

Farmers Have \$200 Billion Invested, Rotary Club Told

Farmers of the U.S. have \$200 billion invested in their business, the equivalent of three-fourths of all the assets of all the corporations in the nation, John Niedermeyer, Jackson County farmer and businessman said in an address here Tuesday.

Speaking before a luncheon meeting of the Medford Rotary club at the Rogue Valley Country club, Niedermeyer said the inventory of the equipment on U.S. farms is greater than the assets of the steel industry and five times those of the automobile industry.

Further emphasizing the impact of agriculture on America's economy, the speaker pointed out that the farmer employs nine times more people than the giant U.S. motor car industry and 12 times the payrolls of all the country's steel plants.

Niedermeyer, who is a director of First Federal Savings and Loan association and the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, and an active church and Grange worker in addition to his farming, reminded Rotarians that farmers spend \$42 billion in the nation's market places for supplies and services.

"Any reasonable effort on the part of the federal government to keep such a vast segment of our economy healthy and solvent reflects itself in added business for everybody," he said in discussing the highly controversial farm subsidy problem.

Since the closing days of the Hoover administration, there have been more words spoken and more words written about agriculture than any other single business or industry in America, Niedermeyer said, and cited the farm programs which have emerged during the Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and now the Kennedy administrations.

Scandals, surpluses and subsidies have kept agriculture in the limelight and contributed to a critical attitude toward farms on the part of the U.S. public.

Publicized Budget The widely publicized budget and growing personnel of the Department of Agriculture, for which farmers seem to receive the major blame, also includes such agencies as the U.S. forest service, the school lunch program, Commodity Credit and huge appropriations requested by the state department for foreign aid.

Actually, the speaker reminded his audience, the portion of the \$6.5 billion budget of the department of agriculture concerned directly with agriculture is estimated at \$2 billion.

"America lives in the midst of an abundance of food and fiber which is the envy of the world, especially Soviet Russia and Red China," he said. "Carrying home an average of 1,500 pounds of groceries annually, spending \$120 million per year for reducing aids and another \$380 million a year for cat and dog food, we proclaim to the world that we have a problem. Although we represent only 6 per cent of the world's population, we eat 29 per cent of the world's supply of meat."

Niedermeyer pointed to statistics to prove that food prices have advanced far less than rents, medical care and other goods and services. Today 20 per cent of income is spent for food while only a century ago 67 per cent was food's share. In the same period the percentage of people engaged in producing food

dropped from 67 to eight. The "population explosion" which has America growing at the rate of 300 per hour adds to the responsibility of the farmer, the speaker said. Farmers are selling some of their best land for highways, airports, shopping centers and housing at the rate of

a million acres a year. Another half-million acres are lost because of erosion, wind and water but new lands are being brought under cultivation to offset the loss.

The speaker concluded with Daniel Webster's reminder: "Let us never forget that the cultivation of the soil is the

most important labor of man. When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization."

Jackson Introduces Power Priority Bill

Washington—(UPI)—A bill to give the Pacific Northwest first call on electric power produced in the area was introduced Monday by Sen.

Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.). Jackson said the bill would "safeguard the firm power supply on which long-established industries and utilities of the Northwest rely."

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Attorney Testifies In Favor of Dam

Portland—(UPI)—An attorney for the Skamania county, Wash., Public Utility District said Monday a proposed hydroelectric project by the PUD on the Little White Salmon river would guarantee water for operating existing fish hatcheries.

John W. Riley, Seattle, spoke at a Federal Power commission hearing here before Examiner Allen C. Lande.

The project would be located near Willard, Wash. The hearing, which is expected to last more than a week, was called to determine whether the PUD should be given a federal license.

Spokesmen for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, said the project would be "definitely harmful and possibly fatal" to three fishery conservation installations near the proposed dam site.

But Riley said, "a hatchery and a hydroelectric project can coexist." He said the diversion dam would be near three of the fishery installations.

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