

Few FSA Changes Seen As Result Of New Bill

Few major changes are expected in the Klamath county farm security administration program as a result of the farmers' home administration act or "Cooley bill" which passed congress shortly before adjournment and was sent to the president's desk for signature, according to word received by Harry E. Clark, county FSA supervisor, courthouse, Klamath Falls.

Present FSA programs are given permanent status in the department of agriculture under the legislation and are consolidated with the emergency crop and seed loan program of the farm credit administration under a new agency to be known as the farmers' home administration, said Clark. Merger of the two credit agencies is to be completed within 90 days after the bill becomes law but is not expected to effect present county FSA field offices.

Conservation Funds Raised

An additional \$140,650 has been made available for assisting Oregon farmers and ranchers with soil and water conserving practices under the 1946 agricultural conservation program, it has been announced by E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee.

Oregon's share of the funds provided by congress for conservation practice payments to farmers in 1946 has been increased to \$2,953,650 as compared with the original allocation at the start of the year of \$2,813,000.

Miller said that the additional funds will be allocated to counties whose original allocations are not sufficient to cover all of the conservation work for which farmers have requested assistance. He indicated that county agricultural conservation committees will be asked to use the extra funds to increase minimum farm allowances on farms where the most conservation can be obtained.

The operators of some 33,500 Oregon farms have filed farm plans requesting practice payment assistance amounting to more than \$5,000,000, Miller reported. County committees currently are asking operators to report any changes in the intended practices listed on the farm plans, which were made out last spring.

Oregon Land Bought By Plywood Company

HOQUIAM, Aug. 15 (AP)—Acquisition of more than 11,000 acres of timberland in Douglas county, Ore., was announced yesterday by the Harbor Plywood corporation of Hoquiam, in revealing plans for construction of a veneer peeler plant and a sash and door factory in the area.

President E. W. Daniels said the corporation also would take over the Riddle Lumber & Manufacturing company operations in the same county September 1.

Officers Authorized To Resume 'Civvies'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—The war and navy departments jointly announced today that their officers on duty in other departments and agencies outside Washington may wear civilian clothes if the chief of the agency deems it appropriate.

Indians To Publish Paper In Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 15 (AP)—The planned publication of the Native Voice as the official organ for the Native Brotherhood organization was announced yesterday by John A. Beynon, editor.

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Bumper Hop Crop Forecast

PORTLAND, Aug. 15 (AP)—Prospects for a record-breaking Pacific coast hop yield, mainly because of improvement in California, were reported by the U. S. department of agriculture today.

An estimated 58 million pounds will be harvested, the department forecast. If the forecast is sustained, production will be 4 per cent over the 1945 record, 48 per cent above the 1935-1944 average.

Overall outlook for the three coast states improved slightly, Oregon prospects held about the same, while Washington's outlook declined slightly, the department reported.

Many early harvested grass seed crops have been moving faster than usual and at record high prices. By mid-July, around 85 per cent of the commercial crimson clover crop had been sold by growers. Prices averaged \$16.95 a hundred, \$1.55 higher than a year ago and \$6 above the 1940-44 average.

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SIDE GLANCES

Malt Barley Contest Set At Portland

A special malting barley contest at the land products division of the Pacific International Livestock exposition is open to Klamath basin farmers, according to Ernie Lindsay, assistant county agent.

The competition will include separate divisions for two-row barley and for four-row barley. Each carries a first prize of \$250 and a second prize of \$100. Thus Klamath basin growers can compete in this contest for a total of \$700.

Any grower who has 20 acres of barley can enter the contest. Each exhibit must be a full 100-pound sack, and the county PMA committee must certify that the sack in question came from a field of 20 acres or more. Each prospective contestant should get in touch with the local extension office before threshing time. Entries

should be double sacked and sent by express or delivered in person to the Pacific International in Portland at least three days before the opening date, October 6.

E. R. Jackman, crops specialist on the state college extension staff, says that the premiums are large enough to pay for anyone's time. Oregon is becoming noted as the producer of some of the best malting barley to be found anywhere, he pointed out. Some of the best malting varieties are Hannahon, Wisconsin 38, Utah Winter, and Atlas.

Jackman emphasizes that for malting purposes the barley must not be cracked in threshing. Some excellent malting lots are ruined sometimes by threshing so closely that the kernels are skinned or cracked.

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Weather Helps Oregon Crops

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Pasture and ranges along the coast were reported in excellent condition and while interior grazing lands were reported dry, ample feed was at hand to keep stock in good condition.

Winter wheat in the major areas east of the Cascades has been nearly all harvested and elsewhere the harvest is under way. Spring grains have been

ripening steadily and truck crops are progressing well.

The early peach, pear and prune harvests are on, the report said, with the prune crop in the Willamette valley in fair condition. Pears in the Medford area were reported ripening slowly with small sizes in prospect.

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