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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

Always striving to improve his swine herd, Kenneth Smouse, Ione, last Friday bought the high selling bred gilt at the Washington Swine Breeders Association Sale held at Colfax.

The gilt, a Yorkshire, consigned by Earl Simantel, Cornelius, Oregon, is of excellent type and from the best breeding available. While the average for the sale was less than one hundred fifty dollars, there was spirited bidding for this gilt which sold to Kenneth for \$220.00. Kenneth reports an unusually high demand for both Yorkshire and Palouse boars this spring. He feels that he must keep several lines of breeding if he is to be able to continue this demand

from registered and commercial breeders. In addition to the demand for registered boars he has sold a considerable number of gilts recently.

Jerry Rood, Heppner, who has just been hired as the trapper to spend half time in Morrow County and half time in Umatilla county on the cooperative agreement between these two counties called a few days ago to tell me that he would have his trailer house located at Vinson to make it handy for the trapping in Umatilla county. He will continue to maintain his residence in Heppner and can be reached there or through Dan Doherty, who lives at Vinson.

While it is still early we have had occasion to make recommendations for pasture seedings for two ranches this spring. Lloyd Howton, Ione, will seed 270 acres of pasture land which he has worked up during the past year preparing a good seed bed for seeding as soon as the weather permits. Some old stands of crested wheat which have been

invaded by rabbit brush and sage were noble bladed to do away with this competition. Lloyd will be seeding a mixture of Nordan Crested Wheat, Siberian Crested Wheat, Pubescent Wheatgrass, Hard Fescue and Nomad alfalfa. He will let the seeding get established this year before stocking it with cattle next spring.

Bob and Herb Peterson, also of Ione, have done a fine job of brush control and working up over one hundred acres of this same type of ground. The Petersons had Gar Leyva spray their rabbit and sagebrush last June and from all appearances had practically 100% control. This land and some old stands of crested wheat were worked up and will be seeded back to Nordan Crested Wheat and Nomad alfalfa soon. There are many thousands of acres of such type of land throughout the county, reclaimed and seeded to good pasture mixtures to increase grazing capacities. These seedings will act as demonstrations of what can be done for those who might hesitate to go ahead with this kind of a program.

Last week Frank Phipps, Oregon State College Weed Man, spent some time in the county working with the agents in putting out weed demonstrations. Two fence row sterility plots were established, one at Irrigon and one near Ione.

Gar is quite proud, and rightly so, of a new spray plane which he has just purchased. The plane, a Piper Pawnee, is built especially for spraying and incorporates quite a number of advancements in aerial spraying in that model. Frank Phipps, who worked with Gar in putting on the plots is quite well pleased with the application pattern that the plane made.

Don Robinson, of Kirk and Robinson Hereford Ranch, visited the office last week and while here reported on the recent Columbia Empire Polled Hereford Show and Sale. For those who haven't read the reports of this sale in a number of live-

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Roger Doherty, Heppner, and Sandra Davis, Irrigon experienced an exciting and educational week end in Salem, February 2-4 when sixty-six teenagers made a first-hand observation of Oregon's government in action at the fourth annual 4-H government conference in Salem.

Theme of the 4-H conference was "Know Your State Government." The program was organized four years ago by Oregon State College Extension Service. Each county can send two delegates—one boy, one girl—at least 16 years of age.

All 4-H members were housed in the Marion Hotel in Salem. Thursday evening the delegates met with Senate President, Henry Bolvin and House Speaker, Robert Duncan, who explained the organization of the legislature. Mrs. Meda Cole and Dr. Frank Roberts, Chief Clerks of the Senate and House, also described how legislation was handled. This proved valuable background for viewing the actual legislative process the next day.

Friday, youngsters attended a stock weeklies, it was one of the good ones ever to be held. The top bull sold for \$10,000, while the champion heifer went for \$8,000. Kirk and Robinson exhibited seven, while Herb Ekstrom had one. Several from Morrow county are consigning Herefords to the Redmond sale, Feb. 11. They are Kirk and Robinson, Leo Barnett, Bernard Doherty, and Gerald Bergstrom.

While we are reporting bull sales, don't forget the Production Sale being planned for March 2 by Frank Anderson and Harold Wright. There will be 60 registered bulls offered by these two breeders as well as a number of breeding heifers and cows and steers from Harold Wright and other breeders. The sale will be held at the North Western Livestock Auction Yard.

meeting of the Joint Ways and Means Committee and visited the Senate and the House. Governor Mark Hatfield met with them in the afternoon in his conference room to explain the role of governor. He also presented his views on his proposed re-organization plan.

Earlier in the conference the 4-H girls were invited to a tea given by Mrs. Hatfield in her home.

Eight lobbyists, representing Portland General Electric, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Associated Oregon Industries, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Oregon Trucking Association, Oregon Medical Society, Pacific Power & Light, and Oregon Railroad Association made up a panel which discussed the lobbyists part in developing legislation.

Howell Appling was banquet speaker on Friday evening. His topic being "My Job as Secretary of State."

Howard Belton, State Treasurer, described how Oregon's government is financed at Saturday's breakfast. Later, the youths visited the Supreme Court and its Library.

Climax of the conference came at its close on Saturday noon when four Oregon 4-H club members were named from the group to represent the state at the National 4-H Club Conference in Washington D. C. in April.

They were Gary Meyer, Roseburg; Ronald Woodward, Bay City; Grace Elliott, Astoria, and Sharon Gardner, Portland.

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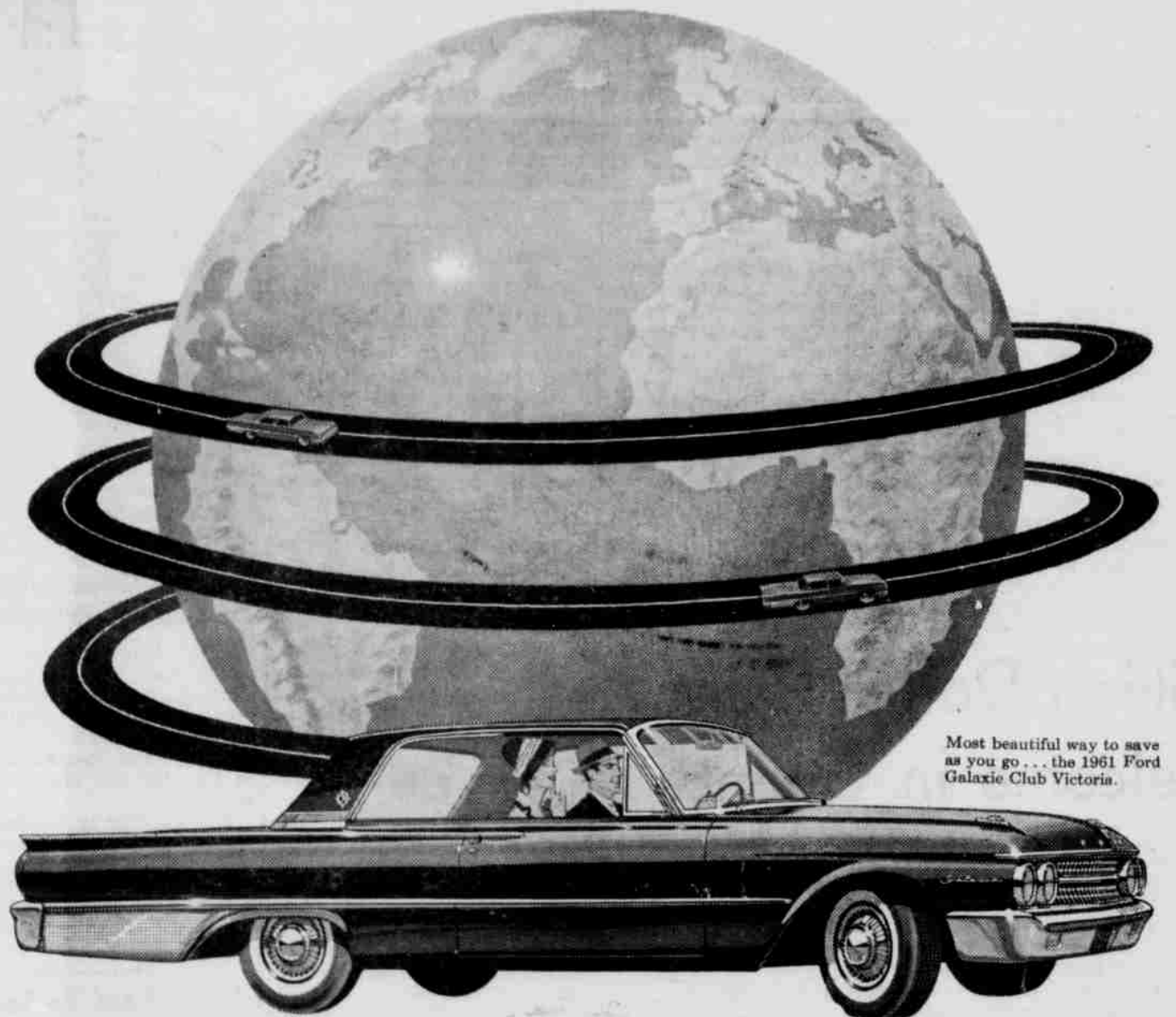
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