

Steen Says AAA Keeps Wheat Men Solvent

Pacific northwest wheat growers could not stay in business and sell wheat on the basis of present world prices, Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the Oregon AAA committee, told a national radio audience recently. Farm prices last year for wheat would have averaged around 30c a bushel on the basis of the export market, Steen pointed out.

Wheat growers taking part in the farm program in 1940 are going to be sure of about 86c a bushel, said the Oregon chairman. The wheat loans will average around 58c on the farm. Parity payments are 11c and conservation payments 17c.

"This still isn't parity income for wheat but it is better than we had last year," Steen stated. "Those outside the program won't have as good an income from wheat as those in the program, although they will benefit from the efforts of others."

He added that Oregon farmers to date have seeded more than 100,000 acres of wheat land to crested wheat grass in doing their part toward reducing the large surplus wheat acreage.

Use Hard, Soft Wheat For Chickens, Advised

Whether hard or soft wheat is the best for chicken feed is a question frequently addressed to poultry specialists at Oregon State college. H. E. Cosby, head of the department, says that either kind may be used interchangeably in poultry scratch grain, and that a good quality of wheat is more important than its texture.

The principle difference between soft and hard wheats is in their respective protein contents, he explained, with hard wheat running higher in protein than soft. Since the egg mash is designed to carry the bulk of the nutritional load and since the composition of scratch feed varies according to the price of the different grains, it is really not important which kind of wheat is used, he believes.

Petroleum Reserve Good for 150 Years

Despite past estimates that the reserve of crude oil is running low, a new report by the American Society for Testing Materials indicates that existing raw materials of the petroleum industry are sufficient to supply the nation's need for probably 150 years, according to the Oregon State Motor association.

The study, made by T. G. Delbridge, petroleum technologist and president of the society, showed that the reserve estimate on January 1 was 17,348,000,000 barrels, the highest in the history of the country.

"Advanced methods of exploration, drilling, production and refining are not only increasing the proven reserves, but are opening up almost unsuspected possibilities in future reserves not yet proved," the report stated.

SUMMER SESSION LARGER

Oregon State College—This institution showed the largest gain in summer session registration over a year ago of any in the state system, recent figures issued by the registrar's office reveal. The 814 registered near the end of the session represent approximately 11 per cent increase over a year ago.

The five-week post session at Oregon State starts Monday, July 31, and an enrollment about the same as a year ago is expected for this more concentrated period. By lengthening class period it is possible for students to make the same number of credits in the shorter period that they do in the regular summer session.

Applications for admission to the regular 1939-40 college year are now being received in considerable volume by the registrar's office. Early application for admission and arrangements for living quarters are desirable, it is announced.

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Pear Growers to Ballot on Program

Ballots have been sent to all known growers of winter pears in Oregon, Washington and California, for their use in a referendum on the matter of establishing a continuous marketing agreement and order for the handling of Pacific coast winter pears.

The new program has been developed by the division of marketing and marketing agreements of the United States department of agri-

culture, at the request of growers and shippers in this territory. If adopted it will replace a similar agreement which operated during the 1938-1939 marketing season.

In addition to the ballots being sent by mail, arrangements have been made so that growers who may be overlooked will be able to cast votes.

The program provides for regulation of pear shipments by grades and sizes, federal-state inspection of out-of-state shipments, and exemption of pears shipped for gift purposes. Adoption of the program requires a two-thirds favorable vote of growers, and signatures of handlers representing at least 50 per cent of the volume of fruit shipped.

AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Oregon State College—Continued study of petroleum chemistry at Oregon State college, under a scholarship supplied by the Standard Oil company of California, will be carried on this year by George F. Davies of Vancouver, B. C. The scholarship was granted by the school of science at Oregon State to Davies because of his experience and ability in petroleum research work. Applications for the position had come from all parts of the United States.

636 trucks were involved in traffic accidents in Oregon during the month of June this year, Earl Snell, secretary of state, announced today. In only two cases were fatalities reported compared to eight for the same month last year.

California Autos Decrease in Oregon

Motor travel from California in the month of June fell 11.2 per cent below June last year, according to a report from the Oregon State Motor association, based on non-resident registration figures compiled by the secretary of state.

California automobiles checked in at registration points throughout the state this June totaled 10,205, as compared with 11,488 last June. All registrations, it was pointed out, totaled 21,918, an increase of 2.7 per cent over June, 1938.

Reason for the slump in Oregon's greatest source of out-of-state tourist business was not stated in the motor association's report, although it was indicated that the California fair might be keeping Californians at home.

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