

Bill Nichols Resigns Post Of Roadmaster

Last year the county commissioners delayed the appointing of County Roadmaster Bill Nichols for three months apparently wishing to make a change and not knowing just what to do. Realizing that the same condition was liable to arise again this year, Nichols resigned, effective March 1, at the first meeting of the county court held a week ago today.

The commissioners immediately took steps to combine the offices of roadmaster and county engineer which move they hope will save the taxpayers quite a sum of money.

Nichols has been connected with Hood River county roads for 22 years, being the second one to hold this position.

1937 FOUND RECORD YEAR FOR OREGON AGRICULTURE

Cash income for Oregon farmers for 1937 will be the highest since pre-depression days and will approximate the previous peak year of 1929, according to a compilation made by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State College, and based on latest government estimates and other data.

"Sales of crop and animal products from Oregon farms during 1937 will amount to between \$130,000,000 and \$140,000,000, which is more than double the cash farm income during the 1932-1933 low years and equal to the 1928-1929 peak period, says Breithaupt.

Breithaupt calls attention to the growing importance of specialty crops in Oregon's income, even though milk production and wheat continue as the principal single

THE WOULD-BE POET

Once there was a feller
With a problem black as ink.
He was supposed to write a poem
—Of such he could but think:

"If I could only put in words
The beauty of the scenes,
Of babbling brooks, the birds and
flowers,
And oh, so many things!

Alas, I can't write poetry,
No matter how I try,
And so perhaps I shouldn't try,
And instead just say good-bye."
—Applebox Archie

items, with beef cattle, sheep and other livestock accounting for fully a fourth of the total. Tree fruits, nuts, small fruits and nursery crops together bring in about a fifth of the total.

Specialty crops include a half of all the hops produced in the United States, a large volume of eggs and fine baby chicks, and a turkey output that puts Oregon in the front rank of turkey growing states. Specialty crops often omitted from estimates include celery and other truck crops, field, garden and flower seeds; bulbs, peppermint oil, furs, and a great variety of nursery stock for both ornamental and commercial planting.

EXAMINER COMING TUESDAY

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Hood River Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Chamber of Commerce between the hours of 10 a. m. and 8 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Quite often you can tell where a man gets his opinion by listening to his wife.

'Debt Service Available to Local Farmers

Farm debt adjustment services are available to all Hood River County farmers threatened by foreclosure or faced by obligations beyond the capacity of the farm to pay, announces the Farm Security Administration, USDA. Application for this service may be made either through the county rehabilitation supervisor's office in the Franz Building, Hood River, or by writing the district supervisor, Farm Debt Adjustment, FSA, Portland.

Adjustments such as time extension, refinancing and principal reductions enabling the farmer to continue his occupancy and pay his debts are effected through friendly and confidential negotiations between debtor and creditor. Services of debt adjustment workers are entirely advisory and in no way compulsory.

While farm foreclosures have decreased in Oregon in recent years, many farmers are still handicapped with debts beyond the capacity of the farm to pay. As both the creditor and debtor lose through foreclosure, every effort is made to bring about adjustments whereby the debt may be paid in full and still leave enough income to provide an adequate living for the family.

Farmers in need of the service are urged to make application for advisory aid before foreclosure proceedings have been instituted, if possible. Creditors are equally welcome in applying for debt adjustment services where it is possible to work out a satisfactory solution to avoid the expense of foreclosure proceedings.

PA'S GIFTS

How dear to Pa's heart is the holiday season
When gifts for his welfare are brought to his view.

The shirts that won't fit, and the loud-sounding neckties,
The dread-naught cigars, and the old slippers, too.

The slip-sloppy slippers,
The fuzz-lined old slippers
The zephyr-turned slippers
That Santa Claus brought!
—J. Kelly Buck

JANUARY DANGEROUS

Automobile accident statistics for January, 1937, warn Oregon motorists against unpreparedness and too much speed at this time of year, Secretary of State Earl Snell said this week.

More than half of last January's 3032 reported accidents occurred while streets and highways were

covered with ice, and nearly one-third occurred while snow was actually falling. Skidding played a part in no less than 1105 mishaps.

FARM POPULATION GAINS

The farm population of the State of Washington increased in 1936 by 6750 persons, chiefly due to the migration of families from city to farm and from farms outside the state, according to estimates based on a survey conducted by the State College of Washington in cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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