Traffic accidents have claimed the lives of five Oregon bicyclists already this year, in contrast to a clean sheet for this type of fatality during the first three months last year, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

**Coaches Advocate
Vacant-Lot Playfields**

Oregon State College—Vacant lots or farm yards could profitably be turned into community play areas for children and equipped at slight cost, believe staff men of the physical education department here who discussed this subject on one of the regular 9 o'clock evening state college "round tables" over radio station KOAC.

Many persons neglect such opportunities because they fear too much labor or expense would be involved, said Grant Swan, OSC track coach, in the discussion with Bill McKalip, freshman coach, and Howard Smith, head of physical education in the Corvallis junior high school.

"Establishing tennis courts is expensive and difficult," said McKalip, "but children or grownups can have just as much fun with badminton, a somewhat similar game but which requires no fences nor carefully prepared ground. Playing equipment is also reasonably priced." Other homemade or low priced equipment suggested were boxer for box hockey and lumber scaffolding for swings, teeter-totters and horizontal bars. It was suggested that the last named be kept fairly low and over soft ground as high bars are dangerous for inexperienced children.

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A Pedestrian Safety Service auxiliary was recently organized in Portland for the purpose of promoting safe walking habits among those who seldom drive cars. Pedestrian societies have been active in England, where the pedestrian problem is even more acute than here, for a number of years.

FRENCH CAR ATTRACTS

A small automobile of French make, with front wheel drive, attracted considerable attention when it was parked on Main street Monday. It was driven into town by Mrs. C. C. Tucker and mother of Portland who visited a son of Mrs. Tucker's at the local CCC camp.

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