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Upward Trend In Production

State Outlook Report Expects Market Improvement

Demand For Dairy Products

Problems Concerning Making The Farm More Profitable Will Be Discussed at Conference

The second Columbia county economic conference will be held in St. Helens Tuesday and Wednesday of next week for the benefit of all persons interested in agriculture and allied industries in the county. It is being sponsored by the Granges, the Farmers Union, Breeders association, fruit raising and poultry interests and commercial organizations cooperating with the O. S. C. extension service.

On Tuesday the program opens in the Methodist Episcopal church at 10 a. m. Until 11:15 there will be addresses by L. R. Breithaupt and Geo. A. Nelson, when the session breaks up into meetings of various commodity groups to study reports made two years ago and prepare recommendations for changes.

At 10 a. m. Wednesday there will be continued group meetings. At 11 o'clock the general assembly will consider and adopt the committee reports.

At noon there will be a dinner in the church social room. At 1:15 the general assembly will continue the reading, consideration and adoption of reports.

It is pointed out that this conference will not be a panacea for all agricultural ills. It is, however, a start toward sizing up the production and methods of marketing, knowing what other producing areas are doing and recognizing what must be done in the county to fully utilize available markets.

Bacteria For Legumes Now Ready at College

Scores of bottles of legume cultures are being prepared in the bacteriological department of the Oregon Experiment station to supply demand from farmers of the state preparing to inoculate seed of alfalfa, clovers, vetches, peas, beans and soy beans.

Artificial inoculation is especially necessary for alfalfa in western Oregon as the soils here do not naturally contain the nodule bacteria needed by alfalfa. Before successful yields can be obtained these must be supplied either from pure cultures or by spreading from 200 to 500 pounds to the acre of soil taken from a successful alfalfa field.

Such inoculation is of course not a "cure-all," warns the state college specialists, as it will not take the place of lime for sour soils, or manure or fertilizers where these are needed.

Pure cultures of the various bacteria needed for legume crops are distributed by the college at 50 cents a bottle which amount barely covers the cost. Details of their use is supplied by county agents or direct from the bacteriology department.

Cultivate alfalfa in the spring with a spring tooth cultivator, hoe drill or disk as soon as the ground is dry enough says the experiment station. This is of particular value in killing weeds when they are young and stimulating the crop in irrigated sections. It often pays for the extra work on dry land. Where weed and grass growth is heavy the alfalfa may be cultivated after cutting if the shoots are not long enough to be knocked off.

Rolling Log Kills Choker Setter Monday

Mike Geortamelakes, 30, choker setter at the Oregon-American camp 2 at Keasey, was instantly killed by a rolling log at 11:30 a. m. Monday. The body was brought to the Brown undertaking parlor, where it was said that arrangements were being made by friends for interment in Portland.

It was thought that Geortamelakes had no relatives in this country, a passport among his possessions revealing that he was born at Cate, Greece.

Vernonia Light & Power Co. Extends Service

The Vernonia Light & Power company is extending service to a number of families in the valley who have been seeking to be furnished with electricity for several years past. G. W. Ford, the newly appointed receiver has been active in pushing the construction work as rapidly as possible.

Poles have already set in the Riverview district as far as the Esten Johnson place. Poles have been placed on the road one-fourth mile east of the old schoolhouse, and also as far as the Ivan Shear place on the Rock creek road. Transformers are already here which will serve five families on the Treharne road.

In commenting on the hearing set by the public service commission here for March 6 in relation to the power and light rates, Mr. Ford stated that while he felt things were being rushed unnecessarily, since the books of the concern had not yet been turned over to him by the last receiver still he welcomed the investigation and believed that the present rates should be reduced.

San Diego's Temperature Has Appeal During Winter

(By A. D. Moe)

We are now located in our favorite winter city in the southland—San Diego. It seems like home again after an absence of two years, and we are enjoying nice, mild summer weather, the first we have seen since we reached California. Our friends and relatives in and around Los Angeles wonder why we prefer San Diego to the big city, but none of them has ever lived here and does not know of the beauties of this section. We have quite a few acquaintances here, too, that helps make our stay here more pleasant.

There is Balboa park, with its wonderful outdoor organ, where Dr. Stewart plays every afternoon from 3:15 to 4:15, and one can sit out in the sun and listen to a very fine program any afternoon with wonderful surroundings. Masses of poinsettias in bloom, hibiscus, and flower gardens surrounded by the buildings and shade trees of the park, make a delightful atmosphere that adds to the entertainment. One never gets tired of wandering through this immense park. The big zoo is a day's trip in itself, with its two miles of walks that wind down into canyons, where are located nearly all the animals of foreign countries, from the equator to the arctic zone. Immense bird houses, lions, camels, alligators, elephants, herds of buffalo, all in quarters as near to their native habitations as possible with plenty of room, are an interesting sight. Great pools of gold fish, a Japanese garden, with benches everywhere under the shade of semi-tropical trees and shrubs, where one can rest and take plenty of time.

Museums in several buildings, a large art gallery in a \$250,000 building, the gift of a wealthy resident, all are an education and a pleasure. At one end of the park is the horseshoe club, that is busy all day long, while checkers and chess players are located under the shade trees. This park of 1400 acres has many drives winding through that are a lure to the motorist.

Yet this is but one of the attractions of San Diego. There is a string of beach resorts stretching from Coronado to LaJolla in this section, with many more all the way to the north.

Tia Juana is but 18 miles south, just over the Mexican line, and Sundays is filled with Los Angeles folk. Those living on the coast highway say the road is crowded with Los Angeles cars all night long going home.

Up in the mountains on the road to the Imperial valley are many picnic grounds that remind us of our own summer outings at home.

Our friends in Los Angeles say there is nothing in San Diego, yet we are busy all the time taking many pleasure trips with San Diego friends or wandering through the park, or over at the beach, enjoying the summer sunshine that adds years to the life of elderly people. Of course they have plenty of golf grounds, but we have not got that far yet.

Salem — State prison sales of flax products in past 10 months reach \$170,000.

Vernonia Leads County In Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work This Year

Organization Has Shown Steady Growth in United States in the Past Few Years; Millions Join.

Vernonia has taken the lead in boys' and girls' 4-H club work this year with four clubs: Sewing club, division 1; Sewing club division 2; Cooking club, and the Junior Bachelor club. Miss Taylor has been active here in promoting the work.

The Sewing club of Clatskanie is led by Miss Louise Sullivan and the Home Cookery club of Midland is led by Miss Grade Brandt. Both of these clubs contain pupils of the Midland school.

The fifth grade Sewing club of Rainier is led by Miss Pearl U. Robison, also the So Good Sewing club of Rainier. The Needle Pushers club of Rainier is led by Miss Vira Lull of Stehman. Club work is a new project in that district.

The Golden Needle club of Goble is led by Mrs. McDiester. This is a Beaver Homes club. There are a number of other schools that have not received their charters yet. This is the first time the city school of St. Helens has had extensive club work. Miss Emma Shallop is the leader.

Last year there were 11,000,000 boys and girls 10 to 18 years of age in the United States enrolled in club work. The three main objectives of club work are as follows:

To build up bodies and health through right living.

Train the hands to be useful; minds to think clearly and hearts to be kind. It gives them high ideals and standards. They serve. It makes boys and girls doers and not dreamers.

Commercial Organization Secretaries Will Take A Short Course at U. of O.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. Feb. 20.—Industrial and commercial development of the state, closer trade relations not only with other parts of the United States but with foreign countries as well, the development of aviation routes and aviation facilities, state and community publicity, and a wide variety of other subjects will be taken up by secretaries of various commercial organizations of Oregon at the annual short course sponsored by the Oregon Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries at the University of Oregon March 19 to 23, it is announced by C. E. Folts, head of the university school of business administration.

Lester Sheeley, of the Vernonia organization is expected to attend the sessions.

A new feature this year will be "community clinics," to be held every afternoon. At these various secretaries will present problems of their cities and organizations, and solutions will be worked out at round table discussions. Problems common to all will be taken up, as well as specific problems of groups.

Aviation will be one of the chief topics to be considered. At this time surveys now being made on airport facilities of the state will be presented. Experts in aviation will be here to speak to the secretaries and to advise them on development plans for the communities.

Another feature of the meet will be a short course in news writing and in contacts with newspapers and other publications. This will be carried on by members of the staff of the university school of journalism.

Officers of the organization secretaries are already working on plans for the meet. E. C. Reynolds, La Grande, is president; C. T. Baker, Medford, vice-president; and H. C. Colley, Roseburg, secretary-treasurer.

Rev. G. W. Plumer went to Portland Monday to visit the following persons who are in the Portland hospitals from Vernonia: Mrs. W. W. Wolfe, Mrs. Minnie Malmster, and O. A. Anderson.

Monmouth — New state bridge on Luckiamute river will cost \$40,000.

Gold Hill—Timber interests plan big sawmill in this vicinity.

Council Gives Camp Fire Girls Permission To Build In City Park

Plan To Construct Rustic Cabin; Resolution Passed Creating Li- brary Board. Reappoint Members

The city council approved a request presented by Miss Hazel Malmsten and Miss Bessie McDonald, guardians, that the local Camp Fire girls be permitted to construct a rustic cabin in the city park for the use of that organization and the local Boy Scouts. It was agreed that the cabin would become city property, but that the advisory council of the Camp Fire girls would have the management of the building as long as this organization exists here and the building is kept in safe repair.

Their plans, which are not yet completed, call for a building 32x46, with a large fireplace. They stated that while the building would be worth in the neighborhood of \$2000 when finished, it would cost less than half that amount because a large proportion of the material and labor will be donated, according to offers already made.

The council left the location of the building to the decision of the park board; also the requirements as to the amount of ground around the structure that would be used and kept improved.

A resolution was passed creating a library board in Vernonia, a requirement that was necessary to conform to the state law in this respect. The law requires that the board consist of five members. They were appointed from the existing board as follows: Mrs. C. W. Reithner, Mrs. M. D. Cole, Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson, Mrs. Fred Brewer, and Mrs. W. A. Harris.

Camp Fire Girls Invite Public To Attend Open Council Fire March 1

On Thursday, March 1, the Camp Fire girls will hold an open council fire in the Legion hall. This meeting will be open to the public and all interested are urged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to show the work done by the Camp Fire girls and the value of the organization in any community cannot be over emphasized. An offering will be taken for the cabin.

The program of the Camp Fire girls was planned to take care of the out-of-school time of adolescent girls, and it is built around three important factors: It provides activities of natural interest to girls, it makes these activities doubly interesting through an appeal to the imagination, which is a vivid trait in the character of adolescent girls, it works quietly toward the end that through fun and happiness girls may achieve a beautiful and useful womanhood.

The girls work for honors of which there are over 700, distributed among seven crafts. These crafts include practically every wholesome activity which would naturally interest girls of this age. They are: Home, health, hand, camp, nature, business and citizenship. The Camp Fire program all has three ranks, the wood-gatherer, the fire maker and the torch bearer.

The Vernonia Camp Fire groups are working for a cabin where they may carry on their activities under the leadership of their guardians. A site has been selected in the park grounds and already donations of money, labor and materials have been promised. The size of the cabin will be about 36 by 40 feet.

Ladies Pledged To Earn \$1 Each; Fund Will Go Toward Papering Church

The Willing Workers of the Christian church met February 15 at the home of Mrs. Roy Brady. Mrs. Harry Woodruff was assisting hostess. Each member had pledged to try to earn \$1 toward papering and painting the interior of the church, and \$23 was turned in. Each gave an account of the manner in which the money was earned. Five members were added, making a total of 30.

The next meeting will be held in the social hall of the church. As the interior decorating is expected to be finished by that time, it is announced that this will be a jubilee meeting. Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. Frank Mills will act as hostesses.

Razing of Old House Recalls Early Methods

An old landmark in Vernonia no longer exists. The residence owned by T. C. Mills on the north side of Bridge street west of the bridge has been torn down. It was so weatherbeaten it was picturesque, and rumor had it that the place had had a most unusual history.

In the opinion of Chas. Mellinger, who remembered seeing the structure built, it was constructed about 41 years ago by a Mr. McNutt. The lumber used was sawed by the old mill at Pittsburg, which was the first mill in the Nehalem valley, he stated.

It was first used as a store building, and at that time had a platform running around the side. There was no bridge over Rock creek then, and all travelers forded the stream where the city park is now located.

It was later sold to a Doctor Hatfield who used it as a residence, and he in turn sold it to Mr. Mills, who now plans to excavate the lot to the level of the street, put in a cement walk, and thus be able to sell it for a business site at a better advantage.

P.-T. A. Observes 31st Anniversary of Founding

The Parent-Teacher association of Vernonia observed the 31st anniversary of the founding of the organization Friday at the high school, when Mrs. Charles Malmsten, the first local president, gave a short talk on the first P.-T. A. in Vernonia and then lit the 31 candles on the birthday cake.

The program opened with two songs by Miss Bessie McDonald's room. Clarence Wardle spoke on "Washington and Lincoln and the Boys of Today." He said that the home life of a boy is most important and that the parents should teach their boys thrift, loyalty, good manners and will power and should not allow them to be idle.

Mrs. Judd Greenman reported that the play, upon which rehearsals are now in progress, will be ready for presentation early in April. Miss Eaton's room won the \$2.50 prize for the best attendance at the meetings for the month of February.

To Hold Declamatory Contest Tomorrow Night

Vernonia district declamatory contest will be held in the Washington school on Friday evening at 7:30. A small admission fee will be charged, and the proceeds will be given toward the county prize. There are two classes, one for seventh and eighth grade pupils and one for fifth and sixth grade pupils. Each school is allowed two entrants in each class.

On Tuesday afternoon at the Washington school the following students tried out for Vernonia, but the judges have not yet reached a decision: Fifth and sixth; June Mitchner, Sarah McGee, James Rainy, Dorothy Wolfe, Lorraine Space. Seventh and eighth: Pauline Cates, Delphine Cates, Marion Lindly, Robert Dial, Nell Green, Helen Charlesworth, Margaret Bennett, Betty Cameron, Emma Jane Russell.

These students will all speak on Friday and there will also be a program of songs.

Special Train Will Take Local Woodmen to Salem

Vernonia Camp 655, Woodmen of the World, has chartered a special train to carry as many of their members as can go to Salem Friday for the mammoth class initiation planned there. More than 60 are already signed up to go.

The train will leave here at 2 p. m. Friday and arrive at Salem at 6 o'clock. Returning the train will leave Salem at midnight and arrive in Vernonia at 4 a. m. Saturday. A large class of candidates from here plan to be initiated in Salem at that time.

The L.T.L. met at the home of Mrs. O. A. Anderson Saturday afternoon. The following superintendents and committees were elected: Evangelistic superintendent, Herbert Anderson; health superintendent, Benji Wilkerson; mercy superintendent, Jack Childs; flower superintendent, Mary Anne Childs; lookout committee, Margaret Nelson, Virginia Yeo, Edna Owens; collectors, Twila Merton, Donald Holtham.

Learn Better Farm Methods

Second County Economic Con- ference To Be Held

At St. Helens Feb. 28-29

Condition of Most Industries Re- ported Safer Than In Pre- vious Years.

Oregon State Agricultural college, Corvallis, Feb. 23—Agricultural income in Oregon for 1928 will be equal or slightly above that of 1927 if present indications for the leading farm enterprises are not radically changed, according to the annual economic-outlook report just issued here. The state report embodies pertinent excerpts from the federal outlook report combined with local information gathered by extension and experiment station specialists and 26 county agents.

Gradual improvement in the agricultural situation is shown though many suggestions are made for adjustment of production to changing market demands. The complete report, covering general conditions, farm crops, livestock, dairying, poultry, and horticulture is being prepared for general distribution after the middle of February. A skeleton summary follows:

The general agricultural situation in Oregon is improved, the gross farm income being higher than at any other time since the peak in 1919-20. There is increased activity in farm lands and an increase in number of farms. With increased efficiency and adjustment of production to market demands, gradual increase of farm income is indicated for some time.

Local markets on Pacific coast, where population is increasing twice as rapidly as in the nation as a whole, will probably tend to improve. Domestic markets generally are expected to continue about as in 1927, while foreign markets appear a little less favorable than a year ago. Credit conditions are favorable for the farmer now, and although labor rates are still 70 per cent greater than for the pre-war period 1910-14, a better supply is likely to be available.

Commercial potato acreage in Oregon is likely to remain about the same as in 1927 but it appears that material increases are intended in all states from Nebraska to Maine. Regions of high acre yields and low freight will suffer least from overplanting.

A world expansion in wheat area is in prospect. A three per cent increase in winter wheat is in sight for Pacific coast states. Justification for spring planting exists in the blue mountain region and parts of the Willamette valley though in the latter flax, barley or oats may be more profitable. Increase in general barley acreage is warranted because of local and export demand. Increase in corn is justified.

Cattle prices are expected to remain fairly high for several years, but new operators are cautioned in starting at present high prices for breeding stock. Sheep are increasing throughout the world, but market demand is expected to be good except in occasional years. Efficient production is essential to continued profit. Only 249 stallions were in public service in Oregon as compared to 1051 in 1912. Hogs are still produced below state requirements but probably to the capacity of waste feed available which is the economic basis here.

Dairy situation is favorable with increasing demands for products, without corresponding national increase in production, though high quality of butter must be produced. Little alarm need be felt over shipment of cows from state, as they are being fully replaced with better ones.

Surplus eggs of this state comprise but a small percentage of the total production. National volume will be little effected if Oregon production is doubled or trebled. The poultry business in this state is fundamentally sound but depends as much on safe management as on current egg prices.

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