

AAA NEWS

Malheur county farmers who are planning on carrying out conservation practices with AAA program assistance have two things to keep in mind this year, according to Glen L. Hutchinson, chairman of the county agricultural conservation (AAA) committee.

One is the closing date, which has been set at May 1. Operators who intend to participate in the

program will need to file a farm plan before that date. The other requirement is that to be eligible for program assistance, all practices must have approval of the county committee before they are carried out.

Mr. Hutchinson explained that the purpose of these rules is to assure selection of practices that will get the best results in terms of soil and water protection and improvement for individual farmers as well as the community as a whole. Fur-

ther than that, Mr. Hutchinson said, the funds allotted to carry out the 1946 program can only be spread so far, and the committee wants to go the best possible job with Malheur county's share by encouraging practices that will make a solid contribution to improving soil and water resources.

For some practices, the chairman said, field inspections will be made before approval is given. Each operator taking part in the program will be notified on his copy of the farm plan of the practices approved and of his share of the county funds for conservation program work in 1946.

either by continuing subsidy payments or by adjusting consumer maximum prices for the amount of the subsidy.

MORE FARM MACHINERY PRODUCTION IN 1945

Farm machinery production last year amounted to more than \$663 million, \$20 million more than in 1944, the civilian administration reports. Exports in the last 6 months of 1945 amounted to 12 percent of the total production, which was about the pre-war export rate. An unusually large proportion of repair parts and attachments was included in the large 1945 production. However, the trend is the latter half of the year was toward more machinery and less repair parts. The substantial increase now planned in machinery production will depend on improvement of the labor situation.

REQUIRE SET-ASIDE OF PORK AND LARD

To help get food for meeting critical needs abroad, federally-inspected meat packers are now required to set aside for government purchase 7 1/2 percent of the liveweight of hogs slaughtered each week. The lard set-aside has also been increased from 3 1/2 to 5 percent of the liveweight of hogs. Although the Department has been purchasing pork and lard for foreign shipments, the new action will make it possible to procure a large proportion of the needed supplies during the period of heaviest seasonal production.

Buena Vista

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson and daughters of Twin Falls were overnight guests at the Glenn Hoffman home Tuesday.

Those who attended the Pomona Grange meeting from this district Saturday were Mrs. Willis Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaver and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell.

George Cleaver has purchased the Leo Elwart farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day moved last week to their 15-acre tract of land that they purchased on the Owyhee river. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day moved onto the farm recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day.

Lt. C. C. Cox called at the Alva Goodell home Tuesday. He is to be discharged from the army soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richie have rented the Jim Trummell place and will move there soon.

Jean Griffith was absent from school Thursday because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell were in Vale Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyde of Hathaway, New Jersey were overnight guests at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Guy Tanner, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reeder of Newton, Kansas arrived at the George Cleaver home Sunday evening.

ing. They have purchased the store at Ole's corner. Mrs. Reeder is a sister of Mr. Cleaver.

Mrs. W. L. Pearson of Cheney, Washington is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guy Tanner.

Arcadia

Leo Wagner of Seattle visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagner, last week.

Rev. Oberg of McCall, Idaho was an overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller last Friday night.

Mrs. Phillip Davis spent the weekend in Nyssa with her brother, Leo Dail, and family.

Those attending the 4-H program at the Boulevard Grange hall Friday evening from Arcadia were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dowers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bates and family, and Martha Martin and Alta Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard and family entertained the following at Sunday dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dail and sons of Nyssa, Harold Dail, Mrs. Phillip Davis, Mrs. Anna Dail, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Matherly and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Zittercob and family.

The Arcadia young people attended a box social at the Lincoln school house by the Snake river valley Christian Endeavor society.

The 4-H Club met at the home of Donald Bullard Tuesday night, February 26 for a business meeting. Don Bullard is president; Don Bowers, vice-president; and Larry Dowers, secretary. The club has seven members.

The young people held a Christian Endeavor meeting at the schoolhouse Sunday night, Martha Lee Taylor was leader.

Mrs. Phillip Davis visited her sister, Mrs. Dale Lake, and family in Boise last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller and girls attended the meetings conducted at Valley View Sunday night,

by Rev. Oberg of McCall. Ralph Jones and John Stringer local sheepmen, are in the midst of their lambing season.

Those from Arcadia attending the American Sunday school conference at the Lutheran church in Caldwell February 19, were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard, Mrs. Ellis Warner, Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller and Roy Wallace.

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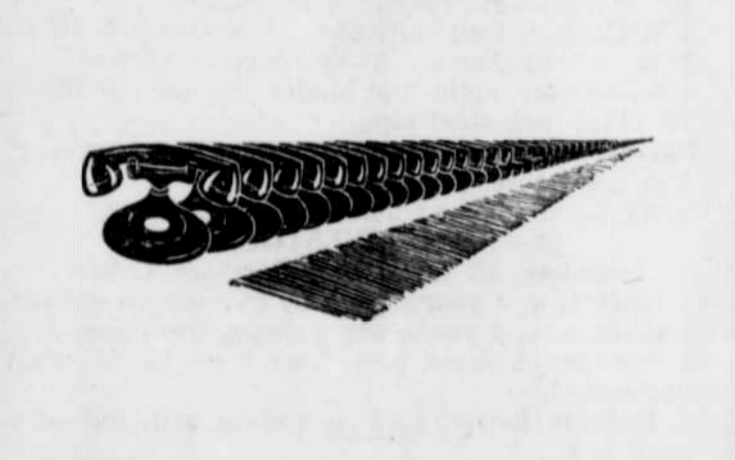
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1946 RANGE PRACTICES

Malheur county ranchers and stockmen again in 1946 can obtain assistance from the agricultural conservation program in carrying out practices to conserve and improve grazing lands, according to Glen L. Hutchinson, chairman of the county AAA committee.

Grazing land management—practice E-1 in the 1946 county conservation handbook—again is the basis for range improvement work under the program, and to obtain program assistance operators will need to have an approved grazing land management plan on file with the county committee before May 1.

Livestock producers with a ranching unit of 640 acres or more of grazing land, or whose unit has a carrying capacity of at least 300 animal unit months are eligible to take part in the practice. Payments are made for improvements needed to carry out a management plan that will maintain forage residue throughout the unit. As approved by the county committee, these improvements can include fencing, fence repair, corrals, cattle guards, rodent control, or deferred grazing.

Operators carrying out a management plan under practice E-1 also may obtain assistance for livestock water developments and other range improvements. The county handbook includes practices for construction of dams, reservoirs and wells, development of seeps and springs, installing pipelines, construction of large water storage tanks, building and maintaining fireguards to protect rangelands and construction stock trails to inaccessible areas of grass or water.

NO SUPPORT PRICES ON CANNING VEGETABLES

There will be no grower support prices on vegetables for processing in 1946, and Oregon growers are advised by the State AAA committee to make their planting plans accordingly, Glen L. Hutchinson, announced. Instead of the support price program in effect during the war years, "designated grower area average prices" will give growers some indication of the prices they can expect and which processors can pay within the ceiling price structure. These designated average prices, as announced by the USDA and OPA, will be used as the raw material cost basis in computing processors' maximum prices for the 1946 packs of canned and frozen vegetables.

The 1946 packs of snap beans, beets, carrots, cabbage for kraut and fresh shelled beans will be suspended from price control. Hence no average grower prices have been designated for those commodities.

For the other vegetables in Oregon which will remain under price control in 1946, average grower prices have been set as follows: Asparagus, 1942 price plus \$40 a ton; fresh lima beans, other than Fordhook, \$120 a ton; sweet corn \$23 a ton; mushrooms, 50 cents a pound; green peas for canning, \$79 a ton; green peas for freezing grown in western Oregon, \$98 a ton; spinach, \$50 a ton for above-crown cutting, \$35 for below-crown; tomatoes, \$26 a ton.

For other vegetables not listed but which will remain under price control in 1946, the grower average prices will be the 1942 price plus 20 per cent.

All prices are on a field run basis, and no breakdown by size, grade or variety will be made. Processors have been informed that for the vegetables subsidized in 1945, and which will remain under price control, the same gross maximum prices will be continued. This will be done

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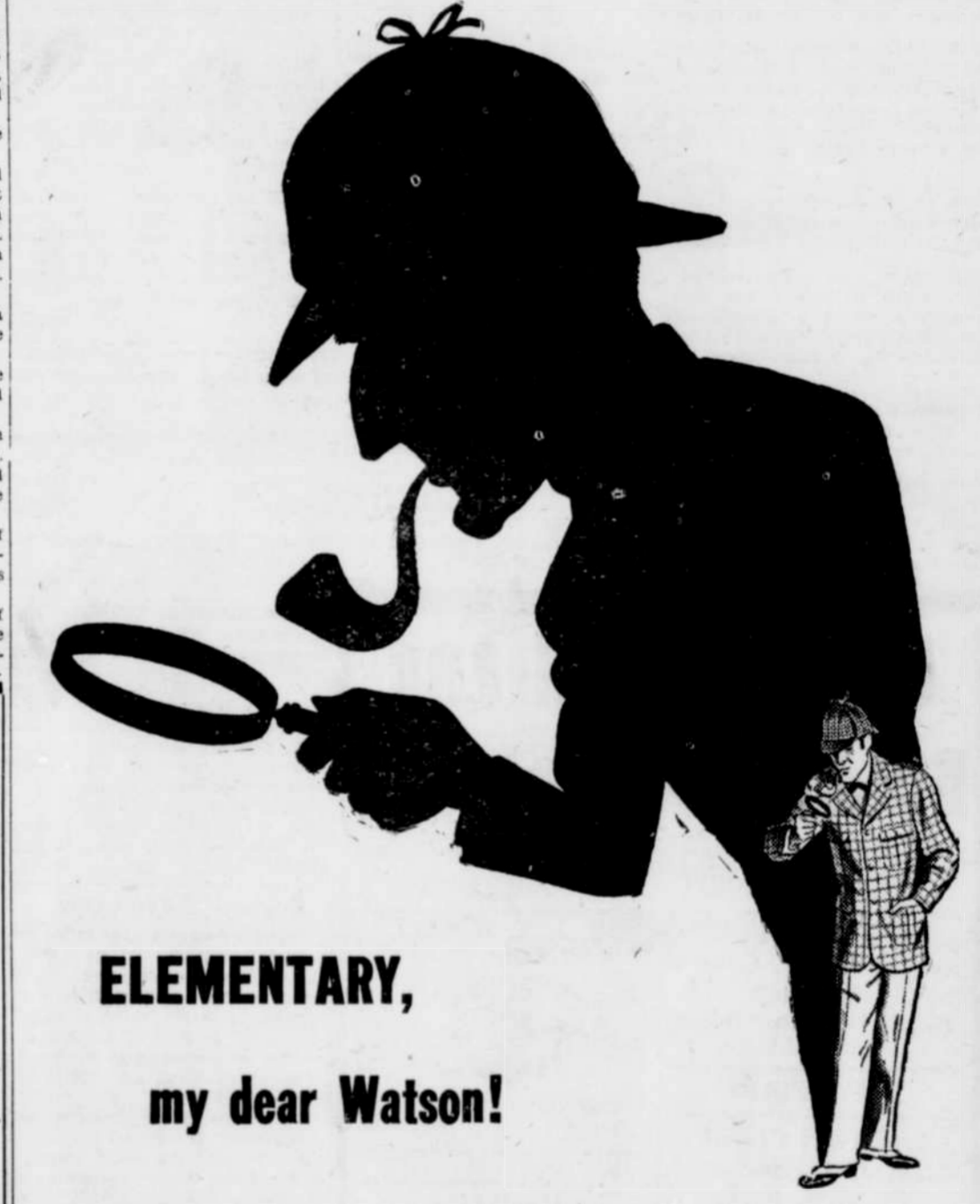
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