

Color Film Slated For Soil Meet

The first annual report on soil conservation practices in Poe valley district will be heard Monday evening, February 10, in the south Poe valley community hall.

Wilbur Reiling, chairman of the board of supervisors of the soil conservation program, with A. W. Schaub, secretary, and George Stephenson, Rex High and Victor Brown, supervisors, will be in charge of the evening's meeting.

Two points of extreme interest will be discussed. Firstly soil survey of the entire district and classification of land according to its capabilities. Secondly, the topographic survey being made which covers 4000 acres in the valley.

A colored film illustrating methods of soil conservation, entitled "Under Western Skies," will be shown by Robert J. Brady, civil engineer of the U. S. soil conservation office in Klamath Falls, and A. M. Christenson, district conservationist of the same office. A short moving picture reel will be used to show methods of soil survey by which land is classified. An aerial map of the valley will be displayed as part of the program, showing the topography and location of farms.

The principal address will be given by Sam L. Sloane, state conservationist of Corvallis and will deal with soil conservation and workings of the district program.

Howard Cushman, secretary of the state soil conservation committee, also of Corvallis, will discuss functions of the committee.

All farmers and ranchers in the valley are urged to attend this important meeting.

Farm Planning Conference To Be Held Feb. 26

The Klamath county agricultural planning conference will be held February 26 in the American Legion hall, according to C. A. Henderson, county agent.

For the past three months, 10 committees under the general chairmanship of E. A. Geary have been making studies and surveys of various farm related subjects such as 4-H work, land use, the farm labor situation, etc. About 200 different members of the various committees are due to attend the conference.

Two speakers are slated to appear at the meeting during which the reports of the committees will be read and discussed. The starting time for the conference is 10 a. m. Chairman Geary will open the meeting and introduce the committee chairman who will read their reports. One of the guest speakers will speak in the morning and the other will speak during the afternoon session of the conference, Henderson said.

The purpose of the conference is principally educational, Henderson stated, and the subjects chosen for study are of vital interest to farmers in the Klamath basin.

There was a record number of infantile paralysis cases in the United States in 1946—24,000.

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Oregon 4-H Clubs Lead Nation In Advancement

Oregon 4-H club local leaders' associations are so much further advanced than those in most states that the rest of the nation is looking to this state as a pattern in building their own local leader groups.

This is the report given to the 13th annual 4-H club leaders' conference at Oregon State college by Mrs. Charles L. Edwards of Benton county who was one of two Oregon local leaders to be awarded free trips to the national club congress in Chicago last fall.

Mrs. Edwards interviewed leaders from other states at the congress to pick up new ideas for use in Oregon. She found that the Oregon State Local Leaders association considered the outstanding one in the country.

Four local leaders and the county club agent attended this annual leaders conference from Klamath county. They were Mrs. Jessie Keedy, Helen Sullivan, H. B. Wineberger, E. D. Hoffman and Francis Skinner.

This three-day western Oregon conference will be followed by one for eastern Oregon at Pendleton February 13, 14 and 15. The Corvallis meeting was attended by 165 local club leaders from 20 western and central Oregon counties.

An evening banquet was addressed by E. H. Greenwood, secretary of the Oregon Bankers' association who said that while Oregon is sixth from the top nationally in percentage of eligible youth enrolled in club work, still only one in five is a member, leaving a wide field for future work.

Mrs. E. F. Wright, Portland, is president of the state association which directed portions of the program. Members of the OSC staff conducted classes for leaders covering both objectives and methods in club work for 1947.

Leadership pins were presented at the banquet to the following: Ten-year—Alice Lindsay, Wilderville, Josephine county; Mrs. Myrtle M. Schreier, Mollala, Clackamas county; and Clayton Nyberg, Tualatin, Washington county. Nyberg was formerly a club member for 10 years.

Five-year—Mrs. W. E. Davis, Eagle Point, Jackson; Don Hagg, Reedville, Douglas; and Maxine Wright, Days Creek, Douglas. Miss Wright, now an OSC student, was 1945 state winner in canning. Hagg led the winning demonstration team in interstate competition for the O. M. Plummer trophy at the 1946 P. I.

Time Of Year Here To Start Control Of Grubs

It is approaching the season of the year when applications for the control of cattle grubs may be made, according to Ernie Lindsay, assistant county agent.

The timing of treatments is determined by the first appearance of grubs in the backs of the cattle. In most sections of the county the first grubs appeared during the middle of January. The time of treatment begins 30 days after the first grubs appear in the back, and is repeated at 30 day intervals as needed. The minimum treatment is two applications. Rotenone is the only insecticide now being used.

There are various control methods. Perhaps the cheapest and most widely used is the high pressure spray, but applications by wash dust or dip may be used. The concentration for spray is 7 1/2 pounds 5% rotenone powder in 100 gallons of water, or 5 quarts of wettable sulphur per 100 gallons of water.

Dipping in vats is generally considered too expensive, but where used 7 1/2 to 10 pounds of 5% rotenone powder plus 10 pounds wettable sulphur in 100 gallons of water is recommended.

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Farm Loan Meet Slated

The annual meeting of the Klamath National Farm Loan association will be held Saturday noon at the Willard hotel, preceded by a dinner. More than 60 farmers and ranchers from the basin area are expected to attend the meeting. E. A. Geary, president of the association, will preside and Arnold Anderson, regional manager for Oregon of the Federal Land bank, Spokane, and C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agent, will address the gathering. This year's meeting is of particular significance in that it marks the 30th anniversary of the Federal Land bank system.

Geary pointed out that during the 30-year period the Spokane bank, for which the Klamath association makes and services loans, has extended more than \$200,000,000 worth of long-term credit to farmers and ranchers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The Klamath association and 76 similar farmer-operated organizations in the four states, along with a few direct borrowers, own all the capital stock in the Spokane bank, Geary added.

Two directors will be elected at the meeting to succeed T. W. Jones and J. R. Sisemore, whose terms have expired. Other directors of the association are L. J. Horton, U. E. Reeder, George Denton and E. A. Geary. H. E. Hamaker, secretary-treasurer, is in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

Farm Income For State Shows Gain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Farm income in Oregon the first three quarters of 1946 mounted to \$18,107,000 above the comparable period in the year previous, the bureau of agricultural economics reported today.

The state's farm income totaled \$237,493,000 January through October. Crop earnings were \$103,967,000 and livestock earnings were \$106,526,000. The remainder was miscellaneous revenue.

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National Potato Letter Spud Stocks Hit New High; Klamath Potato Price Firm

Generally the reaction to the new record high January potato stocks report has been casual. Probably it was about what many expected and the element of surprise was lacking. So far as we know there has been little disposition to analyze or check back on the figures—not surprising in view of the fact that the larger the supply is believed to be, the more energetic DoA is likely to be in getting rid of it. Some of the figures seem improbable, but they could be right. If they are, there may be some underestimation of production that will not come to light until summer.

Early harvesting in Florida's winter area is about over, with the season developing poor yields and considerable abandonment. First movement from Idaho is due about February 1, with the crop in good shape but conditions right for blight and some other pests already in evidence. Early spring plantings are about finished, with conditions fair to good.

Shipments were not reported last week to make room for full coverage of the stocks report. For the week ending January 18, the total was 4764 cars, slightly under the 4800 cars reported for the week ending January 11, including 377 for the government. Maine had 1533 cars, Idaho 1122, Nebraska 419, Colorado 390, Colorado 380, and Oregon 273. Idaho recovered from the 800 cars of the preceding week, caused by bad weather. Idaho reported 270 of its total for the government, indicating first movement to Newport for the Italian order. In addition, the feeding movement is not spectacular, with a total of 50 cars. From our own files, the total for the week ending January 18, 1946, was 4764 cars. Heavy early movement is due next month when Idaho county begins to ship.

Maine reports a slow demand, the market dull and prices 20 cents under the floor for all varieties. In Michigan, Chippewa met a fair demand turning dull, and prices about unchanged at 10 to 15 cents under the floor for few sales. For rutab, demand was slow and the market dull with too few sales to establish a market. Upland New York demand was moderate turning slow, the market dull after the mid-week slump, and prices down about 10 cents under the floor. North Dakota demand ruled very slow to practically none, the market dull and too few sales to establish prices. Nebraska de-

mand also was light to moderate, the market mostly dull, and prices down to a time over floor, washed basis. Colorado, San Luis valley, demand ruled fair turning very slow, the market steady turning slightly weaker, and prices unchanged to 5 cents lower at 15 to 20 cents over the floor, washed basis. Idaho demand continued fair shifting to slow, the market steady to dull and prices about unchanged at 20 cents over the floor. Washed Idaho Washington demand ruled consistently slow, the market steady and prices unchanged at 20 cents over the floor washed basis.

Terminal reports show Chicago generally slow but a little better for Idaho, with the market unsettled, steady to dull, but with a mid-week weakness for Nebraska. New York ruled mostly dull for old offerings with new stock unsettled and alternating between strength and weakness. Atlanta held steady. Boston mostly dull with some weakness. Detroit, steady to firm on Idaho, others about steady. Minneapolis, mostly dull with some weakness on Florida. Philadelphia, dull. San Francisco, firm with Klamath receipts bringing higher prices in a narrower price range. Truckholdings are beginning to rise.

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again after a couple of weeks of moderate holdings.
Very tentative estimates of the 1947 late and intermediate acreage intentions are down 10 per cent from 1946. Market levels from here on in can exert considerable effect, but the biggest push probably is a realization that the market just doesn't need the spuds, plus acreage goals. Forgoing is borne out by very slow seed demand and slow rate of seed movement. Trade sources say they cannot remember when seed was so slow in moving out to planting areas. This could make trouble if seed demand balloons suddenly so as to bring pressure on the crop supply.
DoA must carry the whole load of 1947 seed support planning without help from congress. Least, as we read the signs, Congress had the biggest hand in creating the present mess of spuds by passage of the Steagall amendment, which was good on the upgrade but has no brakes. Dumping of low grade and deteriorated stocks goes on apace, but we expect more action along this line soon, against DoA's supply. Leave too many even of good quality. Haven't heard of much activity by way of absorbing up the back in response to DoA's willingness to dump fringe No. 1's from loan stock. Stands in reason the industry could increase demand somewhat by packing to a 2 1/2-inch minimum and throwing out the jumbos. Biggest gripe we hear, and DoA gets it all the time, is: Why do spuds cost so much when there are so many, and why can't we get decent quality? Why must we pay a nickel a pound for junk, and then pay the tax bill for supporting prices? That there egg is golden—don't kill the goose.

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