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GREAT OAKS
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FORESTRY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Restock land not reseeded by three years.

2. Forest fire law explanation by Forest Department.
   a. Annual County meeting.
   b. Provide educational literature.

3. Develop all-weather roads to aid marketing.

   a. Develop public understanding of timber taxation.
   b. Provide tax information to individual owners.

5. Committee prepare list of provisions to check in sales contracts.

6. Support sound insurance program for timber.

7. Strengthen state trespass laws and enforcement.

8. County appoint Park Development and Management Board.
SOILS AND CROPS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Fully utilize O.S.C. soil testing service.
2. Increase crop trials and demonstrations.
3. Increase alfalfa acreage.
4. Promote production in improved varieties of holly.
5. Expand Christmas tree production on certain sites.
6. Study marketing;
   a. Consider high value low bulk crops
   b. Give attention to market trends, demand, practices
7. Carefully appraise land and its intended use before purchase.
HOME AND RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Health and sanitation
   a. Secure county sanitarian.
   b. Improve and expand health education program.
   c. Conduct educational program on fluoridation of water.
   d. Provide garbage dumps as needed—enforce dumping laws.

2. Home Economics Extension Program
   a. Organize additional home economics units.
   b. Clothing construction and buying.
   c. Economical use of lockers and freezers.

3. Schools
   a. Create more interest in schools and their activities.
   b. Broader occupation training program be considered.
   c. Sponsor more exchange students.

4. County Court appoint park development Board.

5. Study the need for a family counseling service.

6. Extension Service give increased attention to consumer information.
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HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Strawberries:

1. Increase production per acre.
2. Improve labor supply.
3. Owner have a long-term lease on strawberry land
4. Improve soil before planting.
5. Control aphids, weevils, and other pests before planting.
6. Use Siletz variety if root diseases are a factor.
7. Use certified plants only.

Blackberries:

1. Caution urged in increasing crop.
2. Plant best varieties available.

Raspberries:

1. Increase acreage not recommended.

Peaches:

1. No further acreage encouraged.

Walnuts and Filberts:

1. Encourage fertilization and care of orchards.
2. Caution urged on new plantings.
3. Avoid small plantings near woods.
4. Avoid marginal land for planting.

Holly:

1. Expansion recommended.
2. Select varieties approved.
3. Plant economic unit.

Vegetables:

1. Acreage of cucumbers, pole beans, and cabbage should be expanded where contracts are available.
2. Grow only on better soils—irrigated.

General:

1. Consider horticultural production as part of a good crop rotation and long-time farm management plan.
POULTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Minimum commercial flock---500 birds.

2. Full-time operation ---2,500 birds.

3. Produce for Portland market.


5. Improve egg quality.

6. Producers keep production records--participate in Columbia County production study.

7. Raise high-producing chicks.

8. Consider egg hatching production.


10. Full-time broiler operator--have 40,000 birds annually.

11. Store shavings or sawdust.

12. Consider seasonal price fluctuations.

DAIRY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Community demonstration
   a. Use commercial fertilizers.
   b. Improved forages.
   c. Silos and Silage.

2. Disease control
   a. Work for county brucellosis-free area.
   b. Resume annual T.B. testing with bangs test.

3. Keep individual cow production records.

4. Study feasibility of laboratory in county:
   a. Soil testing.
   b. Analysis of feed samples.

5. Provide timely information on management and marketing.
LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. All stockmen and dairymen join C.C. L.A.

2. Control livestock theft by:
   a. Recorded brand
   b. Mark all cattle and sheep
   c. Meeting state brand law requirements
   d. Rewards for livestock theft conviction information.

3. For new operators we recommend:
   a. Determine suitability of unit and facilities for livestock
   b. Start with small herd or flock
   c. Adequate farm-produced food.
   d. Quality stock
   e. Thorough understanding of marketing

   a. Check with commission firm before consigned
   b. Extension office maintain current list of salable livestock

5. Work for county brucellosis-free area

6. Issue monthly C.C.L.A. newsletter

7. Emphasize continuous parasite control

8. Encourage installation of farm scales to check performance

9. Develop public relations program.
WEED CONTROL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. County weed control.
   a. Increase budget.
   b. Maintain inspector.

2. Extension Service place emphasis on weed control.

3. Control weeds on cut-over lands by reforestation.
YOUTH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Expand present recreational program

2. Increase 4-H enrollment by:
   a. Stimulating parent interest
   b. Encouraging parent cooperation
   c. Support from organizations and industrial groups

3. Youth organizations emphasize community service and opportunities.
   a. Assist in agricultural harvest
   b. Use occupational training.

4. Develop leadership training program for:
   a. 4-H officers
   b. Junior leaders
   c. Adult leaders

5. County Fair
   a. Improve 4-H and FFA fair facilities.
   b. Eliminate carnival.
   c. Family picnicking to be expanded.

6. Create public understanding of procedures for handling juvenile cases

7. Increase scouting program.