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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

A recent meat animal and wool review report from the college lists some country sales or livestock which have recently been made. Some 2,100 fleeces, mostly three-eighths were sold for immediate delivery at forty-cents per pound. Another 3,300 fleeces of fine wool brought forty-one and one-half cents. It was reported that 180 good yearling steers have been contracted for October 26 delivery. The price is \$16. The cattle will be weighed after a two mile drive and a three percent shrink will be taken. Estimated weight on the steers is 500 lbs. Another contract calls for 195 good weaner steers to be delivered November 9 at \$17. They will be trucked twenty-six miles and weighed with no shrink. These lots are from south-eastern Oregon and are bound for Stockton, California. These prices reflect predictions made by economists earlier in the year that weaner calf prices would be down two-cents under a year ago.

Food buyers will soon be finding a new U. S. beef grade on the market. U. S. D. A. commercial grade is being divided into two grades, standard and commercial. The division is being made on an age basis with standard applying to younger animals and commercial continuing for beef from older animals. Thus the names of U. S. beef grades starting June 1 became prime, choice, good, standard, commercial and utility. The change is expected to result in improved marketings and should benefit both the producer and the consumer. Many Oregon grass-fat cattle in the fall have graded commercial, now they move up into standard which will insure the food shopper mild flavor and rather tender meat from a young animal. Supplies of standard beef will be largest in the fall.

The announcement made this week of a new superintendent of the Eastern Oregon branch experiment station at Union to replace Harry Avery, who is retiring, ends a long career of service to the public. Avery has provided as superintendent of this experiment station many of the answers in fattening, wintering, grazing, breeding, and management of livestock along with work on production of home-grown livestock feeds, soil conservation and fertility maintenance. Dr. James A. B. Mac Arthur, who will be the new superintendent, has an excellent animal husbandry research background.

The 1957 wheat marketing quota referendum will be held on July 20. The hour of opening of the polls shall be 8:00 a. m. with the closing of the polls at 9:00 p. m. All wheat farmers should plan now to vote at this referendum. Notices of polling places will be mailed to all wheat farmers.

A week ago last Friday, 32 Morrow county 4-H club members returned from 4-H summer school after 10 days on Oregon State college campus attending classes in the morning with sports and recreation the rest of the day.

Classes covered subjects all the way from "how to cast for fish" to "how to make a dress."

This year's 4-H summer school was the biggest one yet. There were 1,238 girls and 616 boys making a total of 1,854 club members. There were 128 extension agents and 4-H club leaders. Seventy-seven counselors were used in the various housing groups bringing the total of the summer school community to 2,059. The major change in programming this year was the development of a leadership workshop for the older club members, 400 participating. Those older 4-H club members attending from Morrow county had the opportunity to participate in this workshop and to bring home valuable experience. This experience was used last week at the annual 4-H summer camp held at the Herron Creek camp grounds. Scholarships to the 4-H summer school which enabled our 32 members to attend were provided by businesses, organizations and individuals interested in youth.

While we are discussing 4-H club work, we might add that last week's 4-H summer camp was one of the most successful yet. Two contributing factors to its success was excellent weather, the best for several years during club camp, and second, the cooperation of 4-H parents and leaders in completing the permanent camp building at the grounds. Building chairman, Glenn Campbell, is to be congratulated for his organization in getting facilities finished before camp time. Attending the camp were fifty-one boys and girls, with camp counselors Janice Martin, Mardine Baker, Judy Howton, Carole Ann Anderson, Janet Wright, Kari Beach and Mickey Van Schoiack. The staff consisted of cooks, Mrs. N. C. Anderson and Mrs. Bernard Doherty, health nurse Velma Glass; extension agents, N. C. Anderson, Beverly Bradshaw and Mary Ann Norton; agent at large, Charles Ross, extension forester and a representative of State Game Commission.

A complete program with the crafts, field trips, recreation and evening camp fires made up the five day camp. A picnic on Saturday noon ended the camp with parents participating and helping in dismantling camping facilities. Permanent facilities, at the grounds now consist of a 20x120 foot building with 20x30 feet as kitchen and store room. The remainder a concrete slab with roof for protection from sun and bad weather. The kitchen is now equipped with running water, hot water heater, sinks and gas stoves with a large counter for serving meals. Additions single cot mattresses and a refrigerator will be added as soon as they can be secured. Glenn Campbell had provided a 110 volt light plant for use during camp, the building being completely wired.



POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS

This week we got the "inside story" of a group of political speculators (gamblers) and were shown some of the evidence they scrutinize in arriving at their verdicts for betting odds. They have expert calculators, conduct their own polls and work up to the last hours of the day of election. "A stormy election day could make a great difference", it was explained.

Here are some of the conclusions that have jelled: The November ballot will be the heaviest for both parties in the history of the state.

At the primary election the Democrats showed the largest gains. This has been a general pattern for the past six years in registrations by Democrats.

As the state has gained in population a majority of the newcomers have been Democrats. More of the first-voter youthfulness have registered as Democrats, particularly in Portland, in college towns and logging districts.

Campaign contributions and expenditures are as difficult for the calculators to pinpoint or total as it is for the state department. This phase of the corrupt practice act is a free merry-go-round for the candidate riders and those buying the tickets.

Claims by political press agents furnish the comedy relief for the hard-working calculators.

On noon of the day of the primary election a political worker quoted a professional polling establishment as "polling" McKay two-to-one over Phil Hitchcock. Latest figures at the state elections department are McKay 123,281 and Hitchcock 99,296. Deetz 23,170. Altwater 3,525, scattering 1,137, total 250,409. McKay ran a 5 to 4 odds favorite, receiving a little less than half the votes cast.

The political pollster firm was off 50 per cent, if the quota by the political worker was honest. The "worker" (working whom?) was working the old "He's a winnah!" gag that most always

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From Files of the Gazette Times July 8, 1926
John Eubanks, young son of Walter Eubanks, received a bad cut on the head and dislocated his wrist Monday.

One hundred seventy five acres of grain on the Lowell Stockman ranch in the Helix region was burned yesterday.

Mrs. E. L. Vinton of Coquille, Ore., and Mrs. A. W. Chapin of North Bend departed this morning for their respective homes after a visit of a month at the home of Mrs. Vinton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCullough on upper Rhea creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Troedson and daughter spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday at Minor's camp at Parkers mill.

Roy Iler and family were up from Portland to spend the Fourth with the home folks and enjoy a visit with old time friends.

sways a few who want to get on the bandwagon at the last turn. **McKAY FREE WHEELING**

Douglas McKay has been quietly making society and lodge meetings over the state, being introduced as "a man without a job", shaking hands, getting acquainted and renewing acquaintances—the personal touch so potent in politics. This week he will be in the Burns, Klamath Falls and Lakeview areas with frequent speaking engagements. He is "making up," he says for three and a half years he was out of the state as Secretary of the Interior in Washington, D. C.

MARRIAGE INCREASE

The 1955 marriage total in Oregon represents a 10 per cent increase over the 9,567 of the previous year, the Oregon State Board of Health has just reported. However, it did not follow that there were more divorces. Divorces were down slightly from the 6,130 recorded during 1955.

The divorce rate of 3.6 per 1000 is the best scored by this state since 1940.

A total of 7,754 of the brides and 7,914 of the grooms were married for the first time last year. Most common age for men to be married last year was 21, but 18 was the most popular age for brides.

Among persons who have been married previously, 47 men and 10 women 75 years of age or older went to the altar again last year.

A total of 156 marriages ended by annulments.

Six men married for the first time last year were above the age of 60, but only one woman reported that age.

ON JUDICIAL BOARD

Oregon's Justice George Ross, man of the state supreme court has been reelected a member of the five-man executive committee of the National Conference of Judicial Councils. It was announced Tuesday.

The conference works in the interest of improving the administration of justices and has sponsored several authoritative books on various phases of the question. Justice Rossman has served

on the executive committee for 11 years.

Mrs. Clarence Burton of Coquille visited last week at the Emile Groshen, Ambrose Chapin and Paul Hisler homes.

Launch Trip Up Yaquina Offers Rural Vista to Motorlog Party

Stream on Oregon Coast Is Waterway Into Past Period

The following is a condensation of a motorlog appearing June 17 in Northwest retrograde magazine of The Sunday Oregonian. It is one of an annual series sponsored jointly by the Oregon State Motor association and The Oregonian.

By VERA F. CRITESER

Special Writer, The Oregonian
A run up the Yaquina, that arm of the sea that twists and turns its way for miles into the Coast range east of Newport, is a vivid and nostalgic cross-section of the Oregon scene.

You can leave the car behind—in this case, the white motorlog sedan of the Oregon State Motor association—at Newport or Toledo after an easy drive (it is 116 miles from Portland to Newport via the Salmon river cutoff) and transfer to a boat for a leisurely cruise up the river. Boats can be rented both at Newport and Toledo.

This is lumbering country; the great C. D. Johnson mill at Toledo is one of the largest spruce mills in the world. Their huge barges, loaded with lumber to be sent on ships to all parts of the world, make a stately procession behind powerful little tugs on their way down to Newport.

Mills Work Busily

Shingle mills and sawmills, cutting short-length boards, work busily along the Yaquina almost as far inland as Elk City, about 20 miles up from the coast.

The Yaquina, a wide bay inside the bar, gradually narrows as you go upstream. On the right bank, a gravelled road leads part way to the ocean, but on the left, the road runs out to U. S. highway 101 at Newport.

On the left, above Toledo, a spur of the Southern Pacific railroad crosses the mountains from Corvallis and hauls logs to the mills and chip waste from the mills to be converted into paper in Oregon City. This waste was formerly sawed into slabwood and sold to families for burning.

Train passenger service was discontinued years ago. The few



Within environs of Elk City, quiet hamlet on the Yaquina, are two covered bridges, this one on road to town from Corvallis.



Communities along course of Yaquina are located on map.

Since passengers are not carried on the trains any more, the covered bridge across to the railroad is used only by log trucks, and the county road ends at the bridge. Another covered bridge is a short distance upstream, on the road to Corvallis. On the hillside beyond are scars of the old quarry where the rocks for the jetty at Newport were blasted out and sent down river by barge.

Time was when this section of the country had high hopes for future development. Two and a half miles farther into the mountains, a place called Pioneer was platted. A large house was built to serve as a hotel, and the steamboats came regularly upriver.

Elk City was quite a place then, boasting boat service and a daily train both ways that ran all the way down to Yaquina, about half way between Toledo and Newport. Yaquina is more ghostlike now than Elk City.

The steamboats were discontinued at the beginning of World War II. As the logs were removed from the mountains, the people moved on to greener prospects. In time nature will heal the scars and cover them with new growth.

Perhaps some spring the clean high water from the winter snows will carry the cluttering drift, which works farther upstream with every summer tide, down to the ocean and leave the Yaquina as clean and clear as it was when the first men roamed its forests and paddled their canoes over the reflected skyline on its bosom.



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