

## Farm Debt Doubled Over 1947 Although Fewer Farmers Noted

Washington—(U.P.)—Farm debt has doubled since 1947, although the number of farmers has declined about 20 per cent, the Federal Reserve Bulletin said yesterday.

In a study of farm debt at mid-year, the Bulletin, a publication of the staff of the Federal Reserve Board, said such debt in June was about \$18.5 billion, 6 per cent greater than a year ago.

About \$5 billion of this debt was about to insure commercial banks, \$7.2 billion to individuals and merchants and another \$5.7 billion to non-bank financing institutions.

Although farm debt is about twice what it was in 1947, the year of the last survey, the value of farm assets and the investment in land is up 75 per cent, the Bulletin said.

The rise in debt, the Bulletin said, is attributable to "smaller farm incomes," forcing farmers to depend upon bank credit to "an increasing extent."

Other highlights of the report:

The average size of outstanding notes at midyear was \$1,400, about 60 per cent higher than in 1947.

Of the 3,528,000 loans outstanding, 1,697,000 were for current expenses, such as feeder livestock operations and current operating and living expenses; 1,325,000 were for the purchase of livestock, consumer goods and similar intermediate term investments, and the balance was for repaying of debt, real estate purchases and other similar longer term debts.

**Average Size \$2,227**

The average size of outstanding bank loans per borrower was \$2,227. Loans not secured by real estate were 75 per cent larger than in 1947, and those secured by real estate were 20 per cent higher.

Interest rates on loans secured by real estate averaged about 5.4 per cent a year and 6.4 per cent on those not so secured. This was about .5 per cent higher on each type than mid-1947 rates.

## County Association Sets Jackson Meet

The Jackson county court will be host to district 4 of the Association of Oregon counties at an all-day meeting tentatively scheduled Jan. 7, it was reported today.

County courts and members of the legislature will attend. They will discuss forthcoming state legislation. The meeting will be held in the Jackson county courtroom.

Among officials expected to be present will be Judge James W. Harrison, Coos county, president of district 4; Judge Raymond A. Lathrop, Josephine county, president of the association; and F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, executive secretary of the association.

District 4 includes Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties. Association members from Klamath county also will be invited to the session.

## Red Cross Seeking Beds, Bedding Here

Beds, bedding and household equipment are still needed for distribution to families in this area, officials at the Jackson county Red Cross chapter office have reported.

Through a local donation, chapter members were able to supply one county family with a stove. The same family, which includes several small children, still needs bunk beds, officials said.

Donations will be picked up and delivered by chapter officials if donors call Red Cross headquarters, 2-4405.

## State Employees Chapter Discusses New Resolutions

JoJac Chapter of the Oregon State Employees association met Wednesday in the Jackson county courthouse.

Chapter president John Spong discussed resolutions passed by the OSEA general council recently. Among them were several affecting salary and wages, retirement, civil service and working conditions for state workers. A minimum wage scale was adopted in principle.

Also passed was an expanded program of public relations to establish better understanding of the status of state workers in the community. Special guest at the meeting of the combined chapters of Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland, was Polly Fredmore, association publicity director and editor of the OSEA Sentinel, the monthly newspaper.

**Salary Increases**

Salary increases as high as \$75 a month for state workers in lower classifications are scheduled under the salary and wages program to be presented to the legislature by the OSEA fact-finding committee headed

by Jay Blair. The survey shows substantial increases are due in all classifications of state service.

"Increasing state salaries," Blair said, "can result in savings of millions of dollars to the state—dollars now lost through appalling turnover of personnel."

The OSEA salary and wages committee announced that the program is about ready for presentation to the 1957 legislature.

## Bull Run Timber Sold on Highest Bid

Portland—(U.P.)—The Linnton Plywood association's bid of \$52.25 a thousand for Douglas fir and \$10 for other species of timber, has been declared the high bid on some 15 million board feet of old growth timber in the Bull Run water reserve.

The timber is located in a 200 acre area to be flooded by the new storage dam.

Kenneth Anderson, Water Bu-

## Freighter Reaches Shelter of Gulf

Manila—(U.P.)—The American freighter Charles Dant has reached the shelter of Lingayen Gulf in northern Luzon island after nearly capsizing in the South China sea due to a cargo shift, it has been reported.

Radio message said the 47-man crew left the ship and went ashore at the town of Damortis for the night for "safety reasons" but would reboard today to begin salvage operations.

The salvage tug Kabila was reported alongside the ship.

The Charles Dant, en route to Tacoma, Wash., sent out a distress message reporting her cargo of ore had shifted causing a 20 degree list that threatened to roll the ship over.

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## On The Side

By E. V. Durling  
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Every theatrical producer's dream is to come into possession of a play calling for only one set and a cast of three characters and runs for two years on Broadway. It is not such a wild dream as it seems. It has happened. As for example, in the case of the smash hit titled "The Voice of The Turtle." That had one set, three characters and ran for a couple of years. As I recall it, the original cast was Margaret Sullavan, Elliott Nugent and Audrey Christie. Right? However, I am growing tired of one set plays. I like a change of scene. Why isn't there more use made of the revolving stage? That method is currently being cleverly handled in my favorite New York theatre, The Music Box, which is housing the hit titled "Separate Tables." Still, that show has only two different scenes. I would like to see a good mystery melodrama, a thriller, with at least 20 different scenes. You know, with the program reading scene one—A flat in Mayfair. Scene two—A street in Soho. Scene three—A waterfront dive in Limehouse. And so on.

midst of city traffic either as an auto driver or a pedestrian? The statisticians say most traffic deaths come between six and seven p.m. But they don't say why. Fatigue after a hard day's work must be a factor. Also, the desire to get home in a hurry. Then the period between six and seven p.m. comes right after the cocktail hour. That certainly must figure in the aforementioned situation.

## Unusual Pets

Ever heard of unusual pets? Only kind of pets I have had have been dogs. An upper Sandusky, Ohio, reader tells me her family has two pet chickens. One 6 1/2 years old, the other 7 1/2. These chickens sleep in the kitchen. They are fond of hamburgers and apple cider. They follow members of the household around as dogs do. The lady didn't tell me the names of these birds. What would be a good name for a pet chicken?

## Soviet Shipments To Syria Said To Total \$40 Million

Washington—(U.P.)—American officials said yesterday Syria has received at least \$40 million worth of military equipment from Russia during the past year.

Included were tanks, small arms and trucks. Furthermore, officials said, Soviet MIG airplanes have been spotted in Syria, but it is not known whether they were turned over to Syria by Russia or whether they merely were Egyptian planes that escaped to Syria during the Anglo-French attack on Egypt.

**Creating New Tensions**

The State department charged Wednesday that Soviet arms shipments to Syria were creating new tensions in the Middle East at a time when the United Nations is working to calm the situation there.

Press Officer Lincoln White said the Soviet Union has sent "substantial shipments" of weapons to Syria, but he did not describe them. He said, however, that the shipments continued after fighting broke out in the Middle East.

Such action, White said, "is adding to these tensions in the area."

The United States is not too worried about the amount of arms Syria has received from Russia so far. But it is greatly concerned that the flow of Soviet military goods will continue and increase.

## Horses and Women

What is your wife's waist measurement? Is it 26 or under? If over 26, she hasn't a chance to win Mrs. America contest. Nor will she be one of the belles of the beach in Florida this winter. I have just heard of a woman who reduced her waistline by one and a half inches in a very short time by becoming a hep-cat. That is, she began dancing the rock n' roll and similar dances in enthusiastic fashion. So, if your wife wants to streamline her waist measurement to 26 or under, advise her to become a hep-cat. Of course, you would have to co-operate. How do you think yourself and spouse would look doing the rock n' roll?

## 4-H Club News

**4-H Junior Council**

Meeting was called to order by Dale Smith, president. Joan Dobrot gave a report on the program for the leaders' banquet. Dave Woolfolk was appointed master of ceremonies of this program.

It was decided that we wait until spring to locate the county road signs. A teen-ager of each club was appointed to look up talent for the follies.

We decided to have a holiday party Friday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 at the courthouse auditorium. Refreshment, decoration, entertainment, and clean-up committees were appointed. Meeting was adjourned. Then refreshments were served by Central Point, host was Dale Smith.

Shella Coney, Reporter.

## Dangerous Hour

Michigan is famous for varieties of peaches having "haves" in their names because they were propagated by the experiment station at South Haven.

## Get It Right

Who originated the slogan: "See America First"? My belief is that it was Josefa Hale, editor of Godey's Lady's Book. However, this is strongly disputed. Some claim it was originated by Charles F. Lummis about 70 years ago. Others say it was Fisher K. Harris, a clerk in the Hotel Huntsford, Salt Lake City, who originated the slogan about 60 years ago.

## Asking

Queries from clients. A resident of Paris is called a Parisian, of London a Londoner and of Florence, a Florentine. What is a resident of Glasgow, Scotland called? A Glasgowian . . . Q. How many of the original cast of D. W. Griffith's film "The Birth of A Nation" are still active in motion picture industry? A. I can think of only two. Raoul Walsh, who played John Wilkes Booth, is still active as a highly successful film director. Lillian Gish, who played Estle Stoneman, is still going strong as both a stage and screen actress.

## At What Time of the Day is it most dangerous to be in the

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