

CONSERVATION TO TOP AAA PROGRAM DESPITE WARFARE

Oregon farmers who make up county AAA committees in this state are determined that the increased production necessary to meet this nation's wartime food needs can be achieved without sacrificing the conservation gains made through the AAA and other programs, declared Robert B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the state AAA committee, in summarizing recommendations made by committeemen at the recent state conference.

By asking for only a few changes in the 1943 program, mostly for greater efficiency in operation, committeemen believe that the objectives of greater production with conservation can be accomplished through the present program, Taylor said.

Modifications sought in the range conservation program, would make some of the practices more applicable to western Oregon's growing livestock industry, particularly the coast-clover areas, the chairman reported. Other recommended changes would place further emphasis on seeding abandoned eastern Oregon cropland to grasses.

A committee on the seed purchase program urged farmers to order immediately at least half of their estimated cotton bag requirements for the greatly expanded winter legume seed crop. A shortage in bagging material, coupled with a 40 per cent expansion in acreage, may create a serious situation at harvest time unless action is taken now, the committee pointed out.

In view of a shortage in phosphate fertilizers, the committee on the conservation materials soil building recommended more emphasis on application of lime, weed control and the seeding of legumes and cover crops.

The important role the farm program will play in post-war adjustments, as well as in wartime production, was stressed in the report of the education committee, which recommended that every committeeman should assume the responsibility of supporting the program during the war period, that agriculture may have its help and protection for post-war adjustments.

Evening Class to Start Dramatics Club

The evening class in dramatics organized a dramatics club on Thursday evening, Dec. 18, at 6:30. Anyone who wishes to take part in plays or to help otherwise is asked Tuesday or Thursday at 6:30 p. m. to the music room at the school.

Rehearsals are now in progress for three one-act plays to be given in January. Those giving "Silence Please" are Louise Green, Betty Marie Coxen, Mildred Clary and Raymond Parrish. "Corn-Fed Baby" is to be presented by Virginia Lee, Maxine Browning, Vera McDaniel, Calvin Crawford and Irl Clary. "The Trysting Place" will be played by Gwenneth Glasgow, Elizabeth Blankenship, Neta Bleakman, Dick Ferguson, Bob Pinckney, John Lane and Clarence Bauman.

The proceeds from these plays is to be used for local or national organizations, such as the hot lunch, Red Cross, health association, or the U. S. O. The members of the club will decide on the disposal of the money.

Home-Town Papers Held 'Best Read'

Home-town papers are read more thoroughly by rural people than any other publications and hence they are the most valuable medium for disseminating farm news, according to AAA committeemen attending the annual conference at Oregon State college. One farmer serving on the education committee of the conference stated that, although his group is always glad to get news in the metropolitan dailies, the news that really counts in reaching a large proportion of the farmers is that used in the country weeklies.

The farmer committeemen recommended that close contact be kept between those dealing with the various agricultural programs and the local editors in order that each may be of the greatest help to the other, to the benefit of the rural population as a whole. The community



A BOND OF UNITY.—The handclasp of sincerity and partnership is used by artist John C. Atherton, of Bridgefield, Conn., to depict the close cooperation of the American people and their Government in financing the Defense Program through the sale of Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This poster was awarded first prize at the Museum of Modern Art exhibit in New York out of a large number of submitted drawings, and is being used on posters by business firms in advertising, and in numerous other forms to promote the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps.

Traffic Precautions Cited for Emergency

A list of emergency traffic precautions, approved by national safety authorities, was released today by Earl Snell, secretary of state, in the hope of averting traffic accidents as a result of the present war emergency.

Warning Oregon citizens that several fatalities already had occurred in the state as a result of reduced lighting, Snell urged the observance of these rules:

1. Pedestrians who walk after dark should wear or carry something white to increase their visibility to drivers. In some cities, certain lights are being left dark due to air-raid precautions and the increased areas of darkness require additional care on the part of drivers and pedestrians alike. Women are advised to carry a white scarf or shawl, men are advised to display a white handkerchief or carry a folded newspaper.

2. Children should be encouraged to keep indoors after dark wherever possible. If necessary for them to go out, they should wear white raincoats or carry lighted flashlights. Bicycles should not be ridden after dark unless absolutely necessary in which case adequate front and rear lights should be displayed.

3. Drivers should observe closely special speed limits and other special traffic regulations established for the emergency. They should be familiar with local ordinances dealing with blackout conditions. Such ordinances specify that only authorized vehicles may travel during actual blackouts. All other vehicles must be stopped and the lights turned off.

4. At intersections, drivers and pedestrians should keep alert at all times. Traffic lights will show small crosses of light, as will flasher lights. Watch closely so as not to miss these lights.

5. Pedestrians should be doubly careful not to jaywalk after dark. Reduced visibility increases the hazard of this dangerous practice.

6. Pedestrians on highways in rural areas should display a lighted flashlight at night. They should walk only on the left, facing approaching traffic.

committeemen were urged to see that local correspondents obtain prompt and accurate reports of local happenings relating to the farm programs.

New Type Loans Available Thru FSA

Farmstead water facilities for livestock, home use and garden irrigation are available in Morrow county through Farm Security to farmers unable to finance these improvements through other sources, reports Bruce E. Stewart, county FSA supervisor, Heppner.

"Wells, pumping equipment, pipes, and stock water pressure tanks, and garden sprinklers are included in developments authorized by the department of agriculture's water facilities program," Stewart said. "Loans are made for the average life of the water facility with interest at three percent, and can be established on a group or cooperative basis."

Adequate stock water is particularly important on the farmstead as farmers are attempting to increase livestock production to provide food for defense, it was pointed out. Equally urgent is the need for a good garden to provide needed vegetables and fruits for the FSA live-at-home program.

"Water piped into farm homes is badly needed in the county," said Stewart, "as many homemakers still carry all the water used in the home." The need for meeting most of the family food needs on the farm during the present defense emergency, makes it mandatory that the housewife be saved every additional step possible.

Detailed information as to water facilities available can be obtained through the county FSA office. Technical and engineering assistance is available through the Soil Conservation Service, where necessary.

USE TAX NOT NEW

A tax very similar to the federal "use" tax recently imposed on motor vehicles was put into effect by the U. S. government one hundred and forty-five years ago, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association. At that time, however, the tax was on carriages. The levy was repealed in 1802.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many neighbors and friends for their kindly help and sympathy and for the beautiful flowers given at the time of our bereavement.

Mrs. William E. McFerrin and family.

New Food Stamp List Announced

Raisins have been removed from the list of foods which may be purchased with federal blue stamps during the month of January, M. Louis Belangie, local representative for the Surplus Marketing administration, U. S. department of agriculture, announced today.

The January list for blue stamp buying by eligible families in Oregon remains the same as for December except for the removal of raisins and includes: butter; fresh pork (except that cooked and packed in metal or glass containers); fresh grapefruit, pears, apples, oranges and all fresh vegetables (including potatoes); corn meal, wheat flour, enriched wheat flour and whole wheat (graham) flour; hominy grits; shell eggs; dried prunes; dry edible beans.

Sales of blue stamp foods among participating families in this area have been increasing since early November, Mr. Belangie said. This can be attributed primarily, he said, to the enlarged list of nutritious blue stamp foods available.

"The stamp plan is part of the federal agricultural program which assures farmers an adequate market and enables them to increase production of food crops vital to America's war effort. Likewise, as a measure of civilian defense for ten million less fortunate Americans, the stamp plan serves in war-time as well as in peace-time to keep up morale and health among these people."

Gas Pumps Lead List of Licenses

More than 22,200 licenses and certificates of registration were issued by the foods and dairies and weights and measures division of the state department of agriculture during 1941. Fees from these licenses are used to carry on the regulatory work for that particular field for which the license is paid.

In excess of 60 per cent, or 14,448 licenses were for gasoline pumps and another 1225 were for non-gasoline pumps. The 1941 scale law brought 1223 applications for licenses, of which 521 were for scales over 3,000 pounds capacity.

Among other licenses and certificates of registration issued by this division were: Bakeries, 550 with 376 manufacturers and 174 distributors; carbonated beverages, 104; commercial feed brands, 1,434; commercial fertilizer brands, 172; economic poison brands, 922; egg dealers, 755; grade A dairies, 99; grade A plants, 34; grade A shippers, 92; dairy grading, 613; milk products plants, 217; garbage feeding, 75; butter and cheesemakers, 210; state testers, 45.

OSC Students Told to Await Service Call

Oregon State College—O. S. C. students were told at a special convocation just prior to the Christmas holidays to view the present war crisis calmly but grimly, to be ready for any self-denial, service, or sacrifice, but to trust the government to tell them when and where they are most needed.

President-Emeritus G. W. Peavy, who was here at the time of the outbreak of the first world war, reviewed the events of those days and showed what a vital part Oregon State students played in that conflict, both on the fighting fronts and in technical service at home. He said the selective service act means just what it says, and that until it selects students here for military service, they are serving their country best by continuing their education so as to be of greater value to a nation which must, more than ever, become the arsenal and the breadbasket for democracy.

Engineering students particularly were urged to continue their work because the government had estimated a need for 30,000 engineering graduates by June, 1942, even before actual war broke out. In the continuation of college work, however, it is the patriotic duty of each student to take his courses seriously and give his best efforts to his country in this way, the students were advised.

Vegetable Garden Guide Reissued at OSC

Issued in time to aid in plans for next year's home gardens is extension circular No. 377, entitled "A Monthly Schedule of Suggested Operations in Growing Vegetables for Home Use." This mimeographed circular, by A. G. B. Bouquet, head of vegetable crops work at Oregon State college, is a revision of a previous circular and takes up operations in a vegetable garden month by month.

In view of the wide variations in climatic conditions prevailing in different parts of the state, Professor Bouquet has grouped all vegetables into three general classifications with reference to their hardiness to frost. He also shows the approximate number of days between the time of seeding and the first harvest. With this information it is possible for a gardener in any part of the state to adapt the schedule to his own local conditions if he knows about the time when frost-free weather may be expected in the spring.

As Oregon is being asked to increase its number of farm gardens by some 16,000 this year as a part of the food-for-defense program, it is believed that this circular will be much in demand.

U. S. NAVY RECRUITING OFFICER PRESENTS APPLICANT WITH NEW "BADGE OF HONOR"



COMMANDER F. K. O'BRIEN, of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Service, is shown here placing the new Navy "Badge of Honor" on the lapel of an applicant for enlistment in the Navy. (Badge shown above at right.) All ambitious young men who apply for service in Uncle Sam's "Two-ocean" Navy, whether accepted or not, are given this new badge as a mark of their patriotism. To learn of the many opportunities the Navy and the Naval Reserve offer, local men of 17 years and over can get the official illustrated free booklet, "Life in the Navy," from this newspaper's Navy Editor.