

PROGRAM WILL REMAIN SAME FOR FARMING

No major changes are contemplated for 1940 in either the AAA farm or range programs, according to Oregon delegates who have returned from national AAA planning conferences.

Farmers of the nation are "well satisfied with the farm program just as it is, and don't want any

major changes next year," said Will Steen of Milton, who recently returned from Washington, D. C. "It looks as though the program for 1940 will be very little different from the one in operation right now."

Weir Makes Announcement

Robert Weir of Lakeview, state committee member who recently attended a national range conference at Hot Springs, South Dakota, announced that range operators generally desire no major changes in their 1940 program.

Weir said that increased emphasis will be laid next year on deferred grazing as a recommended range practice, and replanting of natural sagebrush with good range grass also will be stressed.

Steen said that one of the changes recommended in the farm program for 1940 is designed to aid the small farmer by providing

for a minimum allowance of \$20 which he can earn by performing soil conserving and soil building practices.

Prices Kept Up

The committee chairman said that one of the outstanding benefits to Oregon from the farm program has been its aid in keeping wheat prices up. Without the farm program, he said, wheat in eastern Oregon on July 29, for example, would have been but 18 cents a bushel.

"The wheat price in Oregon normally is based on the world market," he said. "The price in Liverpool, England, on July 29, was 49 1/2 cents a bushel, lowest in many years. Latest figures show that it costs about 3 1/2 cents a bushel to ship wheat from eastern Oregon to Liverpool. Deduct 3 1/2 cents from 49 1/2 cents and you have 46 cents. That's what we'd be

getting today if it weren't for the government program. Instead, however, our price is based on the general loan value of 60 cents, and in addition we get benefit payments totaling 28 cents a bushel." Steen pointed out that benefits to farmers through increased wheat prices have not been at the expense of consumers, since there has been no rise in the price of bread.

AMERICAN TROOPS NEED LARGE SCALE PRACTICE, CLAIM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—General George C. Marshall, the army's new chief of staff, reported today after inspecting preparations for another "Battle of Manassas" that the troops need

more training for large scale operations. He said the army suffers by comparison with foreign forces, and with the navy and air corps, because of lack of opportunity for war games such as will be waged in Virginia and New York state next week.

At the same time Marshall noted that the smooth mobilization of nearly 20,000 national guardsmen at Manassas, Va., for the mass maneuvers of the first field army, disclosed "impressive advances" in fighting efficiency in the four years since similar maneuvers were staged in the east.

"These large scale operations," he said in an interview, "are the most valuable training the army can receive and there should be more of it by all means." The approximately 8,000,000

men under arms in a tense Europe are represented largely by reservists, who Marshall noted are called into service for weeks and months at a time.

"Our national guardsmen have but two weeks in the field," he said. "The navy and air forces do not have to rent ground and can maneuver at any time."

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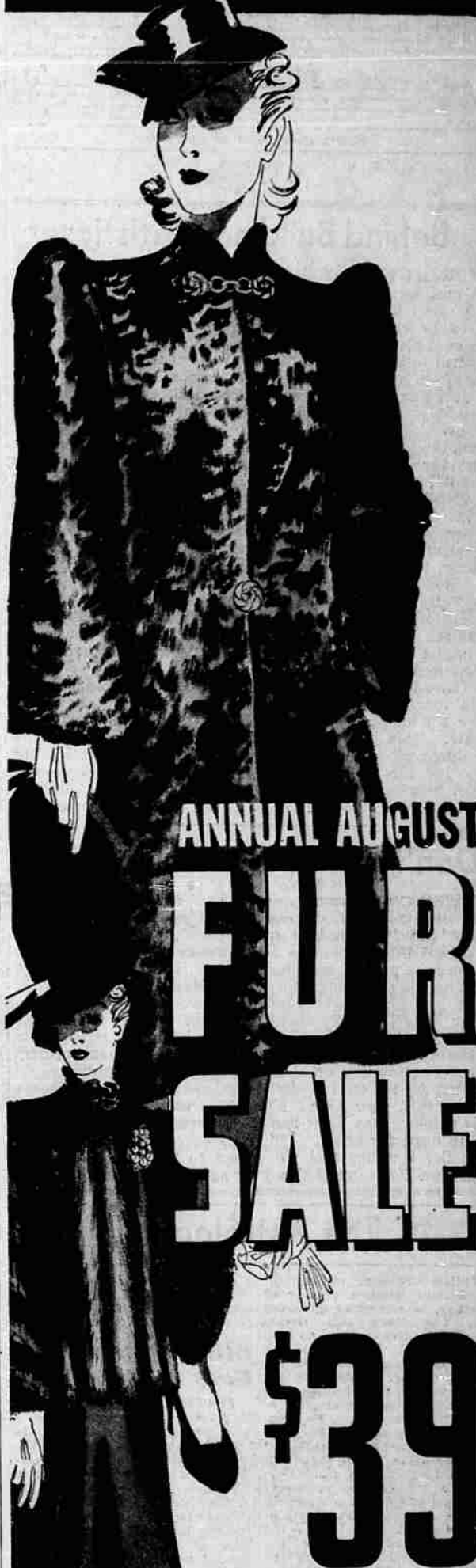
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