

REPORT LOWER DAIRYING COSTS IN LOCAL AREA

Oregon Experiment Station Survey Shows Alfalfa Regions Have Advantage—Wide Variance.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 12.—(Sp1)—Two preliminary reports on farm production costs in Oregon have just been made by the Oregon experiment station covering dairy products, which tend to emphasize the wide difference in results obtained by farmers under varying conditions and methods within one state.

The data gathered are from actual surveys made by personal contact with hundreds of dairymen in all principal regions of the state for these industries. They were made by specialists of the farm management department working under the provisions of the Purnell bill which provides federal funds for such economic investigations.

Costs 26 Cents in 1929 The average cash cost of producing butterfat in Oregon in 1929 was 26 cents a pound, and the total including such non-cash costs as interest on investment, family labor and home grown feed, reached the surprising total of 50 cents a pound. These were the average figures based on the production of more than 2,900,000 pounds of butterfat from 8734 cows on 551 representative Oregon dairy farms.

Costs for 1930, it is pointed out, are somewhat lower as the result of lower feed prices, which effect will be brought out in a continuation of the study another year on the same farms. With the present price of butterfat around 30 cents a pound, an unsatisfactory return to the average dairyman is apparent, but the specialists are out.

Few Hold Cost Down Only five per cent of the dairies studied kept the total costs below 30 cents, and 17 per cent kept them below 40 cents. Ten per cent, on the other hand, had costs above 70 cents. High producing cows and cheap feed were the factors tending to keep production costs down.

Lowest production costs thus far were found in the irrigated alfalfa sections of eastern and southern Oregon. In these regions the average costs were 43 cents as compared with 45 cents for the Willamette valley. Lack of summer pastures is the chief cause of high costs in the Willamette valley, while high investment tended to raise costs on the coast, though higher market returns there offset this disadvantage, the report states.

Efficiency in hay production and high producing cows were invariably reflected in lower butterfat costs, the survey shows.

SET EXECUTION DATE FOR TRIGGER WOMAN

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 12.—(Sp1) January 12, 1931, was set today by Governor Fisher for the execution of W. Glen Dague and Irene Schroder in the electric chair at Rockview, Penn., for the slaying of Corporal S. Brady Paul of the state motor patrol near Newcastle, on Dec. 27, 1929.



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Meteorological Report

December 12, 1930. Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Saturday rain; moderate temperature.

Oregon: Rain west and snow, turning to rain, east portion tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.

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LAKE CREEK CARNIVAL SCHEDULED SATURDAY

LAKE CREEK, Ore., Dec. 12.—(Sp1)—Members of Lake Creek Grange met Monday evening to make final plans for their dance and carnival at the Lake Creek hall December 12.

There are booths for fortune telling, fish pond, fancy work, carnival supplies, baseball throw, and good things to eat.

GUNS BOOM REQUIEM FOR GEN. BARNHART

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 12.—(Sp1)—Sainted guns boomed at intervals today at Fort Bliss in honor of General George C. Barnhart, 62, commanding officer of the post, who died here in a hospital last night of blood poisoning.

VETS AND WIVES WILL ENTERTAIN LEGION VISITORS

Medford post No. 15, American Legion and its auxiliary unit will be hosts to the posts and units of southern Oregon next Wednesday when the annual conference of district No. 4 meets here.

Each organization will hold its business session in the armory at 2 o'clock. Carl Wimberley, of Roseburg, district commander will preside over the legion meeting, and Mrs. Alice George of Eugene, district committeewoman, will preside over the auxiliary conference.

John Holmer will act as toastmaster at the 6:30 banquet at Hotel Medford in honor of the state officers.

A joint meeting of the two organizations will be held in the small hall at the Oriental Gardens, with Jack Biggs of Hermiston, state commander giving the main address. Other speakers will be Mrs. Callie B. Helder, state president, and Mrs. Mabel McInturf, state secretary; Carl R. Moser, state adjutant, and Robert C. Dillard, state service officer.

A representative of the Veterans' bureau in charge of hospital No. 77, Portland, will also speak. Following the speeches, a dance will be held for the visiting delegations from Roseburg, Kerby, Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Medford.

All ex-service men and women are invited to attend the entire conference, and especially those interested in the veteran's hospital, government insurance, state loan and other important subjects.

MAY CUT HOURS POSTAL WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(Sp1)—The house today passed a bill providing a 44-hour week for 299,000 postal employees.

The bill, sent to the senate, grants a Saturday half holiday to postoffice employees.

Provision is made that if service requires employment on Saturday afternoon, the employee shall be given compensatory time the following week.

PHOENIX ORDER PLANS MANY HOLIDAY AFFAIRS

PHOENIX, Ore., Dec. 11.—(Sp1)—Neighbors of Woodcraft met at the W. O. W. hall Wednesday night, with small attendance, due to bad weather and sickness. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins of the Ashland order were visitors.

Following the business session, lunch was served by the committee, to which husbands of the members were invited.

The installation service has been set for January 14th. A covered 4-h supper will be served at 6:30 to members and their families, followed by the installation service, to which the public is invited.

A practice meeting will be held January 12th, at the W. O. W. hall. The installing officer, Mrs. J. E. Roberts, and the captain of the guards, Mrs. Marnie Colver, are anxious that all officers and guards be present.

Saturday afternoon the juvenile order will hold its regular meeting. Saturday night, the order will hold its card party at the W. O. W. hall, to which the community is invited.

They have been having the cakewalk each evening in conjunction with their party, but Saturday they will have a "candy walk" and give away boxes of candy. The evening will be spent playing five hundred and bridge.

Committee members in charge of the lunch and arrangements for Saturday night are Mrs. L. O. Carter, Mrs. Andrew Hoarn and Mrs. Charlie McClain.

Monday night the circle will have a Christmas party at the W. O. W. hall for the members of the lodge and families.

Next meeting has not been announced.

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