



HOMEMADE BREAD COMIN' UP

Nancy Hoofnagle, 17, of Cove, left, and Ruth Hoxie, 15, of La Grande entered the 4-H senior bread baking contest held in the high school homemaking room yesterday. Ruth won first place and will represent Union county at the State Fair in Salem. Nancy won second place. (Observer Photo)

Soil Bank Petitions Must Be Filed With Union County ASC

Farmers who wish to put crop land in the Soil Bank's 1960 Conservation Reserve must ask the county ASC committee to set a basic annual rate per acre for the offered land. Chairman Ben L. Robinson, Union County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today. The period for filing such requests is from August 24 through September 10. No such requests will be accepted after September 10.

In setting the basic annual per-acre rate for land offered, the county committee will take into consideration the productivity of the land and the rate will be limited to the local fair rental value of the land based on the crops harvested from it during the past five years. When all the eligible cropland on the farm is offered for the Conservation Reserve, the rate will generally be set 10 per cent higher than the rate for only part of the eligible land.

After the basic rate has been determined, the farmer may apply for a contract at any figure below the basic rate established for the land offered in the request for rates. If necessary, a priority system will be used to determine which offers are accepted.

Contracts under the Conservation Reserve may run for as long as 10 years. During the time of the contract, the farmer will receive an annual rental payment on the reserved and for the life of the contract, and he also will receive cost-sharing help in establishing an approved conservation practice.

For Oregon the basic per-acre rate of payment under the 1960 conservation reserve is \$16.00, the same as under the 1959 program. The tentative acreage goal for the State is 46,000 acres, subject to consideration and recommendation by the ASC State Committee.

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Quoted in "Hoard's Dairyman" and taken from the August issue of "Dairy Digest" Ransom's definition reads:

"The cow is a mobile, animated machine, housed in unprocessed leather. One end is equipped with a mower, grinder, and other standard equipment including bumpers, headlights, wingflaps, and foghorn. At the other end is a milk dispenser and insect repeller."

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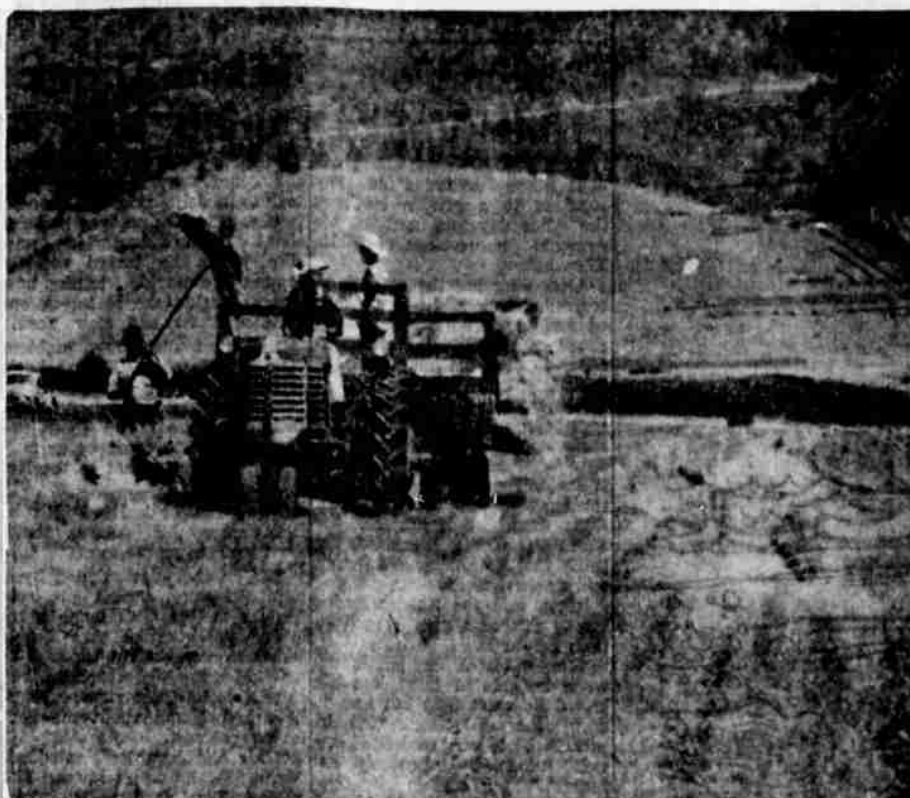


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VALLEY GRASS HARVEST

Grass farmers were busy putting up their crops during the first part of the week before the rains came. The grass crop in the Grande Ronde valley is centered in the Imbler area and provides a major industry for a large portion of the valley's more than 900 farms.

Valley Farm-Ranch-Home

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House Approves Bill To Aid Hog Income

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Agriculture Committee has ignored administration objections and approved a bill to bolster sagging hog incomes with a 150 million dollar subsidy program. It appears unlikely that the controversial measure could be pushed through the Senate and House in the waning weeks of this session.

Supporters contended the measure would help prevent further declines in hog prices, which have dropped by one-third in the last 12 months.

Agriculture Department officials argued, however, that the measure would encourage overproduction at a time when production of hogs is at the highest level in 14 years.

The bill, approved by the committee Thursday, would provide direct subsidy payments to farmers who marketed hogs at light weights.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department said today that the increase in the number of cattle indicated cattle prices would begin a gradual downturn in 1960.

The downswing in cattle prices

low the levels of a year earlier this fall and winter because production is substantially higher.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government's weekly crop bulletin reported today that harvest of small grains is proceeding rapidly in all northern areas except in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

There Are **6** More Days until the

UNION COUNTY FAIR

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Plan To Bring The Family!

Strong Opposition Expected To Kill Lean Hog Incentive Checks

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Strong administration opposition was expected to kill a bill to give incentive payments to producers who market lean hogs.

The House agriculture livestock subcommittee currently is considering a measure to provide compensation to farmers who market hogs weighing 100-200 pounds. The measure is designed to curb the growing hog supply with its resultant lower prices.

The bill also is opposed by the Farm Bureau, it has the strong support of the Farm Union.

The Assistant Agricultural Secretary told the subcommittee Monday that the department is "sympathetic" to the over-all objective of higher income for hog producers but is opposed to the specific proposal.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Corn, grain sorghum, and soybean prices dropped but most other cash grains showed little or no change last week, the Agriculture Department reported today.

The department's weekly price survey blamed the lower price levels on the record corn crop and well above average sorghum and soybean crops.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Herschel D. Newsom, head of the National Grange, has urged President Eisenhower to sign a bill which would make the Farm Credit Administration more of a cooperative system than a government agency.

Newsom wrote the President as a spokesman for a joint farm credit committee representing all major farm organizations.

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