

HERD UP SHARPLY AT AGENCY FARM AFTER YEAR'S OPERATION BY BANK



Weaner Steers at Agency Farm

Accentuating progress on the Agency Farm after a year's operation by the U.S. National Bank is a cattle herd increase of more than 100%. Two-hundred and six head went with the Farm when it was turned over by the BIA on March 3, 1959, to the U.S. Nat'l Bank as trustee for the remaining members. As of February, 1960, the Farm could boast a herd totaling 502, including 293 steers, 59 heifers, 144 cows, and 6 bulls.

Detailing the year's developments which culminated in this marked herd increase, R. H. Lung, trust officer, reports that the first transaction was sale of 51 steer calves last summer out of the original stock. One-hundred and five calves were produced on the Farm during the year and 248 head were purchased. Five original herd bulls were sold and were replaced with 6 registered herd bulls. Three cows were culled from the herd and sold and the operation showed a mortality loss of 4 head during the year.

"We're trying to develop the herd as rapidly as possible," Lung explains, "also at the same time developing it as much as possible from our own stock." He points out that 60 more cows are expected to calve this year and an additional 204 next year.

This herd expansion reflects the trustee's conviction that remaining area potential for cattle production is much greater than what has been realized.

"The possibilities are almost unlimited since we have the Three Creeks range area," Lung states.

This grazing area in the Northern part of the reservation is considered very important to long-range herd development. Avail-

ability of hay is regarded as the chief limiting factor in a herd increase. It is felt that Three Creeks can afford such summer pasture as will allow release of much of the Agency Farm to hay production.

Offering more immediate opportunities for herd expansion are the developmental possibilities of the Agency Farm. Of the 2543 acres making up the Farm, some 1500 acres are classed as marsh and strictly limited for pasture or hay production. Trust officials consider that much of this can become excellent pasture or hay-producing land through proper drainage. To such an end, ditching and culvert work has already been done. An agreement has been signed with the Soil Conservation Service whereby that agency has surveyed the area and developed a general plan of drainage. The major part of the drainage work will involve extending a dike along Wood River (the Western boundary of the Farm) for about a mile.

"Appraisal of Klamath Agency Farm, Klamath Agency, Ore.," a 57-page report compiled in 1956 by Appraisal Associates, Kansas City, Mo., and Harry K. Fenton and Associates, Seattle, Wash., under contract with the management specialists, substantiates the Farm's developmental possibilities. The appraisers concluded that "any prudent owner would expect to levee and drain the remainder of the north part of the marsh. This would provide an additional 533.7 acres of dry land pasture". In addition, it was the judgment of the appraisers that "a typical prudent prospective purchaser would expect to irrigate the north 302.4 acres from Wood River. The drainage of the

Lucille Barrera, Past Tourney Princess, To Start Practical Nursing Training

Lucille Barrera, daughter of Mr. Frank Barrera, an employee of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, Camp 6, Bly, Oregon, is home for a short vacation. She is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Adelita Lopez, while here in Chiloquin. Lucille will be leaving soon for Albuquerque, New Mexico, to start a course in Practical Nursing. She will spend seventeen weeks in this school training and then will work as an assistant to a doctor or registered nurse. She will be placed in a hospital on a reservation of her choice in the Southwest. Lucille is very interested in learning about the Indian people outside her own tribe.

Lucille will be the first Klamath Indian and the first Indian from Oregon to attend the nursing school in New Mexico. She has met the Head Nurse Officer of the Northwest Indian Health Service in Portland, Mrs. Willhoit, who spoke to Lucille about the school and showed some films of it. Mrs. Willhoit was very pleased to hear of Lucille's acceptance by the school.

Lucille has spoken to both Mrs. Willhoit and Mr. Samples, Chiloquin High School Principal, about getting more Klamath girls interested in the Practical Nursing or Dental Assistant field of work. Further, she has written to Mrs. Willhoit asking her to come to

533.7 acres and the irrigation of the 302.4 acres would be well within the means of a prospective purchaser and would, in the considered judgment of the appraisers, add materially to the carrying capacity of the property. It is the judgment of the appraisers that this irrigated area would probably be used for meadow to augment the present hay supply. This would tend to balance the operation so that, in the judgment of the appraisers, around 450 mature cows could be carried on the property year around . . ."

Making possible further Farm development will be discontinuance of any renting out of pasture.

What will this progressive program of cattle production mean in terms of added income for the remaining members? Trust officials point out that at first the income realized will be reinvested to enable the program to carry itself. It is considered, however, that income from cattle production may eventually become a significant part of the total income of the trust, particularly in the event timber proceeds decrease as virgin timber stands are diminished.

Chiloquin to interview girls about the program. Lucille says "It would be wonderful to see more Klamath girls in nursing or dental assistant work. They are needed badly and I believe it would be a wonderful career."



Asked what she thought of the Klamath Termination Act, Lucille stated "Termination is a good thing for the Indians but it is a big step for us, the Klamaths. The money part is all right; it belongs to us. However, where money is concerned there is always a catch. After termination, it won't be the same for some; it will be a new and different way of life. We must think of our future and the future of the children too."

"Education is of the utmost importance to the Indian people now that Termination is about to take place. Many of the Klamath people should take advantage of the opportunity afforded by an education while they have the chance. We must realize that Education will play an important part in our lives after Termination."

A graduate of Chiloquin High School, Lucille was a Princess of the 1958 All-Indian basketball tournament. Her costume was of white buckskin beaded in colorful Indian designs of the Warm Springs culture. It was made by Mrs. Knight of the Warm Springs tribe. This costume won fourth prize in the Pendleton Round-up a few years ago.

Lucille will be leaving for New Mexico March 16. She is sorry that she will miss the Tournament this year but wishes the local team the best of luck.