

## Farmers Oppose Removal Of Turkey Price Support

The Polk county Farmers' union has taken a stand against the removal of price support on turkeys and any other poultry and poultry products.

A resolution to that effect will be sent by the Farmers' Union to Oregon's congressmen.

The resolution was introduced at the quarterly meeting of the Polk county farmers' union at the Spring Valley school.

Also a highlight of the quarterly meeting was a speech by John Hansen, Polk county agriculture agent. He spoke on weed control, tuberculosis and Bangs disease control in Polk county.

Hansen explained the action being taken in forming committees from each farm group to be on disease and weed control committees. He displayed a Tansy Ragwort specimen on which he pointed out identifying characteristics with reference to the procedure for most satisfactory

spraying for weed control. He emphasized the rapidity with which this poisonous weed is spreading in Polk county.

Hansen announced that poison squirrel bait is now available at the county office and warehouse for the purpose of eradicating ground squirrels.

Ernie Sollie, president of the Spring Valley local, was appointed as county representative on the disease control committee which is to meet at Dallas. A weed control meeting is to be held in Dallas Thursday, April 27, with George Hammond acting as representative for the Polk county Farmers' union.

The Polk county picnic committee brought in their recommendations, and it was voted to hold the annual picnic on the 4th of July at the P. A. Lamb farm near Independence. An invitation was extended to the local grange to hold their picnic with the county farmers' union this year.

Mr. McBeec announced the dates for the Polk county fair for the coming year as Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 24th, 25th, and 26th. He also told of the purchase of land at Rickreall for the county fairgrounds and of plans that had been made for its development.

Other speakers were John Bollinger, manager of the Farmers Union Co-op Store in Salem, Lyle Thomas, State Farmers Union secretary and Ronald E. Jones, Oregon State Farmers Union president. President Jones stressed the necessity for every voter to cast his ballot in the coming election. He also stated the importance that the voter should spend sufficient time in studying all issues and candidates on the ballot. Dean Walker shared Mr. Jones' opinion on this matter.

The next quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, July 12th, at the Perrydale local. That local will act as host at this evening meeting.

## Conrad Hamann Earns Award

Independence—Conrad Lewis Hamann, 17, senior at Independence high school, and president of the local FFA chapter, won a State Farmer Degree for his outstanding farm project.

Conrad was one of 59 candidates who received this coveted degree at the 22nd Annual State FFA convention, held in La Grande, on March 23. His brother, Gerald, received his State Farmer degree in 1943, and since that time, Conrad has had as his goal the achievement of the Degree, and thus attain equal stature with his brother.

During his freshman year, a grade Jersey calf was the humble beginning of his supervised farming program. When this calf was sold, he bought a registered Jersey calf. In the spring, he planted one-fourth acre of sugar beets in cooperation with the West Coast Beet Seed company of Salem. In partnership with his father, he had an acre of barley, to round out his first year's project.

Conrad added ten acres of wheat to his farming program in his sophomore year. The Sears and Roebuck Foundation Inc. presented him with five registered Suffolk ewes, and it might be said that this proved to be the turning point in his farming career.

In his junior year, Conrad was farming five acres of grey oats, ten acres of wheat, six acres of white oats, seven acres of red clover, and two acres of red clover pasture in addition to caring for eight ewes, twelve lambs and one registered heifer. It was on this project that he won second place in the Upper Willamette District Better Farming contest sponsored by the Kiwanis clubs of Oregon.

At present, his investment in his supervised farming program amounts to \$1802.40, not including ten new lambs, recent additions to his sheep enterprise. His total labor income in three years of farming has been \$868.81.

In addition to his extensive farming operations, he has taken an active part in school activities. He is a two-year letterman in football, holding down a tackle position. He is also a member of the track squad and was counted upon for many points this year in the high jump.

His leadership abilities are shown in his Future Farmer activities. He was a member of the chapter parliamentary team for two years, winner of the chapter public speaking contest, and third place winner in the district public speaking contest. He was a member of the FFA judging team for three years, and a delegate to the state convention for two years.

As to his plans upon graduation from high school, Conrad states that he plans to enroll at Oregon State college next fall with the idea of majoring in agricultural education.

## Hop Restrictions Caused 20% Increase

Independence — According to results of a survey by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station, restricted harvesting of hops in Oregon last year under the hop control program caused a 20 percent increase in the estimated cost of production.

Dr. G. W. Kuhlman, agricultural economist, made the estimate of the average cost of hop production in western Oregon in 1949. The compiled figures revealed that production costs increased more than 10 cents per pound as a result of restricted harvesting.

It was estimated that the average 1949 yield was 920 pounds per acre, while, under the hop marketing agreement, growers were permitted to harvest an average of only 690 pounds per acre. Estimated cost of production on a full crop basis was 52.7 cents per pound. On a restricted crop basis, costs jumped to 63.3 cents per pound. Fixed costs, preharvest costs, and harvesting costs were all included in the estimate.



P.O. Cuts Jobs—Joseph Dodge scratches his head in bewilderment as he ponders newspaper headline and Postoffice notice on mailbox in San Francisco announcing the extension of clerk-carrier examinations. Confusing, isn't it? (Acme Telephoto)

## Special \$80,000 Road Levy Placed Before Polk Voters

Dallas, April 21 — Polk county court will ask voters for a special road levy to raise \$80,000 with which to repair and improve the county's road system, according to Judge Jack Hayes. The proposal will be on a special ballot at an election to be held concurrently with the May primaries.

Mandatory welfare program levies have increased to such an extent that no leeway is left under the 6% limitation for adequate road fund levies, the judge explained. In eight years the welfare fund has increased approximately 170 per cent.

At the same time, he pointed out that Polk's roads are in very poor condition as a result of two successive severe winter freezes.

Over half the roads are in need of extensive repairs and maintenance. High costs of road equipment, supplies and labor have exhausted funds allotted to roads.

Last year the county court asked a road levy of \$160,000 per year for three successive years in order to institute a program of road improvement, but this was defeated by voters. The present plan is for a one-year program only, and the total amount involved is just one-sixth of last year's proposal.

The \$80,000 levy would be in addition to the annual levy for road district No. 1, which took a 6.1 mill levy for 1949-1950.

It is planned to rebuild and ditch the Buena Vista road and the Perrydale road to highway 99-W as the first steps on the summer's program, Judge Hayes said. The court has started a policy of ditching and renewing roadbeds before proceeding with resurfacing on the theory that lack of adequate ditches for drainage is a source of a large part of the trouble when roads go to pieces.

Patching is proceeding at once and crews are now working on the Orr's corner road which became a virtual "no man's land" after the cold weather early this year.

## Doris Newman Named Valedictorian

Amity — Graduation data released by R. W. Haberly this week reveals that Doris Newman will be the valedictorian of the 1950 senior class. Her class rank is a "2", four year class average, 1.41, progress test, 43, memory test 6.

Erma Small, who is a student from the Ballston district this year is second and will be the salutatorian.

The girls of the Amity senior high school class have been invited to a tea at Linfield college Wednesday afternoon.

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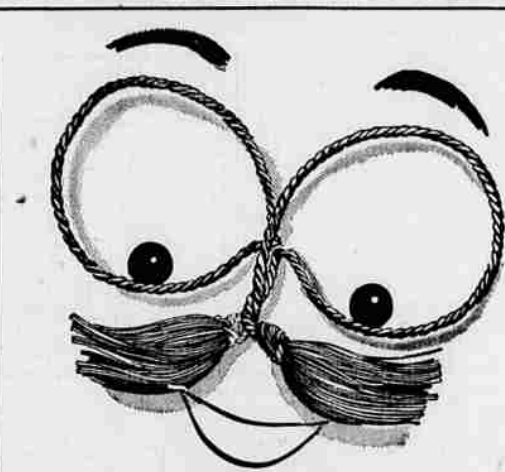
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