

### Grass Valley

by Ann Balzer

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer spent Sunday in Wasco visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Earl have as their guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Gooch and her brother George Gooch and family from Carlsle, Iowa.

The Baptist Mission Society met at the church Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Maynor Reed vice president in charge. Mrs. Ron Thurman was the special speaker. They packed boxes of used clothing for the Open Door Children's Home in Hazard, Ky. Some points for the Gold Bond Club have been received by the Society. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Reed.

Nancy Morgan of Oak Harbor, Wash., left Monday after spending a week here visiting Carol Owens at the Harold Owens home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams had as over night guests recently his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart and some friends from Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams had as their guests a few days last week her daughter, Mrs. Art Clough and children from Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jose of Eugene spent the weekend here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble had as their guests recently his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Trimble and family of Portland. Billy Trimble spent a week here with them.

Mrs. Bernard Martin was a business visitor in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews came Saturday from Stevenson, Wash., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds. They returned home Sunday taking their children, Donald and Cathy home after spending a week here with their grandparents.

Mrs. Ila Ward and her grandchildren from San Francisco are spending a week visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds and grandchildren Donald and Cathy Crews, and Mrs. Ila Ward and her grandchildren drove to Boardman Friday for melons at the Clarence Nelson home.

Carol Owens and her house guest Nancy Morgan of Oak Harbor, Wash., went to Portland last Sunday for shopping on Monday and returned home that evening with Mrs. Lawrence Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. Bernard Martin, Mrs. Arzell Lemley and Cathy von Borstel went to The Dalles Wednesday. Mrs. Lemley to see her doctor.

Mrs. Maxine Baker left last Monday for her home in Sacramento, Calif., after spending three weeks here to be with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel went to Tygh Valley Thursday to the Wasco County Fair to the "Let's Get Acquainted with the Governor Picnic".

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fritts of Moro are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday, August 15, at The Dalles. The baby was named Laura Lee and weighed seven pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maxim of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts of Grass Valley. Mrs. Fritts and infant daughter came home from the hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maxim arrived in Moro Saturday from Albany to spend a week with their daughter, Mrs. Ed Fritts and family.

Among those attending the Tygh Valley Fair Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Rust, John Peters, Bill Bardenhagen, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox, Juanita McClain and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Minks, Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Kenny and Judy, Doug Peters and Kay Whipple and Mr. and Mrs. Max Nogie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Balzer of San Leandro drove to Maryhill Museum Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Wilcox of Newberg spent from Friday until Sunday visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters drove to Hood River Sunday and spent the afternoon visiting their son, Herman Peters Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Balzer and Sheila left Friday for their home in San Leandro, Calif., after spending a week with his parents, the A. F. Balzers.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts went to Tygh Valley Saturday for the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust had as overnight guests Saturday their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson and family of Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust had as their guests Tuesday their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pittinger and sons of Sunny-side, Washington.

### Soil Testing Can Help Make Crops

Soil testing can help the farmer make money by guiding the use of fertilizer for profitable yields and can also save him money by showing when materials are not needed.

This is one of the points made in the new circular, "Soil Testing Tells," just issued by the Cooperative Extension Service of Oregon State University and now available from county extension offices. The circular traces the steps taken in soil testing and outlines the information which comes from such tests.

Prepared by A. S. King, extension soils specialist, and L. A. Albin, soils scientist, the circular points out that the OSU soil testing service includes more than a chemical analysis of a soil.

After a soil is tested in the campus laboratory, county extension agents, using test results and important local information, prepare fertility recommendations. These include suggested rates of application for different fertilizers, lime or other materials. Fertilizer recommendation sheets prepared for various crops include suggested rates, methods and time of application of needed materials based on soil test values.

Soil test samples can be taken any time during the year, the circular explains, adding that it is well to allow ample time for processing and for the purchase and application of needed materials in advance of seeding.

A soil test can be used to plan a fertilizer program for one or two years and a liming program for five to seven years. However, the authors stress that yearly testing can pay big dividends to the producer.

Copies of the new circular, soil sample boxes, information sheets and directions for taking samples can be obtained from the local county extension office.

## "TORCHY" OREGON'S LAMP OF LEARNING



### Cattle Improvement Program Furthered

Performance Registry International completed the most successful convention in its seven-year history recently at Corvallis by establishing qualifications for a Certified Meat Sire; revitalizing the IBM Herd Analysis program, making it possible for closer cooperation with State Beef Cattle Improvement associations and the extension service; and by relaxing age of dam factor requirements in order to avoid duplication of services to breeders who belong to both PRI and their State Herd Improvement program.

Rule changes which will go into effect immediately were:

1. Cattle may go on a feed gain test any time after weaning, preferably as soon as practicable. Bulls must have an average daily gain on test of at least 2.6 pounds and a weight per day of age of 2.4 pounds in order to qualify for a certificate.

2. The age of dam factor in use by State BCIA's will be accepted a good watering which will help by PRI provided the factors do

not exceed those in use by PRI. 3. Feed tests must cover 140 days and if taken for a shorter period, they will be considered as of 140 days.

4. Heifer carcass standards were established.

a. Rib-eye-20 square inches per cwt.

b. Fat thickness - maximum of .13 inches per cwt.

c. Marbling - minimum of USDA "Small Amount".

d. Warm carcass weight per day of age - 1.15 pounds.

5. Established -25 pounds warm carcass weight per day of age for steers.

6. Bulls and/or cows can receive a maximum of three stars under Production Registry for progeny making PRI requirements.

7. Established Certified Meat Sire qualifications.

Cultivation of trees after the middle of August tends to encourage late growth, making them more susceptible to winter injury. Don't irrigate after the middle of August because your trees need a chance to harden up for winter. After the first frost in the fall, then you may give your trees by State BCIA's will be accepted a good watering which will help by PRI provided the factors do

### Oregon Banks Loan Money To Farmers

Oregon banks remain a major source of credit and other financial services to agriculture, according to Doyn Price, manager Sherman county branch First National Bank, who represents the Oregon Bankers association as Sherman County Key Banker.

Based on the 21st annual farm lending summary of the agricultural committee of the American Bankers association, Mr. Price reported that at the beginning of the year, Oregon banks were helping farmers with \$80-million in loans, 16 per cent more than a year previous. This total included \$63-million in production loans

and \$17-million in farm mortgages. At the same time, \$50-million in farm loans was held by life insurance companies; \$48-million by the Federal Land Bank; \$27-million by Production Credit associations; and \$6-million in non-real-estate loans plus \$10-million in real-estate loans by the Farmers Home administration. About 59 per cent of the production credit extended by lending institutions to Oregon came from banks.

"Capital has become one of the main pillars in agriculture, with the total investment increasing nearly six-fold during the past 20 years. Today farm families nationally have approximately \$195-billion invested in their operations, with an average per farm worker of nearly \$30,000—greater than the amount used in manufacturing."

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# Sherman County Fair

Like to see 'em 'turn on'?

Some horses buck like they were working for wages, kind of slow and deliberate like; some put their whole soul into the job of displacing the rider. Some really "turn on". Here are two of our favorite bucking pictures, professional or amateur, and these horses are bucking.

One of the nice things about the Howard Johnson buckers is that they're uncivilized, unsophisticated, untrained, in the art of taking it easy. They buck. They "turn on".

The two rodeos will be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons, right in the warm, autumn sunshine, so you can really see what goes on with the bucking and the calf roping and the bull dogging. And be comfortable doing it.

It's your fair, where you meet your friends, where you and your neighbors compete and share victories, where your neighbors kids show their products. Be There.



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