

Scot Farmer Studies Here Also Teaches

John Sinclair, 25-year-old Scot farmer who was a Clackamas county guest from June 29 to July 14, came here to learn something of grassland agriculture and potato production. His trip was made possible by a Nuffield Foundation traveling scholarship.

John is spending six months in the United States and Canada. Presumably he came here to study. Actually he is an accomplished practical farmer. His farming operations include 277 acres of tillable land and 2,000 acres of heather sheep grazing upland.

The British Isles program revolves around rotational pastures—those left standing for four or five years and then plowed for potatoes, other root crops and grain. Cash crops on the Sinclair farm in Perthshire include beef cattle, seed potatoes, mutton and a small amount of grain.

"Fertilizer is practically unknown in the British Isles," John reports. "Our pasture rotation provides ample humus and soils covered with good grass and legumes do not erode. The general level of fertility has improved in Britain over a period of years. We use quantities of limestone, phosphates, potash and nitrates, in addition to green manure, horse and manure and, of course, the humus left from rotation pastures."

"British farmers can expect to raise only about half of the food consumed annually on the British Isles.

"For many years we imported so much food that agriculture received scant attention from the government. Two great world wars taught us the necessity for producing as much as possible at home. I find that plans for aiding soil building practices are similar in both countries, here and in Britain."

"The farm-owner is practically unknown in Britain. Farms are customarily leased over 14 year periods and a farm may remain in one family for many generations. Tenants cannot be evicted except for doing a poor job of farming and then, not by the landlord, but by the farmers elected committee in charge of administration of agricultural affairs. There are no incompetent farmers for incompetence cannot be afforded in Britain with her economy of agricultural secrets."

Scots Develop Everything
The Scots develop uses for almost everything, including even the heather covered uplands. Black-faced long wool Highland sheep graze their stones. They produce only three or four pounds of coarse fleece but an excellent mutton carcass. Except for ewe lambs which may be brought down to the farmlands to grow out, these sheep depend upon heather browsing twelve months of the year.

Improvement of these black-faced flocks is brought about by introducing breeding rams. But these must be hand fed and are removed from the heather immediately after the breeding season.

Approximately seven million sheep range Scotland in the highlands. They form a valuable addition to the Scotch economy.

Gates Man Honored On 86th Birthday
GATES—The Lincoln Heness home was the scene of a family gathering July 5, in honor of Mr. Heness' 86th birthday. Among those present was his brother, Theodore Heness, who is 95.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy, Kelso, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ratzburg, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bevier, Mrs. Floyd Bassett of Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Schroeder of Forest Grove; Mr. and Mrs. James Wiltse and son of Salem; Mrs. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis and son and Mr. and Mrs. Heness.

SOIL DISTRICT GOING AHEAD
Work is going ahead in the soil conservation district recently organized at Silverton, reports H. A. Barnes, chairman of the conservation district committee. Ronald Elms is in Silverton now making final arrangements. The offices for the district will be at the Washington Irving building.

'Human Growth' Film Aves Young Audience



MONMOUTH — This photo by Hank Ruark, Oregon College of Education newsbureau chief, shows the intense interest expressed by elementary school pupils watching the film, "Human Growth," dealing with child birth, shown at the school Tuesday. Produced by the E. C. Brown trust of Portland, the picture is used for visual education among school children. It was shown during a social hygiene educators' panel series at OCE Tuesday. More than 900 persons attended.

Farm Calendar

July 17—Yamhill County Farmers Union picnic, Lafayette Locks.
July 17—Marion County Jersey Cattle club picnic, Lewis Judson home, Salem.

July 17—Central Howell Farmers Union picnic, Coolidge & McClaine park, Silverton.
July 23-24—Dayton rodeo.
July 24-30—National Farm Safety Week.
July 26-30—Santiam Bean festival.

July 29-31—Mt. Angel Flax festival.
July 31—Oregon Jersey Cattle club picnic, Canby.

Aug. 8—9th annual Willamette valley Purebred ram and ewe sale, Albany.
Aug. 8—Western Horse Show, Silverton.
Aug. 13—Newberg Berrian Farm show.

Aug. 14—State Farmers Union picnic, Chamberg.
Aug. 14—Marion county Pomona grape picnic, Coolidge & McClaine park, Silverton.

Aug. 15—Polled Hereford club meeting, Salem Chamber of Commerce.
Aug. 17—Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club, Colton.
Aug. 17-20—Tillamook County fair.

Aug. 18-20—Oregon Poultry Improvement association, Corvallis.
Aug. 19—Oregon Ram sale, Pendleton, 10 a.m.

Aug. 24-26—Marion County 4-H fall show, Salem.
Aug. 25-27—Yamhill County Junior fair, McMinnville.
Aug. 29-Sept. 1—Linn County 4-H fair, Albany.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3—Clackamas county fair, Canby.
Sept. 5-11—Oregon State fair, Salem.
Sept. 20-21—Oregon Turkey Improvement association, Corvallis.

Amity Park Committee Appointed by Mayor
AMITY—Ivan Shields and Frank Chambers, members of the city council, were appointed as a city park committee by Mayor Vandelaar in a recent council meeting. They have been instructed to improve conditions at the park with funds available for that purpose.

O. F. Neet, Cornelius, was present and explained the merits of a pumper manufactured by his company. After discussion of the feasibility of the city adding a pumper to the present equipment, the subject was tabled for further study.

BROG COWS MAKE RECORD
Walter M. Brog of Salem has completed a year of production testing in the official herd improvement registry program of The Holstein-Friesian association of America. His 20 cows averaged 456 pounds of butterfat and 12,520 pounds of milk in 308 days on two and three milkings daily.

JERSEY CLUB TO MEET
The Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club will meet at the Bildix Jersey farm, home of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmitz, Sunday, July 17, beginning with a mid-day no host picnic dinner. Bildix is situated on Foothills highway (211) between Colton and Meadowbrook. Four corners junction where the highway branches to Molalla or Mulino.

New Alfalfa Seed Ready For Sowing

Seed of the new Talent alfalfa developed at the southern Oregon branch experiment station will be available for limited general distribution this fall or next spring, announced Harold H. White, in charge of cross work, at the annual station field day held recently.

About 122 acres are expected to be harvested for seed this season on the station and by cooperating farmers who are growing the new variety to increase the seed supply. Much interest was shown in the new variety by the hundreds of farmers who toured the station during the field day.

Rest Among 31
Dr. Louis Gentner, entomologist and formerly in charge of the cross program, sketched the development of this variety from 1937 when it was one of numerous strains and varieties planted in test rows. It early showed its superiority and has since proved to be the best among 31 strains and 23 varieties for southern Oregon conditions. Limited tests have also been made elsewhere with good preliminary reports from Willamette valley and Klamath county trials, Gentner said.

Known originally merely as French strain No. 19274, it soon showed that it started earlier in the spring, grew later in the fall and showed regrowth after cutting much quicker than other sorts. These together result in an extra cutting each season compared with standard varieties.

Crowds Out Weeds
Other advantages are that Talent grows so densely as to keep it more free of weeds and grass; it has a root system that adapts well to varying conditions, and it has proved so resistant to disease that stands 10 years old are still producing well. It is leafy and fine branched as a hay crop.

The name Talent was given in honor of the pioneer of that name for whom the town nearby was named and who was active in the early development of Rogue river valley agriculture.



ALBANY — Sunday, August 7, has been set as the date for the annual community picnic and reunion of present and former residents of the Millersburg, Conner and Dever communities, according to an announcement by Gilbert Goshog, president of the group. The picnic, as in former years, will be held at Wilson lake. In case of rain it will take place in the Morning Star Grange hall. Mrs. Mervin Case is secretary-treasurer of the group.

Gates Families Hold Reunion At Stayton Park

GATES—Descendants of Laura A. and Stephen H. Champ held a family reunion Sunday, July 10 at the Stayton park. It was voted to make the gathering an annual affair. Officers elected were President Mrs. Melbourne Rambo, vice-president Mrs. Leonard Zuber, Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Eldon Champ.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shelton and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Champ and son, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Champ and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Champ and family of Stayton; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Champ and Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Rambo and children of Gates; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zuber and son of Portland; Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Smith and children from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Balsiger and daughter from Underwood, Wash.

OSC Staff Members Head Associations
Mrs. Louisa Kanipe, for many years seed analyst at the state college seed laboratory, has been named vice president of the National Association of Official Seed Analysts which will automatically make her president a year from now. She will be the third woman president in the 42-year history of the association.

A. W. Oliver, associate professor of animal husbandry at the state college, is the new president of the western section of the American Society of Animal Production. Dr. G. H. Wiltzer, professor of dairy manufacturing, was named president of the American Dairy Science association. Dr. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department, is the new president of the western section of the American Society of Agronomy. Meetings of the three organizations were held recently at Pullman, Wash.

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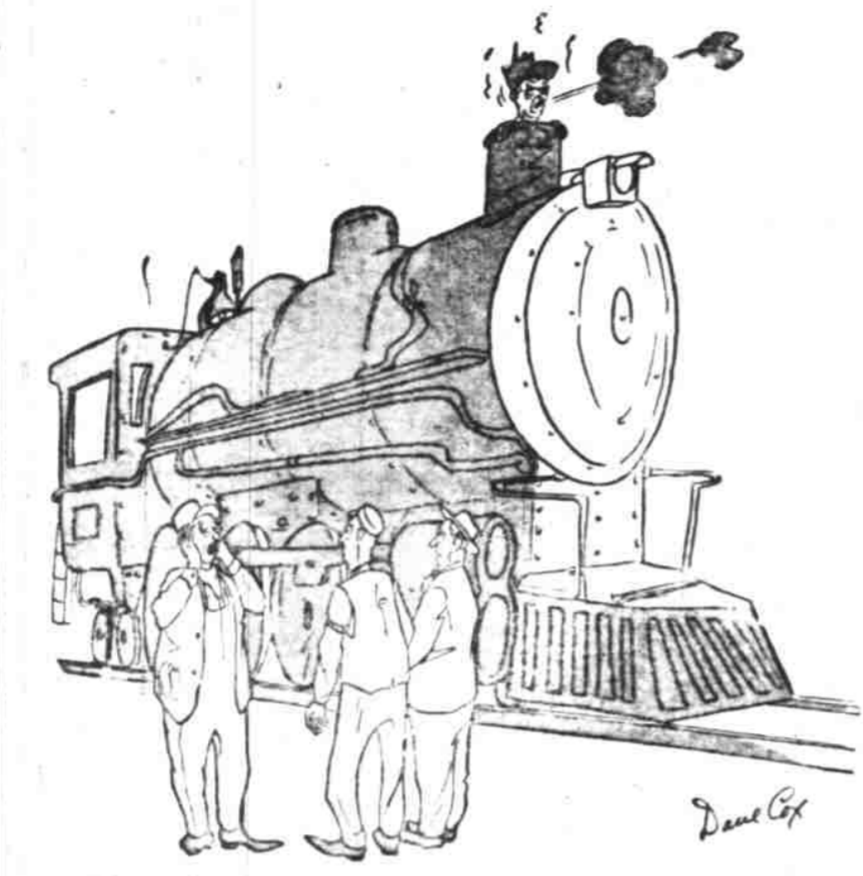
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Picnic Planned for Clubbers and Friends
Yamhill county 4-H club members and leaders are planning to hold a county-wide picnic in the Amity city park Sunday, July 17. A no host dinner will be served at 1 o'clock. A short program is being planned for the afternoon, including games and other recreation. This is open to club members, parents, leaders and friends. Mobile is the only seaport in Alabama.

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