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PROCEEDINGS  
of  
WESTERN FARM ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION  
Sixth Annual Meeting  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
August 9th and 10th, 1932

Includes Membership List on  
August 1, 1932.

## PROGRAM OF WESTERN FARM ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Sixth Annual Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah

August 9th and 10th -- 1932

Tuesday, August 9th -- The Newhouse Hotel.

Morning Session: --

## I. General.

Registration -- 8:30 to 9:00 A. M.

President's address -- 9:00 A. M., Dr. H. R. Tolley, Director  
Gianinni Foundation, University of California.

## II. Agricultural Finance -- Topic of Session.

Session in charge of Professor R. L. Adams and Dr. M. R.  
Benedict of California.

1. Problem of Production Credit for Farmers. Dr. M. R.  
Benedict, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University  
of California.
2. Current Problems in Farm Mortgage Finance. R. L. Adams,  
Professor of Farm Management, University of California.
3. Present Problems of Refinancing Irrigation Districts.  
Wells A. Hutchins, Irrigation Economist, Bureau of Agri-  
cultural Engineering, U. S. D. A.
4. The State Cooperative Finance Corporation. L. E. Cline,  
Extension Agricultural Economist, University of Nevada.
5. General Discussion of topic.

Noon, 12:00 -- Luncheon.

Afternoon Session -- 1:30 P. M.

## III. Land Utilization -- Topic of Session.

Session in charge of Director William Peterson of Utah.

1. Report of the National Conference on Land Utilization,  
held in Chicago, November 19-21, 1931. Dr. H. R. Tolley,  
Director Gianinni Foundation, University of California.

2. Western Land Utilization. Dr. A. F. Vass, Professor of Agronomy, University of Wyoming.
3. Grazing in Relation to Land Planning. William Peterson, Director of Agricultural Extension Service, Utah State Agricultural College.
4. Relation of Watersheds to Cultivated Land Planning. C. L. Forsling, Director, Intermountain Range and Forest Experiment Station, Bureau of Research, Forest Service.
5. General discussion of topic.

Dinner, 6:30 P. M. at Pine Crest.

Evening Session -- 7:15 P. M. at Pine Crest.

#### IV. Economic Planning -- Topic of Session.

Session in charge of toastmaster.

1. Possibilities of Economic Planning. M. L. Wilson, Montana State College, and Dr. Paul A. Eke, University of Idaho. (M. L. Wilson absent but represented by Peter Slagsvold of Montana.)
2. Limitations of Economic Planning. Dr. George Peterson, University of California, and Dr. E. F. Dummer, Washington State College.
3. Discussion of papers. E. W. Braun, University of California.
4. General discussion of topic.

Wednesday, August 10th.

Morning Session: --

#### V. Farm Management -- Topic of Session.

Session in charge of Professor Rex Willard of Washington.

1. The Correlation of Farm Management Research and Farm Management Generally with Agricultural Economics. E. A. Starch, Associate Agricultural Economist, Montana State College. (Absent.)
2. A simple Method of Translating Cattle by Classes into Cow Units by Occupancy Head, Establishing a Uniform Unit for Cattle Ranch Costs. C. A. Brennen, Range Economist, University of Nevada.

3. General discussion of topic.

Afternoon Session: --

VI. Legislation Designed to Better the Position of Agriculture  
-- Topic of Session.

1. Legislation Designed to Better the Position of Agriculture. Discussion led by M. L. Wilson, Head, Agricultural Economics, Montana State College. (Absent.)
2. Farm Relief Measures. C. C. Conser, Marketing Specialist, Montana State College.
3. Legislative, Political and Economic Forces Making for and Against Economic Isolation of the United States, by Dr. Albert D. Thomas, University of Utah.
4. General discussion of topic.

Adjournment.

Paul A. Eke, Secretary  
Western Farm Economics Association

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WESTERN STATES REGIONAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE PROGRAM  
Salt Lake City, Utah, August 11-12, 1932

Thursday - August 11ForenoonDairy:

- 9:00 a.m.      1. O. C. Stine      - B. A. E., U. S. D. A.  
                  2. L. R. Breithaupt- Oregon.  
                  3. R. M. Turner      - Washington

AfternoonBeef Cattle:

- 1:00 p.m.      1. C. A. Burmeister - B. A. E., U. S. D. A.  
                  2. G. W. Barr      - Arizona.  
                  3. A. W. Willis      - Wyoming.

Evening

- 8:00 p.m.      Paper on Training Schools for County Agents on the Use  
                  of Economic Information, by H. M. Dixon, Extension Ser-  
                  vice, U. S. D. A. Discussion by L. H. Hauter, New  
                  Mexico; E. T. Benson, Idaho; V. E. Scott, Nevada; and  
                  C. O. Stott, Utah.

Friday-August 12ForenoonWheat:

- 9:00 a.m.      1. O. C. Stine      - B. A. E., U. S. D. A.  
                  2. Paul Carpenter - Montana  
                  3. T. H. Summers - Colorado.

AfternoonSheep:

- 1:00 p.m.      1. C. A. Burmeister- B. A. E., U. S. D. A.  
                  2. H. R. Wellman - California.  
                  3. L. W. Fluharty - California.

Footnote:

This conference is to be held as a training school for extension specialists in agricultural economics in the preparation and dissemination of outlook information in order that these specialists may serve more efficiently as leaders in: (1) Interpreting the Federal Outlook reports. (2) Preparing State reports. (3) Training county agents. The program will include basic factors affecting the supply, demand, and prices as related to the long-time outlook. A thorough analysis will be made of the factors and price analysis affecting long-time price trends in beef cattle, sheep, wheat, and dairy. The reliability of basic data back of these reports will also be considered fully. As regards methods of procedure, the conference will be divided into four half days, one half-day to each commodity, each half-day program to be presented by three people. (1) Federal man - long-time trends. (2) State man - local adaptation of subject matter. (3) State man - Extension methods to be used.

1/ Nearly all the members of the Western Farm Economic Association remained for this program.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING, 12:30 P. M.,  
August 9, 1932.

Motion made by Thomas and seconded by Vass, that the President appoint two committees, one to make nominations for officers for the ensuing year and the other to consider the time and place of the next annual meeting.

Motion passed:

Nominations Committee

Dummeier

Vass

Moorhouse

Time and Place Committee

Breithaupt

Thomas

Eke

The meeting was adjourned to meet at 12:30 P. M., August 10, 1932.

Minutes of Second Meeting of Association Council, 12:30 P. M.,  
August 10, 1932.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously passed to meet with the Western States Outlook Group at the next annual meeting.

The committee on time and place of meeting recommended early August as the time for the meeting and Berkeley as the place of the meeting.

An invitation was extended by Vass to come to Laramie for the next meeting. This invitation was seconded by Moorhouse. Motion made by Breithaupt that we meet at Berkeley, subject to arrangements necessary to meet with Western Outlook Group.

This motion was seconded and then amended to make Laramie the alternative place. The amendment was seconded and passed. The vote on the original motion resulted in a tie between Laramie and Berkeley. By acclamation the motion was referred to the Business Meeting of the Conference.

The Council, by means of motion, made, seconded and passed, recommended that henceforth the Western Outlook Conferences be held on the campuses of the State Colleges of Agriculture.

A motion was made and seconded that secretaries be encouraged to serve more than one year. The motion was carried. It was recommended that the Council members of the state where the meeting was held would act as Chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

The Nominations Committee reported the following:

For Secretary

W. P. Thomas

For Vice President

R. T. Burdick

For President

Paul A. Eke

Each nominee was voted on separately and accepted as the nominee to be placed before the Conference Business Meeting for election.

Paul A. Eke, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING, 8 P. M.,  
August 10, 1932.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and accepted.

The financial report of the Secretary was read and accepted.

A motion was made and seconded and passed, that all papers presented before the Conference be mimeographed and 200 copies mailed to the secretary by September 10 next.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, that the conference go on record as favoring the plan of meeting with the Western Outlook Group in 1933. No time or place was specified.

Motion was made and seconded that Laramie and Berkeley be considered as places for meeting in 1933 rather than Logan, and that the Conference express preference for either Laramie or Berkeley with the understanding that the Council should decide the place and time of meeting after consultation with the committee of State Directors of Extension. This motion was passed. A standing vote was then taken as preference for Laramie and Berkeley.

Nine preferred Berkeley.

Eleven preferred Laramie.

The Chairman of the Nominations Committee presented the following nominations:

For President  
For Vice President  
For Secretary

Paul A. Eke  
R. T. Burdick  
W. P. Thomas

Motion made and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominees.

Mr. Dixon reported on the program of the Outlook Conference to be held the next two days.

The Resolutions Committee consisting of Dunmeier, Thomas and Benedict presented ten resolutions, all of which were accepted by a vote of the Conference, or passed back to the Committee for certain revisions with the understanding that they be accepted after such revisions were made, except resolution number 8 which was dropped through a motion which was made, seconded and carried.

A motion was then made and seconded that a resolution of appreciation be formulated by the Resolutions Committee expressing appreciation for the local arrangements. This motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Financial Report of Western Farm Economics Association  
for 1931-1932 year.  
August 6, 1932

-- Receipts --

Cash balance received from W. P. Thomas, April 1, 1931	\$	\$48.52
Collected from 1930 bills receivable for 1930 proceedings	\$ 2.00	
Received from membership dues	85.50	
Received from sale of 12 copies of 1931 proceedings	<u>24.00</u>	
Total receipts	\$	<u>112.50</u>
Total cash for year	\$	160.02
Due for 1931 proceedings	4.00	
Total cash for year and bills receivable	\$	<u>164.02</u>

-- Disbursements --

Telephone call	\$ .90	
Supplies	8.90	
Telegrams	1.26	
Postage	23.23	
Student labor for assembling proceedings	21.60	
Binding proceedings (200 copies) by Queen City Printing Company	<u>22.00</u>	
	\$77.89	

-- Assets --  
August 6, 1932

Total cash receipts	\$	\$160.02
Total disbursements	\$77.89	
Total cash on hand	\$	<u>82.13</u>
Bills receivable	\$ 4.00	
Total assets	\$	<u>86.13</u>

On hand 95 copies of 1931 Proceedings.

Paul A. Eke, Secretary  
Western Farm Economics  
Association

Resolutions Passed by the Sixth Annual Conference of the Western Farm Economics Association at Salt Lake City, August 9th and 10th, 1932.

- I. The members of this association recommend to the consideration of the various departments of agricultural economics that serious consideration be given to methods whereby groups of foreclosed farms may be organized for more permanent supervision and administration and in such a way as to provide greater security of tenure and less destructive methods of farming on the part of farm operators now on them. We suggest the possibility that suitable plans of leasing and supervising may make this arrangement relatively satisfactory both to tenant and owner for a considerable period of years.
- II. This association recommends to those of its members who are directly concerned with irrigation district problems that a careful analysis be made of the functions performed by the various agencies in their states that are concerned with these problems with a view of developing a better understanding and coordination of the work of such agencies.
- III. The members of the Western Farm Economics Association, after careful consideration of the problems of cooperation to the fullest possible extent with the National Land Use Planning Committee, submit to that committee the following suggestions duly adopted as resolutions of the association, these being presented with a view of facilitating the fullest cooperation, on the part of members of this association, in furthering the work of the Land Use Planning Committee.
  - (a) That the committee's work be limited, as far as possible, to problems directly concerned with land classification and the ways of utilizing the land resources of the country (in terms of major land uses, not in terms of farm management).
  - (b) That the work of many of the technical sub-committees be subdivided regionally and directed to more specific treatment of these problems in a regional way.
- IV. In view of the financial and other difficulties that many of the irrigation and drainage districts of the West are now facing, and because numerous obstacles, such as these, may be avoided in the future if proper precautions are taken before the organization of such districts, the association recommends that before a district is organized that a detailed economic study and a soil survey of the proposed area be made.

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- V. The membership of the Western Farm Economics Association, including the 11 Western states hereby indicates a sympathetic understanding of the difficult and complicated problems which have arisen for both debtors and creditors in the agricultural areas, especially in irrigation, reclamation, and drainage districts, and their conviction that prompt and equitable settlement of these problems is essential to the rehabilitation and progress of the agricultural areas affected. Be it resolved, therefore, that we pledge our fullest cooperation in developing information which will aid in working out these situations in ways that will best further the joint interests of the owners, debtors and creditors in these areas.
- VI. The membership of the Western Farm Economics Association believes that in many of the far Western states there exists a need for a more orderly and determinate legal procedure for handling the affairs of irrigation, drainage and reclamation districts, which are in financial difficulties. Severe hardship and loss have resulted to landowners and bond-holders and serious deterioration has occurred in social institutions in communities because of the failure to bring about prompt and equitable settlement in the affairs of defaulting districts. Be it, therefore, resolved that we respectfully bring to the attention of farm organizations and legislative bodies the fact that there exists in many of the states a need for legislative action which will provide a more definite and positive procedure for the handling of the affairs of such districts when in financial difficulties, and we furthermore suggest that attention be given to the possibilities of providing some method of payment of indebtedness which will lessen the likelihood of default in periods of depression.
- VII. The membership of the Western Farm Economics Association recognizes that the serious decline in the prices of farm products has created a situation in which many efficient and dependable farmers are unable to meet principal and interest payments on their financial obligations and that this has resulted in numerous defaults and in foreclosures and other undesired acquisitions of land by credit agencies. We are of the opinion that where the operator is an efficient farmer the best interests of both the creditor and the debtor would in many cases be promoted by the present operator continuing to operate the farm, rather than by his being replaced by someone else, and that compromise measures will often result in more gain to creditor, as well as debtor, than will strict legal procedure. We, therefore, urge our membership to give whatever assistance is possible in working out with credit agencies policies which will make this result possible. In this connection we urge that consideration be given to adjustments based upon changes in prices of farm products or payment in kind, rather than in fixed monetary sums, where this is not in conflict with legal requirements.

VIII.

Whereas, the protection of watershed lands to prevent devegetation that exposes the soil to erosion, increases run-off, intensifies the peak and damage of floods and otherwise injures favorable conditions of stream flow, is essential to the security of sound agricultural development in the West, and whereas, dependent values are being increasingly adversely affected owing to large areas of watershed lands not receiving the needed protection and whereas, the private owner cannot be expected to carry the expense required to apply watershed protection measures, from which he derives no direct benefit, but upon which the welfare of community interest are dependent, therefore, be it resolved that land planning and land control take into account the need for public ownership, regulation and control of watershed lands.

IX.

In view of the large interest which agriculture has in industrial prosperity of the country, be it resolved that the committee in charge of the program of this association for 1933 give a prominent place on the program to the question of methods and means of bringing about greater activity and continuity in industrial production and employment and the relation of these to agriculture.

Paul A. Eke, Secretary,  
Western Farm Economics Association

Arrangements for Expenses of Travel and Subsistence of the  
Members Present at the Western Farm Economic Association  
Conference, and the Western Outlook Conference, at Salt Lake  
City, August 9 to 12, 1932.

by States

State Institution :	Arrangements for Experiment Station men :	Arrangements for Extension Service men
Arizona	: No expenses paid	: Travel and subsistence paid
California	: Transportation only Depreciation on personal	: Transportation only Depreciation on personal
Colorado	: car only	: car only
Idaho	: Travel and subsistence paid for one man only	: Travel and subsistence paid for one man only
Montana	: No expenses paid	: One man authorized \$40.76 for expenses
Nevada	: Not present	: Travel and subsistence paid
New Mexico	: Not present	: Not present
Oregon	: Not present	: Travel and subsistence paid
Utah	: Travel and subsistence paid	: Travel and subsistence paid
Washington	: Transportation only	: Transportation only
Wyoming	: No expenses paid	: Travel and subsistence paid

WESTERN FARM ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION  
Record of Dues Paid for 1931  
up to August 1, 1932

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