

Oregon Statistics Given as Nation Pays Tribute to Men of Agriculture

The most efficient producer of agricultural products the world has ever known—the American farmer—will be honored in Oregon and the nation during Farm-City Week, Friday, Nov. 20, to Thursday, Nov. 26.

Proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, plans are being made now for local observances throughout Oregon, according to Lawrence E. Johnson, Portland banker, and Arnold C. Ebert of the Oregon State University Cooperative Extension service.

They are co-chairmen of the State Farm-City Week committee.

In calling attention to the observance, which ends on Thanksgiving Day, the two point out that agriculture is Oregon's second-ranking industry, exceeded only by timber.

Raise Standard of Living

Oregon farmers contribute much to the state's economy, it was noted. Most own their own farms, are efficient and have a big hand in upping the standard of living, for never before in history has so much food and fiber

NIBBLERS DISCUSS AWARDS

Members of the Nibblers 4-H club held their second meeting on Nov. 9 at the home of Mrs. Stanley Sisson.

The group discussed 4-H awards to be presented Nov. 19 during a meeting at Oregon Trail Grange hall.

Following the business session, the girls went to the home of the Rev. Wallace Prowell where they learned how to make apple cider. They later returned to the Sisson home for refreshments.

—Pam Saito, Reporter.

RETURNS FROM BOISE

Mrs. Angie Cook returned home last week after spending four weeks with her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Palmer in Boise. The latter is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from recent major surgery.



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been produced by so few for so many at so reasonable a cost.

As buyers, Oregon farmers spent \$343 million last year to operate their farms. As sellers, they received \$419 million for their products. As taxpayers, they contributed \$44 million to the government for real and personal property.

Their "factory" was valued at approximately \$2.5 billion. As producers, they farmed 21 million acres of land and their farm-house "rent" and home-produced food and fuel were valued at \$44 million, statistics show.

Purchases Run High

As consumers, Oregon farmers paid out last year some \$45 million of net money income for the same things that "city" families buy, such as food, clothing, drugs, furniture, appliances, etc.

As farm and home owners, 72 out of every 100 farm operators in the state during 1959 were full owners and 20 were part owners. The remaining eight were predominantly tenants.

Oregon farm operators, like those everywhere, have seen many changes in the past decade. Farm numbers have dropped, but the average size of farms in the state grew from 340 acres in 1950 to nearly 500 acres in 1960. A decade ago, one out of every seven persons lived on a farm. Now, it is about one in 13.

Even though farm population has been dropping, rural population is increasing as people move to the suburbs. Over the past decade, the rural non-farm population in Oregon has recorded a 12 percent increase.

Farmers Increase Efficiency

At the same time, farmers have become increasingly efficient, freeing more and more people to produce the other goods and to provide the services that account for the nation's high standard of living, it was explained.

In 1950, one American farmer produced enough food, fiber and other farm products for 15 people. In 1963, he supplied enough for 31 people.

As a result, food is a better buy today than ever before, the co-chairmen stress, noting that Americans are eating better while at the same time using a smaller amount of their take-home pay for food. Currently, food takes less than 19 cents of each spendable dollar, compared with nearly 23 cents in 1950.



ALREADY OPERATING to serve Idaho Power company's western division customers, this is the new service center at Payette that will be officially opened Nov. 20. An "open house" starting at 1 p.m. will include ribbon-cutting ceremonies and public tours.

Area Rate of Unemployment Lowest in Oregon During Month of October

The month of October ended with a record of full employment in the Malheur-Harney area, according to Horace L. Arment, manager of the Ontario office, Oregon State Employment service.

The week ending Oct. 22, 1964, recorded a low of nine-tenths of one percent insured unemployment, which was the lowest within the state.

Some out-migration of seasonal farm workers occurred at the first of the month. The Vale seasonal farm labor camp was the last to close on Oct. 12. All of the other camps are closed with the exception of Nyssa.

Cooler weather the last part of the month permitted stock piling of sugar beets. Many growers are

lifting beets on a two-shift basis and the harvest is rapidly drawing to a close.

Arment said the Manpower Development Training classes are rapidly filling up. Some classes appear to be more popular than others. The courses based upon agricultural labor demands, however, seem to be the most promising both in trainees and job potential.

The manager gave the following report of activities at the Ontario office:

During the month 289 non-farm job openings were received, resulting in 304 individuals referred to jobs. Of these, 228 were hired.

Work applications were filed

FLINDERS HAVE NEW BOY

Lincoln Heights—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Flinders are parents of a new son born Friday, Nov. 13. Mrs. Flinders' mother, Mrs. Roy Grow of Ogden, Utah, stayed with her grandson, Randy, while his mother was in Malheur Memorial hospital. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders of Nyssa.

by 287 job seekers and to assist in selection 60 tests were given. At the close of October 40 jobs were still unfilled.

In the agricultural field, 1,027 workers were referred to jobs, of whom 948 were hired.

To help high school students plan for future jobs, 59 general aptitude tests were given and 156 of these students were given vocational guidance counseling.

Driving Tips From the Pros Show Failure to Signal Is Worst Mistake

Neither speeding nor slow driving is the greatest driving error noticed by one group who ought to know. Professional drivers, with a safety record unequaled by the average passenger-car driver, say in a report issued this month that it's failure to signal properly.

The driving error in second place is failure to dim lights and just behind that is close following or "tailgating." The driving pros reporting in this month's Changing Times are today's typical truck drivers—men whose jobs depend on their safety records.

Today's average passenger-car driver has an accident every 40,000 miles. The average trucker goes at least three times, and on some truck lines more than four times, farther per accident, according to the Kiplinger magazine report.

Tabulation Holds Surprises

Now that these drivers have been asked about the driving blunders they observe, the tabulation holds some surprises.

Errors previously thought to be among the most commonly committed (ignoring stop signs, crossing the center line, ignoring traf-

fic lights) were at the bottom of the list. The slow driver was in eighth place as a menace.

Ignoring solid "do not pass" lines on hills and curves tied for sixth place with drifting between lanes on expressways.

Excessive speed took fifth spot. Failure to pass a slow-moving car ahead just barely nosed out excessive speed for fourth place.

RETURN FROM YAKIMA

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gruber returned home last week from Yakima where they were called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Leah Elliott. The Nyssans were accompanied home by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Gruber, who were overnight guests before going to their home in Los Animas, Colo.

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