Agriculture and Husbandry

Lawyer Farrand

On Monday of last week, Lawyer George E. Farrand of the Los Angeles law firm of Farrand and Slosson, took up duties at Washington as General Counsel of the Farm Federal Board. He is one of the list of men called by President Hoover to serve the nation at considerable personal sacrifice.

Said the Board: "We feel particularly fortunate in obtaining Mr. Farrand's services; he is recognized as an eminent and outstanding lawyer in the United States, particularly in understanding co-operative law."

Farrand said the Board had an interesting situation to handle. The manner in which problems were decided would establish precedents of utmost importance. To him would fall the burden of interpreting correctly, and as liberally as possible, the legal limits of the Board's activities. He would first learn the Farm Relief Act by heart.

Alighting at Washington from a morning train, Farrand lost no time. He went directly to the Farm Board headquarters, reported for duty, joined the Board in its morning conference. C. C. Teague of Santa Paula, also a Board member and Farrand's friend, introduced him. Newspaper correspondents asked how he could afford to leave his private law practice. He said: "I have an abiding interest in America agriculture. That's the whole story."

Farming has never been more than a hobby in the life of Lawyer Farrand. Much time in twenty years he devoted to it. Raised on a Santa Paula farm, he later owned his own farming interests, learned agricultural problems; began by raising lima beans, later organized lima bean growers into a co-operative body. Citrus fruits, walnuts, raisins and milk soon were added to his interest.

And all the time he was preparing to be a lawyer. With his hobby he mixed law, and became involved in more co-operative schemes. Later he became counsellor for the California Fruit Growers Exchange, assisted the Bean Growers' Association, the Walnut Growers', the Milk Producers in 1910-12; he reorganized the raisin co-operative in 1923, represented their banking interests.

In 1899 Farrand had come from Pennsylvania, and in 1900 he was appointed County Clerk of Ventura County. He held this position until 1907.

Such a hobby as farming allows no golf or athletics. But educational work found a place in Farrand's appointment book. He has his own two boys. The Stanford School of Business received his aid in its organization; the Thatcher School for Boys in Ojai Valley claims him as a trustee. Banking too received his services; the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles made him director and executive committee member.

Capper Probes

A tired senator of the United States came last fortnight to Southern California, to Los Angeles, for a rest. But visitors to California seldom rest. And Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas was no exception. Invitations to entertainments, banquets, picnics and other amusements poured in. Interviewers asked questions.

Soon the Senator was busy investigating Southern California's fruit and produce market, its structure. Accompanying him were representatives of fruit co-operative marketing companies. He was amazed at the diversity of agricultural products in the State and the apparent efficiency with which they are distributed nationally. Further development of co-operative distribution, said he, might form a basis for action by the Federal Farm Board.

Later, at a luncheon given for him at the Biltmore Hotel by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, he praised the new Farm Relief Bill, said through its psychological values it was already helping the farmer. The new legislation would help the farmer help himself. The same plan had been in use in California for ten years—the co-operative movement. He gave specific credit for the brightest agricultural prospect in years to two Californians, President Hoover and C. C. Teague, and to the co-operative association idea developed in this State. President Hoover had done a wise thing in drafting Teague for no man knew more about the co-operative movement than he, he said.

NEIGHBOR TEAGUE

At Santa Paula they were friends.

The Kansas State Society was his host at the Veteran's Hall, Los Angeles. There he spoke to fellow Kansans; danced with them.

Relief for Grapes

Reliable information late last week indicated that the Federal Farm Board was about to announce a loan to California grape growers. It had spent several days considering the grape industry here. Representatives of the industry had shown them satisfactorily how far and in what way the grape industry should share the half billion Federal relief fund for agriculture, it was thought.

The California Grape Growers were the first agricultural group in the country to organize a stabilization corporation and advisory board so as to take advantage of the Federal Farm Relief Act. And the grape industry last week was the only one in California which indicated a desire for relief. Citrus and walnut growers have made no move to get a share of the funds. C. C. Teague, California member of the Farm board, said the members of the California Citrus Growers and Walnut Association, of which he was president, were not in need of relief, under the relief act provisions.

The "grape" loan is the second granted by the board since it was organized. Florida received $300,000 first for aid in the Mediterranean Fruit Fly crisis. This action would indicate that the board has found the grape growers to be genuinely in need of relief.

Co-ops Unite

The California Prune and Apricot Growers Association announced last week that it had concluded negotiations whereby it would handle exclusively, sales for products of the Peach and Fig Growers Association.

O. A. Harlan of San Jose, general manager of the prune and apricot body said it was progressive step, equally advantageous to both parties; a saving of overhead expenses would result. The prune and apricot people would be recompensed, in return, for the selling by a brokerage charge.

The agreement was not a merger, merely an agreement whereby one co-operative agency will act as a sales agent for the other. Both organizations will remain intact; both will do their own processing.

Pomona Prepares

Ten acres of Pomona property are being used to house the exhibits and displays entered in the Los Angles County Fair next month; 107 acres for the entire exposition. Made public by Secretary Afflerbaugh, this data shows the magnitude to which the annual Fair has grown in its brief seven-year history.

Further statistics show 2000 different contests planned, and seventy judges to select the winners; $75,000 is waiting in prize money for successful contestants. This large appropriation, the largest ever offered at any county fair in the country, is made necessary because of the huge amount of entries.

Less than a month before the date of the Fair (September 17 to 22) large quantities of fruits and vegetables are already on hand, say horticultural inspectors in charge.

New permanent buildings are planned. A $260,000 edifice is now under construction, financed by the county. Nine more following it will help make a great permanent location for the exposition.

Orange Distribution

In every world port ships laden with California fruit will be found this winter. World-wide markets, modern refrigeration systems, numerous and fast ships, all contribute in a universal distribution of California's citrus products.

Last week started the monthly refrigerated service of the Oceanic and Orient Line to South China. Laden with oranges, the Golden Dragon steamed out of San Pedro Saturday. Three more ships will follow it.

Express service to New York began last fortnight when Panama-Pacific's Virginia carried away 14,000 boxes of Valencia oranges under refrigeration. Refrigeration space on the company's ships is booked solid for two months.

To the United Kingdom and North Europe go over 1,100,000 boxes of citrus fruits this season. Combined service of the Royal Mail and Holland American lines guarantees this. "Europe in the past years has become so fond of California oranges that we are prepared for a material increase in 1930," said C. J. Lehman, district manager.

In United States, Upland's lemons have advanced in favor. Great quantities are being used. The prices are much higher. Some of his lemons sold for fifteen dollars a box in the open market, said Earl Johnson, Mountain View Fruit Association manager.

From Brawley last month went 20,000 cars of melons to points east. Cantaloupes are still being harvested.

Valencia oranges, shipped from Southern California in July, to all points, amounted to 5684 carloads, over 2000 more than a year ago. Orange County and Los Angeles County during July led all Southern California in shipments.

Reports from the Orange County Fruit Exchange show that most of the exports to Europe will come from there. The County expects to ship 1,000,000 cases of Valencias Europewards, according to L. D. Palmer of the Orange County Exchange. Shipping will go on well into October, he said. Other countries have imported Orange County fruit. Honolulu, New Zealand, China and Japan have all been recipients.

From California (Nov. 1, 1928, to Aug. 1, 1929) total shipments have amounted to 56,223 carloads, an advance over the year before of almost 20,000. This was more than 20,000 carloads over Florida's output.

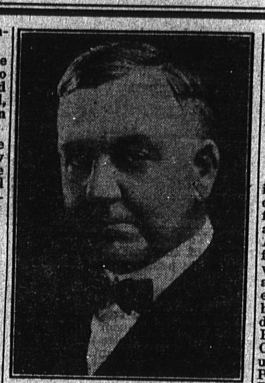
Countrywide advertising campaigns advising the public to eat oranges and drink orange juice have brought about the heavy consumption. California's Fruit Growers Exchange reports vast sums of money spent in this direction. Also they have spent money in arranging to sell juice extractors to vendors at cost. Results show that United States consumers last year used the greatest volume of oranges in history.

Peach Moths

A protective measure often thought annoying and costly by nonchalant travellers has fully justified itself. At the first report of the neighborliness of the Mediterranean fruit fly, inspectors were placed at all points of entry into California, searched automobiles, boarded trains, squeezed and cut open passengers' fruit. Passengers were chagrined.

In peaches, state inspectors found, intercepted Oriental fruit moths, proved the possibility of their introduction into California.

A letter to Senior Entomologist Mackie of the Dept. of Agriculture, from Georgia, pointed out the seriousness of the danger of Oriental fruit moth infestation. Georgia's State Entomologist Yeomans said one man had lost 17 cars of peaches out of a good yield of 200 acres. The future of the peach crop in Georgia depended upon success in controlling the moth, he said.



LAWYER GEO. FARRAND

Farming was his hobby.

Therefore last week California's border inspector was even more rigid, thorough.

Sunland Berries

Comparatively new to California markets is the Youngberry. It first made its appearance on the Los Angeles market a few years ago. At Sunland it is proving to be a valuable crop, thinks S. H. Garner, owner of four and a half acres of Youngberries. He has tried raising most types of berries, but finds the Youngberry "tops them all," both in flavor and point of production. His crop from four and a half acres is always a heavy one.

Before raising Youngberries, this Sunland farmer specialized in tomatoes. Before that he raised Valencias. But the Youngberry, he says, has come to stay and he intends to specialize in that crop.

Ontario Grapes

Drably brown, then verdantly green, now mellowing into a deep dark purple is the color history of the 10,000-acre expanse of the Italian Vineyard Company's grape lands at Ontario.

Colonies of Italian and Mexican workers last week made ready to harvest the immense crop, hastened to maturity by warm weather.

In one or two instances only, grapes have reached the picking stage. A few weeks more will see the harvesters stripping from the vines what is thought now to be the largest crop in many years.

Many Tested

Poultry raisers of California think well of the Poultry Pathological Laboratory at Los Angeles. Last year it gave greater service than at any other time during its history. Operated by the State it has local agencies and offers free diagnostic service to poultrymen, advice in prevention and control of disease.

Puzzled poultry raisers submitted 2539 birds last year for examination. Almost 33,000 blood tests for bacillary white diarrhea were made. Laboratory officials received birds from 136 different Southern California localities.

In all its history the laboratory has found but one case of tuberculosis, and that in an imported bird.

At Imperial, Water

The problem of water for irrigation purposes, always a potent one in Southern California, has been solved for arid Imperial Valley this season. Reports from El Centro by M. J. Dowd, engineer for the Imperial Irrigation District, says heavy rains on the west slopes of the Rocky Mountains have increased the discharge in the Colorado River at Rockwood very considerably to 50,000 second feet. This assures the Valley plenty of irrigation water for the remainder of the season.

In the past, it has been necessary to install a temporary dam and divert the entire stream flow of the river into the valley during August. This year, thought Dowd, it might not be necessary to do this. If they did not have to use the dam, the $27,000 cost of construction would be saved. The Valley now uses 6000 feet of water.

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At Glendora, the Covina Irrigating Company searched for water by drilling. They were skeptical about finding any at the drilling location at Foothill Boulevard and Grand Avenue. But last week, at 684 feet, fifteen feet of water was revealed. It is being pumped out and diverted into a concrete-covered ditch. Water development had been at a standstill in this district before the well was found. Perry Bashore, working for the Covina company, had toiled on under a constant fire of criticism. People thought the well a "duster." Ranchers are now assured of water for some time.

Olive Growers

The State of California accepted last week the by-laws and articles of incorporation of the Woodlake Olive Growers, Inc. All growers in the Woodlake section, the group controls about 500 acres of olive lands.

Capitalized at $25,000, the new organization has purchased land, is buying equipment to handle olives raised by its members. Storage tanks and a warehouse will be first erected, other equipment being added as the need arises.

Feijoa

Many people could not identify a feijoa, or a sapota, or even a cherimoya if they suddenly were asked to.

These fruits will be on exhibit at the California Diamond Jubilee Fair and Western Exhibition at Sacramento, on August 31. They will be included in the exhibit of rare fruits. And along with them will be mangoes, medlars, loquats, guavas, pineapples and bananas, all of them grown in California.

Puncture Vines

Punctures were prevalent along the highways of San Fernando Valley, in the early part of this summer.

But the County Horticultural Department divined the cause, searched for and found Puncture Vines growing at the roadsides, exterminated them by extensive spraying.

Pears

Los Angeles markets are receiving the first fruits of the South Antelope Valley pear crop. Less mature pears are being picked and packed to be sent to the eastern states. After a survey of the orchards around Lancaster, county inspectors report high grading and pears of extra large size.

Pickles

Heinz' North Los Angeles pickling plant is receiving the bulk of a heavy San Fernando Valley cucumber crop, placing them in brine, shipping them to various company branches.

Hundreds of acres in this and the Reseda district adjoining have been used for cucumber raising this year. Hundreds are employed in the picking.

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FOR SALE—

POLICE MOTORCYCLES, 50 BARGS. 1929 Harleys & Hendersons in perfect condition priced far below market. Traded in by City of Los Angeles, on new Indian motorcycles. Come early and pick the best. Indian Motorcycle Sales Co., 1346 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles.

WANTED—

WANTED Hatching Eggs: R. I. Reds, B. Rocks, Buff Wyandottes, Chicks, 14c delivered. Santa Ana, Cal. Hatchery, 1321 W. Fifth Street.

EXCHANGE—

FOR EXCHANGE, 4 unit brick court; good income free location; subject to bank loan of $6000 3 yrs. @ 7%. Want clear, improved chicken ranch; Write Campbell, 5018 Melrose Ave., Hollywood, Calif. GL. 4807.

WEEK'S WORLD

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Dennis Gets Card From Tokio Via Zeppelin

...er the Graf Zeppelin to the moor... Field, the postard to Mayor and ... sent to them ... friend in Tokio, ...ail sacks aboard ...

...ostmarked, "First Flight, by Graf ...1-8-9", and was ... Angeles, August ...

... Mayor and Mrs. follows:

"198 Yamabukicho, Ushigome.
Tokio, Japan, Aug. 21, 1929.

...s. John Dennis,
...alif., U. S. A.

...Mr. and Mrs. D.:—

...w hours you see the G. Zeppelin you will ...s card. By this the first quickest mail I ...a word to you that we are all well in this ...d hope you as well as we are. We remain,

Yours sincerely,
R. Hiyeda and Family.

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...ng in Tokio, R. Hi... Seattle and worked ...airyman who taught him the American side of dairy farming. Later Mr. Hiyeda made a trip to Japan where he was married.

With his Nipponese bride, Hiyeda returned to America and leased the Dennis ranch where the young couple lived for twelve years and reared a family of five children.

When the eldest daughter, Mary, was in high school, the family made a second trip to Japan, and were restrained from re-entering the United States by the passage of the immigration quota law.

Mary Hiyeda has since graduated from the Tokio College of Fine Arts and is now teaching in the schools of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis became well acquainted with the Hiyeda family during their long stay in Hillsboro and as a token of gratitude for the kind deeds done for them, Mr. Hiyeda gave Mayor Dennis a large sword-like weapon, which he still cherishes among his possessions.

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213th St. Appeal On Assessments is Set for Sept. 10th

The Los Angeles city council last week set September 10, as the date for hearing appeals against the confirmation of assessments for improvement of 213th street between Denker avenue and Western avenue, according to Councilman A. E. "Chick" Henning.

TWO NEW P. O. SUB - STATIONS FOR TORRANCE

Torrance postoffice sub-stations are to be established on October 1, in South Torrance and at the Doheny Stone Drill company, according to instructions received this week by Postmaster Al Gourdier from Washington.

The authorization for the two new sub-stations came as the result of requests made some time ago by Mr. Gourdier.

The sub-station in South Torrance will replace the present Walteria postoffice and will be located at the corner of Hawthorne boulevard and Newton street. Mrs. Lillie Lewis will be the clerk in charge.

The sub-station at the Doheny Stone plant will be known as the Hydrill station and will serve the industries now located in South Torrance as well as provide facilities for future industries that may locate there. Geo. Fay, auditor of the Doheny Stone Drill company, will be the clerk in charge.

Taxes Cut 17c

Newly Annexed Territory Enables Council to Slash Rate

CITY TAX TO BE 53c

Torrance Will Have Lowest City Tax Rate in Entire Southwest

Torrance's municipal tax rate will be lower this year.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council, held Tuesday night, for the purpose of fixing the tax rate, new figures were submitted which represent a cut of 17 cents under last year's rate.

Ordinance No. 192 provides the following schedules:

General fund, 39½ cents.

Parks, music and advertising, 10c.

Retirements of bonds and interest fund, 3½ cents.

Total tax rate, 53 cents.

Certain exceptions are noted in respect to the bond and interest tax, which applies only to property included in the city of Torrance at the time of the bond election held in 1922. New territory, which has been annexed since that time, is exempt from this levy, so that the municipal rate of these tracts will be less than fifty cents. Territory included in that known as northwest Torrance, the Meadow Park tract and Walteria will be free from the bond tax.

Last year's tax rate of 70 cents was second lowest in the state of California, being under-rated only by Vernon, also an industrial city.

The new rate of 53 cents will unquestionably place Torrance far below any other municipality in California in the matter of reduced taxes.

With an assessed valuation of $22,465,580, the new rate will still provide Torrance with ample funds for all expenses, with a comfortable margin for improvements and expansion. Since $10,776,270, or almost one-half of the total assessed valuation is due to the annexation of new territory, it is apparent that the policy of expansion which has been carried out up to this point has been of a great material benefit.

Some comparisons with the rates fixed by communities in Los Angeles county, place Torrance in an enviable light.

•A county tax rate of 86 cents a $100, the highest rate since 1894, is in prospect following the acceptance by the supervisors of the 1929-30 budget. County expenses this year will total over $56,000,000, nearly a $14,000,000 increase.

Municipal rates of neighboring cities are as follows:

Hermosa Beach, $1.50.

Hawthorne, $1.00.

Compton, $1.07.

The Redondo rate has not been set, yet.

Pittsburg, Calif., in which northern city some mills of the Columbia Steel Corporation are located, has adopted a rate of $1.60, more than three times that of its sister industrial city in the south.

PEDESTRIAN HIT BY CAR

Two Accidents Occur on Thursday of Last Week Here

Elizabeth Williams, 1001 Sartori Avenue, sustained bruises last Thursday afternoon, when she was struck by a car driven by L. Mariscal, employe of the Columbia Steel, as she was walking across the intersection of Sartori and Redondo boulevard.

Mariscal was making a left hand turn from Sartori to Redondo boulevard about 6 p. m. when the accident occurred. Miss Williams was treated at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital.

A crash where one car was turned completely around and the other, a heavy sedan, turned over, occurred at the intersection of Manuel and Acacia avenues Thursday afternoon at 5:30.

V. E. Benstead, 1318 Portola avenue, was the driver of the car turned around, and Lloyd Grafft, 1622 Acacia avenue, was the driver of the sedan that turned over. Both men were shaken up but neither injured.

For Rent—Furnished apartments, single $20.00, double $30. Gas, water, lights included. Sam Levy. Phone 131-W, Torrance.—adv.

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...ennis Doesn't Look Like Moses of Israel, But ...re Cuts a Mean Swath. Ask Doc and Bart

...ever wondered how it ...to be rushed through ...a ambulance and watch ...of people in the Los ...wn town district give ...your eyes like the Bi... ...of the Red Sea be... ...bes of Moses—ask May... ...nnis or Councilman G. ...er, or City Clerk A. H.

...ey had just that kind of an experience—only they weren't hurt. And they were in a personally escorted police car instead of an ambulance.

The Torrance party had been invited by Mayor Porter of Los Angeles to an organization meeting of the Veterans of All Wars, and were to meet at the corner of 8th and Spring streets in the afternoon. The Porter invitation included a trip through the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios at Culver City.

However, the Torrance guests were a little late in arriving, so Mayor Porter left two speed cops and a shining new Buick automobile with instructions that as soon as the Torrance officials arrived, they should be rushed to the Culver City studios. And R-U-S-H-E-D, they were, at the variously estimated speeds of 40 to 55 miles an hour through the crowded down town traffic to the M-G-M Studio in Culver City in exactly eleven minutes. The speed cops opened their sirens at 8th and Spring and never closed them until they drew up in front of the movie studio to be welcomed by none other than the genial Louis Mayer and Mayor Porter.

It is reported that one of the Mayors of a nearby city who had arrived at the meeting place on time and had consequently been taken through the slow moving traffic at the regular snail pace, uttered the somewhat catty remark of "How do you guys get that way?"

keep his rents down to a level that compared favorably with those charged in other communities.

"The secret in making money in rental property," said Mr. Spurlin, "is in keeping your tenants satisfied so that they will remain for longer periods. It is better to keep the monthly rents down and have regular tenants than to get higher rents with frequent vacancies. If investors would study the demands and build rental property to

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October 14.

Mission patio style will be carried out as in the present building.

P. O. Guy has been awarded the building contract and Reginald Freemont Inwood of Long Beach is the architect.

Mail boxes throughout the city of Torrance have been given a new coat of the regulation olive green paint, according to Postmaster Gourdier.

LEE CONNER RETURNS

Lee Conner, who has spent the summer with relatives in Horton, Kansas, returned to Torrance Friday evening, and is making his home with his brother, Earl Conner.

Lee made the trip by motor, arriving late Sunday evening, and was given a hearty greeting by a number of his friends.

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It was the general opinion that this year's Fiesta and Auto Show was one of the best in the twelve years that the American Legion has been sponsoring them, and the Legionnaires wished the Herald and News to express their hearty thanks to everyone who had helped make the Fiesta and Auto Show a success.

Three more big nights of fun

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