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# Educational Forum

Contributed articles from county school leaders telling the purposes of education.

#### The School Library

The library has well been called the "heart" of the modern school. It is here that an effort is made to satisfy present and future need of the student by exploring his interests, aptitudes and capacities. Information on all subjects is now so abundant and conflicting that one would obtain an incomplete picture from reading one text. Because of the variety of subjects in a modern school it is essential that the library have recent and adequate reference material. New inventions and changing social conditions often alter the authenticity of books within a few years. In addition, the school library must spend a liberal amount each year for current magazines and newspapers to keep abreast of our kaleidoscopic civilization. By reading varied opinions and reports from different papers and magazines a critical mind is developed which is essential in forming good citizens.

The recreational possibilities of a library are unlimited. Reading is a leisure time activity that is both enjoyable and educational. Through research, interesting hobbies can be promoted and developed. A broad knowledge of this complex world can be gained from thrilling adventure and travel stories. Ethical character and high ideal can be developed by reading biography and selected fiction books. All types of books are brought together in a library, permitting the development of new interests that can be followed in leis-

Too often inadequate space is provided for the library. The room should be sufficiently large to permit attractive book and magazine displays. Comfortable chairs and Baker County to adequate lighting should be provided Represent State Often school boards underestimate the value of the library and fail to In Wheat Contest provide sufficient money for the purchase of books and magazines. Suelementary school it is advisable that 8 and 9. each room have a small individual Twenty-four states submitted library of books suitable for the age county records to the executive comlevel if space does not permit a mittee of the wheat league in conspecial grade library which can nection with the contest. The winserve as a unit similar to the high ning county from each state will in Oregon during October, trucks school library.

sential to insure successfull teaching in any school.

### AUXILIARY MEETS

American Legion auxiliary had in 1939. an afternoon sewing meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Anna Bayparty to be held Monday, Dec. 11.

ing October reported six years or tains. more driving experience, the monthly summary of accidents made by the will be awarded a plaque made of traffic safety division of the secre- Oregon juniper wood, to be pretary of state's office showed. Only sented at the Condon meeting, while eight per cent had one year or less the national winner will receive a experience.

### Surplus Wheat to Be Used by O.S.C. In Feeding Tests

More extensive demonstrations and experiments with wheat as a livestock feed than were ever carried out in Oregon before, have been made possible through a cooperative arrangement by which the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation has turned over the the Oregon agricultural experiment station 360 tons of surplus wheat to be used for this purpose.

Final arrangements for the demonstration and research were made by officials of the department of agriculture at the suggestion of Senator Charles L. McNary and Congressman Walter Pierce of Oregon. In making the arrangements, active cooperation was received from Secretary Wallace; Milo Perkins, head of the FSCC; A. G. Black, director of marketing in the BAE; Larry Meyers, marketing assistant; and N. E. Dodd, Haines farmer, who is now director of the western division of the AAA.

The wheat will be used at the central station in Corvallis and at the Astoria, Union, and Burns branch stations, where it will be fed to range and dairy cattle and calves, sheep, lambs, swine, and poultry.

While the experiment station work has already shown that wheat can be used satisfactorily in livestock tests are expected to demonstrate even more conclusively the possibility of its profitable use in finishing a larger proportion of Oregon's come than in 1939. feeder animals. Its increased use with livestock would give a new outlet for wheat surpluses, which consti- at about the 1939 level, that the Eutute a problem with which the AAA ropean war will last at least a year, has been wrestling by means of export subsidies and acreage allot- and consumer purchasing power will

"In recent years the former export market for this wheat has largely disappeared except on a subsidy basis," explained William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college, who will direct the use of the federally supplied wheat. "Since 1930 the price of wheat in Oregon and the Pacific rise much above current levels. northwest has dropped to the point where it is actually on a feed grain

"Oregon produces annually a million lambs and more than two hundred thousand head of beef cattle and calves, many of which are fattened outside of the state. We also greater for meat animals, dairy proproduce more than 13 million bush- ducts, and some vegetables and The administration of the small els of wheat annually above normal fruits, than for wheat and some school library has many difficulties. Oregon requirements. By bringing er we hope that both industries will duction, but export demand for pork be helped."

Baker county will carry Oregon pervision of the library is difficult honors into the finals of the nationin many small schools because of the al wheat acreage compliance conlack of a librarian. Several teachers test sponsored by the Eastern Orewithout library training are respon- gon Wheat league when the national sible for the library, and often, be- winner is determined and announced cause of teaching activities, the li- at the twelfth annual convention brary is without supervision. In the of the league in Condon, December

have its record submitted in the na-Adequate library facilities are es- tional finals to determine the county in the United States, producing 10,-000 acres or more of wheat, which tary of state's office shows. complied most completely with the federal wheat adjustment program

Other county winners on the Pacific coast and in the northwest are less with ten members present. Pil- Butte county, California; Asotin low covers were made to send to the county, Washington; Latah county, veterans' hospital in Portland and Idaho, and Fallon county, Montana. plans discussed for the Christmas Oregon counties with records nearly as high as Baker's include Morrow, Umatilla and Sherman counties in Sixty per cent of the drivers of eastern Oregon, and Yamhill and cars involved in fatal accidents dur- Marion counties west of the moun-

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The contest resulted in so much national interest being taken in the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league that a considerable number of states raised money to send a representative of their winning county to the convention. As a result, states which have definitely appointed delegates include Montana, Kansas, Texas, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Other states which have made tentative arrangements to send a delegate are Nebraska, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah and California.

Presentation of the awards will be a special feature of the annual banquet which will be held Friday evening. Condon people have made arrangements to care for between 300 and 400 persons at this banquet. President Bruce Baxter of Willamette university will be the principal speaker, with Earl Snell, secretary of state, as toastmaster.

#### Oregon Outlook On Farm Income Better for 1940

Despite some expected increase in farm costs, most farm families in Oregon will have somewhat larger incomes and purchasing power in 1940 than in 1939, according to a review of the general farm income and cost outlook just published by the O. S. C. extension service. "It feeding, the forthcoming feeding does not seem probable, however," says the report, "that the average will be as high as in 1937, and some Prices. farm families may have even less in-

This general outlook assumes that farm production will be maintained and that domestic industrial activity average higher for the year 1940 than for the whole of 1939, even though some recession from current levels might occur.

Higher prices are expected for farm machinery, building materials, fertilizer, most seeds, motor fuel and oil, tires, binder twine, spray material and harness. Feeds may not Farm wage rates are expected to advance and farmers will borrow more money and pay more interest. Farm family living expenses will increase somewhat.

The improvement in farm prices and income in 1940 is likely to be other staple crops. Prices for hogs will be affected by increased proand lard is expected to increase considerably on account of the war.

Foreign demand for certain canned and dried fruits may be greater, but export demand may be less for fresh fruits and possibly wheat. Much depends upon the course of events such as the effectiveness of blockades against shipping and governmental control over commerce. Unquestionably, foreign demand will be curtailed for luxury products and bulky commodities,

Copies of the complete report on current agricultural situation and outlook in Oregon may be had from county extension offices.

While passenger cars were involved in 22 of the 24 fatal accidents were involved in but two, with motorcycles in one, a report from the traffic safety division of the secre-



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