

Farming Second Most Important Industry

Income Estimated at \$28 Million in '56

(Editor's note: How is agriculture doing in Jackson county? What is its future? How does it stack up as compared to the past? What are the major items of income? The following is one of a series of six articles, prepared by the Mail Tribune in cooperation with the county agricultural extension office and others, in an attempt to answer these questions.)

Agriculture is second only to lumbering in economic importance to Jackson county. Estimates by the county extension service show total gross income derived from agricultural enterprises in 1956 was \$28,686,361.

As a pear producing area, Jackson county ranks among the top three counties in the nation. Income of horticultural products—mostly pears—totaled approximately \$19,000,000 in 1956, and usually averages about 50 per cent of the total agricultural income. There are 10,000 pear producing acres in the county, setting national quality standards for Bartlett, Winter Nellis, Bosc, D'Anjou and Comice varieties.

National Crop
Seventy-five per cent of the national Bosc pear crop is grown here in Jackson county. The area has one of the lowest percentages of cull pears in the Pacific Northwest. The county agricultural payroll in the pear industry alone averages over \$4,000,000.

Other farming enterprises in the county include, in the order of their economic importance, livestock, poultry, farm crops and truck crops.

Income in 1956 from livestock enterprises was \$5,174,310; poultry, \$726,700; and farm crops, \$3,787,351.

Farm land covers 472,739 acres, or about 26.2 per cent of the total acreage in Jackson county; crop land, 96,904 acres or 5.3 per cent; and irrigated land, 53,674 acres or 2.9 per cent.

During 1956 there were 2,647 farms, with the average size farm consisting of about 178.6 acres.

Conservation Districts
There are two soil conservation districts, the Sams Valley-Beagle district, covering an area of 896,040 acres, and the Rogue district, with an area of 766,260 acres. The county has a total of 53,674 acres of irrigated land. There are six organized irrigation districts, Medford, Rogue River, Talent, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Table Rock. In addition, land is being irrigated by companies and individual farmers.

Like other industries, the agriculture picture in Jackson county has been one of constant change. This change might be illustrated in part by comparing average income totals over the period from 1946 through 1956.

YEAR	INCOME	YEAR	INCOME
1946	\$20,015,380	1951	\$27,157,046
1947	\$20,543,000	1952	\$28,619,165
1948	\$25,405,028	1953	\$29,964,413
1949	\$22,248,028	1954	\$19,771,866
1950	\$25,410,490	1955	\$29,764,393
		1956	\$28,686,361

Like other industries, agriculture has been influenced to a marked extent by scientific discoveries, mechanical advancement, climatic patterns, varying market demands and changing patterns of population and community development. Such unforeseen complications of nature as serious disease and insect infestations have also left their marks.

Experiments
There have been hundreds of experiments, some resulting in costly failures, but others opening new fields of profitable agriculture and enterprises.

In the next 10 to 20 years, agriculture in Jackson county is expected to undergo its most dramatic beneficial change in history after completion of the Talent Irrigation project. The overall \$21 million program, scheduled for completion by the summer of 1962, will provide adequate water for farmers to take

full advantage of productivity of thousands of acres of soil in the Rogue valley. Several phases of the project will be in operation within the next year or two.

Additional avenues of agricultural wealth might be opened if and when a Rogue river reclamation and flood control project is developed to the simultaneous satisfaction of agricultural, industrial, recreational and other interests.

"Smooth Sailing"
But neither the Talent project nor a reclamation and flood control program alone will assure "smooth sailing" for Jackson county agriculture.

Here are just a few of the problems that must be overcome:

(1) Jackson county's population (estimated in January by the state board of health as 68,000) has virtually doubled since 1940. This has resulted in considerable residential development in suburban areas. Subdivisions and roads have consumed or divided many acres of orchard and farm land. Prospects of continued trends in this direction and accompanying farm acreage reduction pose somewhat of a threat to the area's agricultural welfare.

(2) Disease and insect control is a serious problem facing livestock, fruit and farm crop industries. Testing, vaccination and spray programs are being developed and used, but problems in timing, recognition of need and adequate inspection still exist.

Major Problem
(3) Marketing is a major problem in several phases of agriculture in the county. In 1956, meat production reached a new high and cattlemen have been faced with a large beef consumption promotion burden. Sheep growers are even more keenly experiencing marketing problems since residents of Jackson county eat less lamb than residents of some other areas. Because of this, many lambs must be shipped by considerable expense to San Francisco and other markets.

(4) Farmers here as elsewhere are protesting present tax bills. Most local farm and fruit grower organizations have expressed the feeling that, based on the concept of ability to pay, agriculture is paying more than its just share of taxes. Costs of farm operation are increasing and many farmers have indicated their income is not increasing correspondingly.

The Jackson County Agricultural council recently made an extensive study of these and other problems, and has mapped out programs with which to combat them.

The Dalles Observes 100th Anniversary

The Dalles—(U.P.)—The city of The Dalles last night kicked off a three-month anniversary celebration with a parade.

The Dalles, originally set up as an Army garrison for protection against Indians, officially was converted to a town on June 26, 1857.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Table Rock Colorists

The third meeting of the Table Rock Colorists was held April 2 at the home of Carr Meyers in Central Point. Members discussed the 4-H summer school. Mrs. Meyers talked about the combination of colors that can be used in room decoration. Refreshments were served. Next meeting will be held April 16.

Laine Donker
Reporter

Elk-Trail Forestry Squirrels

The Elk-Trail Forestry Squirrels met at the home of Lois Rogers, Trail. Next meeting will be at the home of Cheryl Miller.

The meeting was called to order by Margaret Hanson. Members brought mounting cards with bark and other things from the forest on them. Discussion was held on Oregon trees. On April 4, Mrs. Oscar Hanson took the club on a field trip into the forest and members brought back specimens. After the meeting, Henry Rogers played the banjo and mouth harp.

Cheryl Miller
Reporter

TATTERED SHIRT

San Pedro, Calif.—(U.P.)—Charles Kauffold of the Internal Revenue Office opened a parcel post package Friday. There was a tattered shirt with a note inside. "Take this, too," the note said. "You've got all my money."

Jackson County Agriculture Estimated Gross Income

Millions	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
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TIME MACHINE—"Audie," one of Pacific Telephone's time machines in Portland, is adjusted by Senior Switchman Stan Boucher. It handles 53,000 calls a day for the correct time.

PT&T's Time Service Most Popular Number

The most popular telephone number in Medford belongs to a party known as "Audie." Medford telephone users dial her 2,700 times in an average day, according to Pacific Telephone Manager J. H. Creager.

"Audie" is the nickname for the machine which provides the time of day when a user dials 3-8111. It is Medford's most frequently called number.

Audichron is the machine's full name. It is an intricate electronic device in a Portland telephone building. The voice announcing the time comes from a magnetic tape recording, and it reaches Medford via a special long distance channel.

Time Service
This same Portland audichron provides time service for most other major Oregon cities as well as two towns in Washington. The arrangement helps hold down costs, telephone engineers explain.

The audichron is manufactured by an Atlanta, Ga., firm. Atlanta is also the home of Mrs. Mary Moore, whose measured voice can be heard day or night saying: "At the tone standard time will be..."

In addition to being the voice of time in hundreds of cities throughout the United States, Mrs. Moore appears often on Atlanta television programs. In private life, she is the mother of three children, and active in PTA as well as other community groups.

Two Recordings
Actually, there are two recordings.

Portland Mayor Pleads Innocent in Court

Portland—(U.P.)—Mayor Terry D. Schunk pleaded innocent in circuit court Friday to charges of bribery and perjury and told Judge Alfred T. Sulmonetti he probably would be ready to go to trial on either of the counts within 60 days.

The mayor was indicted recently by a Multnomah county grand jury investigating vice conditions in Portland. He is accepting a bribe from a bootlegger and of giving perjured testimony in connection with the alleged bribe.

State Forest Nursery Planned

Salem—A state forest nursery that will see an annual seedling production of from 15 to 20 million trees annually is to be established on a 106-acre site near Elkton on the Umpqua river in the near future, State Forester Dwight L. Phipps announced today.

He added that the project has been made possible through the cooperative efforts of the Douglas county court, the state and the U. S. Forest Service. The county has purchased the site and leased it to the state with an option to purchase while the forest service will advance the major part of the funds for development under the conservation reserve program of the Soil Bank Act, the forester stated.

It is estimated that the cost of development, exclusive of the site, will be approximately \$250,000. Phipps indicated that this would go into the preparation of the land, installation of the irrigation system, refrigeration plant of sufficient capacity to store several million trees, combined machine storage and garage, residences for the nurseryman and his assistant as well as other improvements.

House Approves Liberalization Bill

Salem—The house of representatives by unanimous vote Thursday approved liberalization of absentee ballot rules. Present regulations will be changed by this measure to permit casting of ballots up to the day before election, instead of five days before. Ballots may be mailed to the county clerks from 25 to 45 days before election.

Those who believe they will be absent from the city on election day may obtain absentee ballots. Under present provisions a voter must be sure he will be absent before obtaining a ballot.

Also passed was House Bill 419, which would permit the state tax commission to furnish lists to the county assessors of those whose returns indicate they have personal or real property which should be on the tax rolls.

Commission to Open Grading, Paving Bids

The state highway commission will receive bids for grading and paving projects on Table Rock rd. and the Crater Lake highway-Jacksonville rd., at a meeting in Portland Friday.

The two projects involve 1.52 miles of Table Rock rd. and 1.49 miles of the Crater Lake highway-Jacksonville rd., northeast of Central Point. Both begin at the junction of Table Rock rd. with Crater Lake highway-Jacksonville rd., and run north and east respectively from there.

The work consists of widening along the present alignment and improving the grade of these county roads. The pavement will consist of 3½ inches of asphaltic concrete laid of a width of 22 feet with stone shoulders from 4 to 8 feet in width along each side. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 1957.

Economists Say Outlook Good in '57

Pullman—(U.P.)—Three economists told the Pacific Northwest Banking conference here Friday that the economic outlook is very good for the balance of 1957.

Karl Hobson, extension specialist at Washington State college, said wheat prices should remain at their present level and that cattle prices were likely to improve during the next three years.

Lewis G. Pritchard, assistant vice president of the research department of the First National Bank of Portland, said a major problem facing the economy was finding enough funds to finance home construction.

The third speaker at Friday's meeting was William M. Burke, economist from the Bank of America at San Francisco.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California: Increasing cloudiness.



ASSIST IN INSTALLATION—Veterans Administration officials and nurses assist in the installation of hospital facilities and supplies in building 217 to provide an emergency hospital conform to plans of the state civil defense department. Shown, left to right, are Christine Bates, nurse; M. Lewis, nursing assistant; Dr. Wallace Pianka, chief medical officer; Manager Eugene K. Ricker, M. Barrett, nurse, and Grace Stuhr, chief nurse. (Jerry Gamble Photo)

Civil Defense Agency Displays 200-Bed Mobile Hospital at CW

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
Camp White Correspondent

Forest fire, flood or other major disaster, requiring surgery and treatment, can furnish the occasion for calling into action the 200-bed mobile hospital unit now being exhibited at Camp White by the Oregon State Civil Defense Agency.

"This emergency hospital can be used in a natural disaster as well as after an enemy attack," it is stated. In any event, it was emphasized, the current shortage of hospital beds requires such a plan.

Medical men, including physicians, dentists and technicians, attending a meeting of the Jackson County Medical Society, inspected the layout, transported and arranged at the VA Domiciliary as it might be set up in any stricken area.

Discusses Problem
Maj. Gen. John Hargreaves, of the medical corps, USAF (ret.), now medical representative of the state civil defense authority, discussed the program at the domiciliary Wednesday evening.

Manager E. K. Ricker and Dr. Wallace Pianka, chief medical officer, with Grace Stuhr, chief nurse, and members of the nursing staff, cooperated with Lt. Cmdr. Franklin G. Wetherell, USN (ret.), assistant medical officer, and Mrs. Nova Young, nurse consultant, of the civil defense agency, in providing a realistic display in one of the unoccupied buildings.

Only a few of the beds were "packaged" in the truck with all of the necessary hospital equipment. A trailer is used in active service to carry the "extras."

Approximately 15,000 square feet of space are required for the hospital and it can be set up in about four hours. The hospital may be quickly relocated if the occasion warrants.

Mrs. Young declares that in most communities, the schoolhouse is the most desirable location for the improvised hospital. Manning the hospital calls for a team of 10 physicians, 20 nurses, 125 trained assistants and about 75 others.

While the unit is unimpressive at a glance, the observer is impressed by the compactness as well as the completeness of the surgical and medical equipment. An exact layout is planned and when it is ready for the first patient, the hospital includes a triage room, for classification of casualties, a shock treatment ward, three operating wards, a sterilizing room, a pharmacy

with an adequate supply of drugs, a laboratory and x-ray room.

X-Ray Tested
As soon as it was installed here, the x-ray was tested to see if it could turn out 60-second prints, as claimed. It did. There also is a supply room and the usual wards.

Nothing seems to have been omitted in the inventory of necessary medical equipment and supplies in an emergency. A special gasoline incandescent lamp is available for brilliant lighting in case the power fails.



COMPLETE HOSPITAL—A complete modern hospital is transported in this mobile unit of the Oregon Civil Defense agency. Here it is shown with Lt. Cmdr. F. G. Wetherell, USN (ret.) assistant medical officer, and Mrs. Nova Young, nurse consultant. After equipment had been moved and placed in one of the buildings at the Camp White VA Domiciliary where it is now on display. (Jerry Gamble Photo)

Blossom Day at Salem Scheduled for Monday

Salem—(U.P.)—Salem will hold its blossom day celebration Sunday but the event which was inaugurated in 1913 will have a new look.

The emphasis will be to the west side of the river.

Robert Fischer Jr., King Bird of the Salem Cherrians, said: "Growth of housing developments in and around Salem has resulted in removal of many of Salem's surrounding cherry orchards. Because of this, the 'south route,' a feature of many Salem blossom days, was taken off the schedule."

This year's observance will also be minus the organ music and special tours of the capitol which were features of the observance in the past.

Milton-Freewater Man Killed in Accident

Walla Walla, Wash.—(U.P.)—Eldon A. Hanson, 21, Milton-Freewater, Ore., was killed Friday night in a three-car collision south of here.

Eight other persons were injured in the accident. Officers said the collision occurred about 10:30 p.m. Details of the accident were not immediately known.

\$20,000 Fire Damages The Dalles Restaurant

The Dalles—(U.P.)—Damage was estimated at \$20,000 from a fire early Friday at Langdon's restaurant just west of here. Firemen said the blaze apparently started in the kitchen. The building was damaged extensively but most of the equipment was saved.

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