

Central Oregon Farmer Named Agriculture Head

A Central Oregon farmer has been named Oregon's fifth director of agriculture.

J. F. Short, Redmond, succeeds E. L. Peterson, now assistant secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Peterson held his former post for 11 years.

Short announced that he did not contemplate changes in policies or personnel of the department.

He was prompted to accept the appointment, offered by Governor Paul Patterson, in the hope that he will be able to contribute in some measure to the greater development of Oregon's agriculture, according to a department announcement.

Short has been identified with Oregon agriculture since the age of three. His family came to Oregon then and started farming on the newly-developed irrigated lands in Klamath County. They moved to Deschutes County in 1917. He has been there since and on his Mile-away ranch west of Redmond has engaged in beef, sheep and seed farming. A manager is now in charge of the ranch.

The new director attended Oregon State College for four years immediately after World War I; there he studied agricultural economics, soils and irrigation.

He served as representative in the 1949 session of the Oregon

legislature and has been active in various agricultural organizations. He is a past president of the Oregon Seed League and upon becoming director resigned as a member of the Upper Columbia River Basin Committee.

He and his wife now reside in Salem. They have three grown children.

Milkmen Seek New Method To Stabilize Milk

Four possible plans to stabilize milk markets are currently under discussion by Oregon dairymen. Oregon State College extension dairymen marketing specialist Oscar Hagg lists the four as follows:

(1) a federal milk marketing order in which minimum prices would be set on milk at the producer's level. There would be a provision for change as economic conditions require. Payments for milk would be pooled, Hagg says, in this plan, and paid out to individual farmers on the basis of a uniform or average price.

(2) an alternative plan to the federal order, Hagg continues, is a new state milk marketing act. This act would set minimum prices at the producer's level. It may or may not have some sort of production quotas, and pooling — either market-wide or on an individual distributor basis — would be provided for payment to farmers.

(3) combining of a federal milk marketing order and the new state milk marketing acts presents a third plan. One such proposal calls for a federal order from the Portland milkshed area, including southwestern Washington and state marketing order for other parts of Oregon. The OSC expert says a similar plan is now in use in New York. There New York City is under a federal milk marketing order and the remainder of the state is covered by state law.

(4) the fourth possible plan calls for the setting-up of producer's marketing associations on an area or statewide basis. Producers would voluntarily agree to use their combined milk production in bargaining with milk handlers to maintain stable prices, Hagg says. Each of the plans is receiving considerable attention by state dairymen, faced now with the matter of "where do we go from here" since Oregon voters repealed the state milk marketing act.

6 Oregon 4-H Clubbers Win National Awards

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Six Oregon 4-H club members received \$300 college scholarships at the National 4-H Club Congress this week as national winners in the 4-H awards program.

They are Judy Gates, Hillsboro, 18, entomology; Harold Berger, 17, Hillsboro, health; Ellen Mitchell, 18, Zigzag, girls' record; Harold Hotchkiss, 17, Burns, tractor maintenance; Betty Ann Cline, 18, Independence, garden; and Timothy Bagley, 17, Astoria, forestry.

Burton S. Hutton, state 4-H club leader, said the total of \$1800 in college scholarships is one of the greatest ever won by Oregon 4-H club members.

All three of the girls are freshmen at Oregon State College.

TREE CUTTERS ADVISED

SALEM — Commercial Christmas tree cutters have to obtain permits to cut trees on forest lands, the State Forestry Department said Friday.

Individuals who cut their own trees must get permission from the landowner.

In addition, permission from the Tax Commission must be obtained for commercial cutting of trees on reforestation lands.

FARM and Garden

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STARTING YOUNG—Seven-year-old Tommy Frisbie, of Foreston, Ill., leads his Shorthorn steer into Chicago's International Amphitheater. Tommy, so far, is the youngest exhibitor at the 55th International Livestock Show.

No. Douglas 4-H Leaders Get Awards

Members of the North Douglas County 4-H Leaders Assn. met recently to elect officers and present awards, reports Yoncalla News-Review Correspondent Mrs. George Ede.

The leaders met at the Drain Grade School. Awards were presented to them by Edward Resch, representing the Drain branch of the U.S. National Bank.

Officers elected are: Mrs. Percy Langdon, president; Lee Allen, vice president; and Mrs. Bessie Keeler, secretary.

Outgoing president Jerry Winterbotham called the meeting to order following a potluck banquet. The group voted to write a letter of appreciation to Dick Turley, manager of the Douglas County Fair, for his work with the fair this year.

The following awards were presented: Awards of the Clover to junior leader — Miss Mary Griswold; first year — Mrs. Howard Carnes; Mrs. Romie Howard; Mrs. Eddie Becker; Mrs. Edwin Mickel; Percy Langdon, Mrs. Percy Langdon, Mrs. J. E. Anderson; Edward Seward, Mrs. Edward Seward, Mrs. Evelyn Patrick, Mrs. Charlotte Ostlund, Wilbert Anderson and Mrs. Arlo Thomas.

Second year — Mrs. Wallace Birchill, Jerry Winterbotham, Mrs. Opal Ross and Mrs. Frank Madison.

Third year — Mrs. Wilbur Bringer, Mrs. Homer Ladd and Mrs. Jack Matson; sixth year — Mrs. L. E. Price and W. D. Traylor; fifth year — Mrs. Bessie Keeler.

The North Douglas County 4-H Leaders Assn. officers will meet next Jan. 12 at Drain.

Farmers Chaquita Elect New 4-H Club Officers

New officers of the Lookingglass 4-H Livestock club were elected recently.

Darlene Ollivant will head the Farmers Chaquita group. Other officers are Jimmy Williams, vice president; Nancy Grass, secretary; Johnny Watkins, song and yell leader; and David Swift, news reporter.

The group is led by Ivan Swift. Assistant leader is Eljah Ollivant. They meet the second Monday of each month at Lookingglass school.

Farm Forest Facts

By ED GILDEN
County Extension Forester

Just how good is the California Christmas tree market?

It seems to be "really" good for the retailer who is selling high quality trees. The person who thinks he can go down with what we call "junk" and make a few dollars is usually in for a big disappointment.

THE DEMAND is there. In a study made by the University of California's Extension Service it showed that about "90 per cent of the trees displayed in California were shipped in from outside the state." Woodbridge Metcalf, extension forester, had this to say about the species of trees that are displayed: "Douglas fir is by far the leading species though the percentage of white fir increased somewhat as a result of an upturn in the truck shipments from Oregon."

What reasons do these buyers have for liking Oregon trees over those from other states? Incidentally, Washington, British Columbia and Oregon lead as shippers to California but some trees do come from Idaho, Montana and Utah.

One reason these buyers like Oregon trees is that they are closer to the market allows trees in this area to be cut nearer Christmas; Douglas fir is less chance to dry out. Color falls in another reason so later I'll tell you why think we have better color.

LENGTH OF needles and strength of limbs are their next reasons for liking Oregon trees. The long needles that our Douglas fir trees have and the heavier limbs seems to make them more desirable to the Californians.

Now — my reason for the better color that buyers say our trees have. With longer needles and stronger limbs our trees can have more distance between the whorls of branches and still appear bushy. When you have greater distance between the whorls it indicates that the tree is growing faster — thus it must be on better soil which would in turn give it better color.

Normally, you could discount this sales promotion of Oregon trees coming from an Oregonian as propaganda — but let's look at the facts. And what is more facts than money.

WHILE WORKING in the heart of the Christmas tree business in Washington, the highest stumpage prices you ever heard of for trees was \$10 - \$12. In Oregon quite often farmers sell their trees for \$25 or more.

Roadside prices also vary a great deal. One farmer I worked with in Kitsap County, Washington got \$50 a tree and we were

overjoyed. In Oregon, fifty cents is close to the average and one grower has gotten as high as \$2.25 for trees over eight feet. A number of growers have gotten over a dollar a tree.

If retailers will pay higher prices for good quality Oregon trees, it seems to me that there must be a good demand for them.

I TALKED to a farmer from Hood River last week that was taking a load of trees to Eureka, Calif. He had stopped at a service station in Roseburg for gas; so we got to talking about the trees he had. He had four different species of trees in his load. They were: Noble fir, white fir, spruce, and Douglas fir.

I noticed that he didn't have a very big load so I told him I looked like he was a little underloaded. "Well," he said, "this is my third load to Eureka this week and I've about run out of trees."

Most of his trees were Noble fir and I soon learned why.

"DON'T FOOL with the Douglas fir much," he said. "We only get \$1.50 a tree for them. But take those stately beauties on top. We get \$90 a foot for those wholesale."

He was talking of the Noble fir. He looked at me as if I was downright stupid when I asked, "what you got — about \$2,000 worth on this load?"

"If I don't have over \$2,000 on here I'll quit!" he said.

Three loads times two thousand dollars — a months work — a few expenses —

Anyone want to write a column?

Twining Says U. S. Leads Russia In Air Power

NEW YORK — Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force, says the United States leads Russia in the armaments race and that staying ahead is our "best chance for peace."

Speaking Wednesday night at the industrial preparedness dinner of the American Ordnance Assn., Twining said he disagrees with those who argue that Soviet development of atomic weapons cancels the atomic power of the U. S.



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