

Farmers Urge Reshaping Of Government Programs

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Demands are rising from farmers that government farm programs be refashioned to encourage—and compensate—them for producing better quality food and fiber crops.

Recent hearings held by the Senate Agriculture Committee on the problem of declining farm income showed that many producers now realize that much of the responsibility for their low prices should be placed on overproduction of poor quality products.

Markets take the better quality commodities, leaving the poorer grades to pile up in government surplus stocks, where they overhang markets and depress prices.

In many areas witnesses testified that present farm programs often fail to take quality into account in offering price support aid or allotting production shares.

Farmers in Kansas, the nation's

No. 1 wheat state, said they think more than half the government's billion-bushel stock of wheat is unfit for human consumption. They want it dumped for livestock feed.

Under the price support and crop control programs, wheat and other crops have been dealt with on a fairly uniform basis, regardless of quality.

Proposals were advanced that growers be offered 90 to 100 per cent of parity on good quality wheat used for food. Wheat unsuitable for food would be supported at 50 to 60 per cent of parity. (Parity is the price paid for federal farm programs.)

Advocates said this would force low-quality wheat growers out of business.

Under this year's program, for instance, all wheat is supported at 82.5 per cent of parity, with slight premiums for quality grain and slight discounts for poorer grades.

Hearings in Southern and Far Western cotton-growing states brought out pleas for quality provisions in programs for cotton. Much of the government's surplus cotton is known to be of lower grades.

California growers contend there is no surplus of the type of cotton they grow.

There appeared to be a growing awareness among many farmers that a failure to put greater emphasis on quality has been resulting in losses of some foreign markets. This is especially true among producers of wheat, cotton and rice.

The hog farmer—who has been having his share of price troubles recently—is beginning to lay more stress on the production of "meat-type" rather than "lard or fat-type" hogs.

There is a realization that consumers prefer pork with little fat on it. Yet, the bulk of the hogs being produced are of a type that puts a large amount of fat on the carcass rather than lean meat.

Producers said that if markets offered a higher premium on lean-type hogs, farmers would be encouraged to produce more of them and fewer of the fat-type animals.

The committee found strong support for present programs which permit producers of fruits, some vegetables and potatoes to set up marketing programs which keep low-quality products from entering interstate markets.

Some farmers urged that these programs be broadened to take in more commodities.



GETTING READY TO SKATE at the Moore Park skating rink warming hut last year were Connie Pierce, left, Carol Griffith and Rusty Swafford. The opening date of the rink will be announced this season by Bob Bonney, city recreation director.

Thomas Creek Grange Elects

LAKEVIEW—Walter Lechmann Jr. was elected as master of Thomas Creek Grange at the annual election on November 12.

The 1956 officers to serve with Lechmann are: Art Kaley, overseer; Mrs. Edna Ackerman, lecturer; Earl Beebe, steward; Richard Peat, assistant steward; Mrs. Robert Weir Jr., chaplain; Warren Maxwell, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Lechmann Jr., secretary; Robert Weir Jr., gatekeeper; Mrs. Gus Reiss, Gores; Mrs. Bill Vandergaw, Pomona; Mrs. Irwin Abramson, Flora.

The executive committee members are James Ogle, Irwin Abramson and Homer Baldwin.

Preceding the business meeting, members of the Thomas Creek Home Economics Club served the annual Thanksgiving dinner to grange members and their families, at the grange hall. Mrs. Earl Beebe was chairman of the dinner and was assisted by Mrs. C.W. Ogle, Mrs. Bessie Hotchkiss, Mrs. Walter Lechmann Sr. and Mrs. Edna Ackerman.

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Klamath River Compact Board Members Described

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This digest is being published by the Herald and News in a series of installments, of which this is one.
The Oregon-California Klamath River Compact, which is the basis of the Klamath River Compact Board, has been the subject of much discussion and agreement upon by the River Com-

Article IX. Administration—A. 1.

A Klamath River Compact Commission is hereby created to administer the provisions of the compact. It shall consist of seven members. Each state shall have three representatives, the state engineer (or whoever is charged with the administration water rights), and two members appointed by the governor of each state. Such members shall be residents of the Upper Klamath River Basin, except one member from California shall reside outside the Basin. The terms of office shall be four years, except each governor shall appoint two commissioners to serve a two year term at the outset so that the terms may be staggered. The appropriate governor shall fill any vacancy. The United States shall have one representative on the commission who shall be designated and serve as provided by the laws of the United States.

Each member except the federal member shall have one vote. The federal member shall act as chairman. The compensation and expenses of each member shall be paid by the government he represents.

Provision is made for voting, organization, hiring an executive secretary (director), hiring of personnel, bonding, etc. Provision is made for the protection of members from liability. The commission may incur expenses etc.,

SAFETY MEETING

SOUTH SALE LAKE, Utah (AP)—Granite High School held a traffic safety meeting yesterday but visiting student officers from nearby Cyprus High weren't able to make it. Their car was involved in an auto accident on the way. No one was hurt.

borrow or hire personnel and equipment from other agencies; buy, hold and sell real estate and property as necessary. Arbitration in case of a tie vote is provided for. Members shall have the right of access to all properties in the Klamath River Basin if necessary to administer the compact, and may obtain court orders to do so if necessary.

B. Finance—The commission shall submit to the governor or designated officer of each state an estimated budget as required by the state laws. Each state pledges itself to pay half. With the approval of the compact by its legislature, each state pledges itself to pay over . . . \$. . . to the Commission at its first meeting until it can submit a budget and receive an appropriation.

The commission shall keep accounts and have same audited, same to be part of its yearly report. Books shall be open to public for review during office hours. The commission shall make annual reports to the state legislatures covering its activities and finances. Commissions rules and regulations defined.

Article X. Indian Affairs—Federal Rights—A. Nothing in this compact shall be deemed to: 1. (a) Affect adversely the present rights of any Indians to the use of the waters of the Klamath Basin for irrigation; (b) Deprive any Indian of any rights or privileges or immunities afforded by federal treaty, agreement or statute; (c) Affect the obligations of the United States to Indians and their reservations.

2. With the exceptions provided in other articles in this compact, it shall not impair or affect any rights, powers or jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the Klamath River Basin.

3. Property of the United States or its agencies shall not be subject to taxation unless so provided by an act of Congress.

4. Property used in connection with the control and use of waters which are subject to this compact shall be no more subject to state laws than it was prior to this compact, except as provided here-

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