

Boardman Fair Winners Named

By MARY LEE MARLOW
Winners of booths at the North Morrow county fair follow: Farm organization—Irrigon grange, first; Greenfield grange, Boardman, second. Commercial booth—Adolph Skoubo, first; Hitchin Post Cafe, second; both Boardman. 4-H clubs—Milk and Steak club, Boardman, first; 4-H club, Boardman, second. Civic booth—Irrigon county extension unit, first; Boardman Garden club, second; Tillicum club, Boardman, third. Church—Boardman Community church, first; Good Shepherd Lutheran church, Boardman, second. FFA booth, Boardman, second.

Judges for the fair this year were, Mrs John Parker, Pendleton, Mrs Ron Baker and H E Bierman of Hermiston, and Ron Davis, Olex.

Winners in FFA exhibits are as follows: Ag I & II, wood work—Jim Miller, first; Larry West, second and third. I & II, metal work—Kurt Gantenbein, first; Douglas Shattuck, second; Jim Miller, third. Ag IV, wood work—Dean King, first. Farm crops—Six ears field corn, Jim Miller, first; four stalks ear and foliage, Jim Miller, first.

Kurt Gantenbein was named Grand champion in the FFA dairy cattle judging, showing two Holstein heifers, winning first with both Bobbit Taylor won second, Dean King won first showing a Hereford heifer. Douglas Shattuck won first place with his Hereford cow and calf.

At the afternoon program Saturday winners in the pig scramble were Mike McCoy of Irrigon, and Steve Partlow, Robert Obermeyer and Jim Partlow of Boardman.

Winners of musical rope under 14 were—Patti Partlow, first; Albert Rogers, second; Steve Partlow, third, all of Boardman. Pole bending under 14—Albert Rogers Hermiston, first; Terry Witherspoon, Irrigon, second; Johnny Partlow, Boardman, third. Musical ropes 14 and over—Susan Partlow, Boardman, first; Billie Getz, Boardman, second; Buford Witherspoon, Irrigon, third. Shetland pony race—Mike Partlow, first; Jody Tatone, second, both Boardman. Welsh pony race—

Jimmy Partlow, first; Terry Witherspoon, second; Albert Rogers, third. Pole bending 14 and over—Billie Getz, first; Roy Partlow, Boardman, second; Emmett Rogers, Hermiston, third. Quarter mile race—Jimmy Miller, Boardman, first; Susan Partlow, second; Johnny Partlow, third. Barrel race under 14—Patti Partlow, first; Terry Witherspoon, second; Albert Rogers, third. Barrel race 14 and over—Jimmie Miller, first; Billie Getz, second; Susan Partlow, third. Bat relay—Jimmie Miller, Susan Partlow and Billie Getz, first; Johnny Partlow, Albert Rogers and Louise Schell, second; Cheryl Witherspoon, Terry Witherspoon and Wanda Huwe, third.

Mr and Mrs Eldon Wilson and daughter Eren of Baker were recent visitors at the home of Mrs Wilson's parents, Mr and Mrs Ray Brown. Mrs Wilson remained for several days.

Walter Hayes, who recently had surgery in Portland, returned to his home last Friday. He and Mrs Hayes returned to Portland Monday where he will have a check-up. Mrs Rollin Bishop accompanied them.

Donald Gillespie entered the Veteran's hospital in Walla Walla, Wash Monday.

Mr and Mrs Russell Miller and children, Jim and Patty, and Mr and Mrs Harold Baker and sons Ronnie and Randy went to Ione Sunday to visit at the homes of Mrs Miller's brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr and Mrs Wilbur Akers and Mr and Mrs Elbe Akers.

Roberta Phillips of The Dalles was a weekend visitor at the home of her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Bob Miller. Other visitors were the Miller's son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Paul Matt and children, Steve and Colleen of Tacoma, Wash. Mrs Matt and children remained here for this week. Her sister, Mrs Charlie Phillips of The Dalles, was a visitor at the Miller home Monday.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Frank Marlow were Mrs Marlow's father and brother, W W Hartle and Harold Hartle of Pendleton.

There will be a reception for the teachers of Boardman school in the school cafeteria Friday, Sept 19, at 8 p m. All are invited to attend.

State Farmer Census Shows Few Under 35, Big Group Over 65

High cost of operating a modern farm is pushing the age brackets upward for Oregon farmers.

Oregon now has the smallest proportion of farm operators under 35 years of age and the largest percentage over 65 years of any census year dating back to 1920, says D Curtis Mumford, Oregon State college agricultural economist.

The report, based on the 1954 federal census of agriculture, shows that while the average age of Oregon farmers has changed little in the past two decades, there are fewer "young" farmers.

That times have changed since an ambitious young man with a plow and good team of horses could break into farming is em-

Buick's New Styling Is Sleek And Low



Sleek and low describes Buick's new styling for 1959. The model shown is the luxurious two-door Electra hardtop which measures less than 55 inches in height yet retains approximately the same headroom as last year's Buick. The "delta-wing" styling of the rear fenders that flare out to a point, and twin headlights that are set on an angle give the new Buick a look that is light and jaunty. Compound windshields that curve back into the roof and eliminate wind noise are a feature on all 1959 Buicks. The Electra is powered by a 401-cubic inch V-8 engine with 10.5-to-1 compression ratio. Twin turbine Dynaflo and power steering are standard on all models in the Electra series.

phazied by the fact that only one percent of all Oregon farmers were under 25 years of age in 1954.

At the other end of the age scale, 17 percent of Oregon's farmers were 65 years or older at the last census.

Average age of farm operators in Oregon is 50.4 years. While slightly higher than the 49.7 age for 1950, it is similar to the 1945 and 1940 figures of 50.01 and 50.6 years, respectively.

Little or no change in the state average—coupled with a decline in percentage of young farmers—has resulted in a marked "bunching up" around the 50-year average. Twenty-five percent of all Oregon farmers are in the age group of 45 to 54 years, and 88 percent are at least 35 years old. Jefferson county rates the distinction of having Oregon's youngest farm operators—average age, 45.3 years. Multnomah has the oldest—52.4 years.

Youngest average ages are in eastern Oregon. Of the state's 15 counties having farm operators averaging less than 50 years of age, only two were among western Oregon's 19 counties: Tillamook with 47.9 years and Linn with 49.2.

Only four of eastern Oregon's 17 counties average 50 years or more. Baker, Harney, Umatilla, and Union were a fraction above the 50-year mark.

Higher Prices Put Squeeze on Dollars Spent by Consumers

Higher prices and lower incomes continue to squeeze the buying power of the consumer's dollar, according to an agricultural extension economist at Oregon State college.

Mrs Elvera Horrell says it now takes \$1.03 to buy what \$1 would buy a year ago. At the same time, incomes have slipped somewhat lower than they were at mid-1957. Higher retail prices, that have inched up to the highest point on record this June, combined with these lower incomes, have put a double pinch on the consumers' purse strings.

Although recent reports show that incomes are on the upswing, per capita spendable income is still not quite up to what it was last year at this time, the economist notes.

It cost the consumer more to buy all major living items, and on most she has to pay an all-time high. Food increased the most, clothing increased the least. According to Mrs Horrell it now takes a little more than \$1.04 to buy the same amount of food that \$1 would buy a year ago; slightly more than \$1.04 for a 1957 dollar's worth of medical care and reading and recreation; about \$1.03 for personal care; nearly \$1.03 for transportation; and almost \$1.02 for housing.

To estimate the change in retail prices of things used in everyday living, a sampling is

made on selected items. Retail prices cover the entire range of family buying including as many as 2,000 different products or services. From among these, 300 of the more important ones are selected for price sampling.

The sample includes more than 80 foods, clothing of all kinds, rent, home ownership costs, public transportation, automobiles and their operating costs, reading and recreation, personal care, medical care and others. Both services and commodities are included in the sample.

Local News in Brief

Mr and Mrs Loy Turner of Longbeach were in Heppner last week for a short visit with Mr and Mrs J O Turner and family, and Mr and Mrs Frank Turner. Mrs John Pfeiffer and daughter, Julie, and the Misses Beverly Blake, Dianne Schaffitz and Leslie Faye Meador were in The Dalles Monday.

The Rev Gerald Condon of Lakeview is conducting services at St Patricks church in Heppner until The Reverend Patrick J Gaire returns from Ireland. Father Gaire hopes to be back by the end of October.

Mr and Mrs Don Turner and family, formerly of Portland, have moved to Heppner. They will be making their home on the J O Turner ranch the first of the week. Don is the son of Mr and Mrs J O Turner.

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