



THE DIRECTORS of the Butte Valley Soil Conservation District. Seated, left to right are Chairman of the Board, Walter Robison and district Secretary Elmer Kappen. Standing, Joe Allen, Lewis Parsons, Lee Harrington and James Butler, Directors. (Joe Allen recently resigned after taking office on the county board of Supervisors for Siskiyou County and has been replaced by Charles Owens).

Butte Valley Irrigation Project Will Open 5000-6000 Acres Of Farmland

Between 5000 and 6000 acres of new land will be brought under irrigation this year for the first time in the Butte Valley Soil Conservation District according to Walter Robison, chairman of the board of directors for the district.

When one travels the roads of Butte Valley he observes at least two dozen big land conditioning rigs clearing and leveling land. No less than 12 new wells have been developed since the first of the year. Several of the new wells have been tested at 2800 or more gallons per minute.

Lloyd Low, Pete Wilkerson, Daie West, Bob Cheyne, Bill Edwards and William Kandra are farmers who are bringing new land under irrigation this year. There are at least a dozen others who will add sizeable acreage to the irrigated land in Butte Valley.

Anyone familiar with Butte Valley and its agricultural history the past 12 years marvels at the rapid agricultural development going on this year.

Beginning some years ago with the Butte Valley district and more recently with the development of new wells, the irrigation developments have mushroomed to all parts of the valley.

Farmers, who have been residents in the valley for several years have pointed out what can be expected in the way of potato, small grain, alfalfa and alfalfa production from Butte Valley lands when properly irrigated. New land owners and operators are coming into the valley and will profit by the examples of those who led the way in developing these farming opportunities. No less than 25,000 acres within the district has a changed hands within the past year involving at least three dozen new owners and operators.

Mr. Robison points out that the Butte Valley Soil Conservation District has been unusually busy

helping farmers develop sound soil and water conservation program on their farms. Through the district program, farmers are provided soil information, engineering assistance in laying out irrigation and land leveling plans and assistance in agronomic and soil management programs.

The Butte Valley Soil Conservation District like other soil conservation districts assists farmers in the district with all their technical land problems. The District is locally operated by a board of five directors elected by the farmers of the district. This governing board call on the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and other local state and federal agencies for assistance. The present board members besides Walter Robison, the chairman, are James Butler, L. W. Parsons, Lee Harrington and Charles Owens.

Sire Service Use Greater

Warren's Proved Sire Service announced today that their organization has inseminated a total of 992 cows in 1952 as compared to 678 in 1951.

Warren's Service buys semen from the American Breeders Service stud at Palo Alto, which has boosted its record of cows bred from 25,800 in '51 to 36,913 in '52.

Warren's service is one of 272 cooperatives and private breeding organizations in 28 states that has contributed to the 625,638 first service cows bred by the American Breeders Service. The American Breeders Service is the foremost supplier in the nation of semen from high index proved dairy sires rated in the top 2 per cent of all bulls proved in the United States in dairy herd improvement work.

Warren's service is available to every dairyman, large or small, at the regular insemination charge, as the small farmer rarely can pay the expense of keeping a good proved bull.

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Soil Engineering Shows Increase

Lyle C. Smith, Soil Conservation Service engineer, reports a 100 per cent increase in engineering accomplishments in 1952 over the past three-year average in Klamath County. Smith reports this work was handled due to the excellent cooperation of Soil Conservation District farmers in assisting with as much of the engineering work as possible.

Following are figures on the major engineering practices applied in 1952: Land leveling, 6,170 acres; irrigation systems, 13,500 acres; open drains, 45 miles; field diversion ditches, 3 miles; farm and ranch ponds, 6.

Technicians in the Klamath Falls office assisting Soil Conservation District cooperators on engineering work besides Smith are Joseph Westvold, Hubert Oliver and Querino Lelli.



BARNEY HOOPER'S three leveling rigs in operation on the Bob McCollum farm in Butte Valley. More than two dozen farmer-owned and contractor rigs are busy leveling new land for irrigation in the Butte Valley Soil Conservation District.

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SEWING BEES
The club met at the home of their leader, Mrs. William Kunz, Monday the 23d. The secretary read a letter to the members about sending seeds to Korea for food. The members voted to send them. The meeting was adjourned and the members sewed on their aprons.
Sharon Kunz
News Reporter

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However, since burlap bags in good condition can bring from 6 1/2 to 16 cents a piece, farmers are urged to take care of burlap bags so they will be suitable for resale.

A trend has started among U.S. farmers in ordering supplies of burlap bags. And smart farm managers have taken advantage of the opportunity to save several hundred dollars a year from resale of their empty burlap sacks.

However, how bags are handled and stored greatly affects their value. Burlap bag users are urged

to prevent damage to the sacks. Users are advised to use a hand truck or carry them to prevent sagging. Material stored in burlap bags should be placed on raised pallets to allow ventilation under sacks. Empty bags should be when empty and not stored in the corner. Careless storage of burlap bags may entirely destroy their market value, thereby cutting their value for resale.

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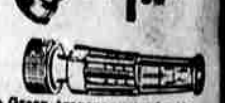


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