

6% Limitation Retention Backed By Farm Bureau

Lou Norris, legislative and tax director for the Oregon Farm Bureau, Monday told the Finance and Local Government sub-committee of the state Constitutional Revision commission the Farm Bureau favors retention of the 6 per cent limitation on the property tax base in Oregon.

He said at the Portland meeting that the Farm Bureau requests also that a study be made on methods of applying the limitation to prevent the elimination from acting as an escalator clause.

Norris said farmers are concerned over the ever-increasing property tax burdens and that in the absence of the 6 per cent limitation, property taxes would rise at an even more rapid rate.

Comparing the effective tax rate on farm land in Oregon with neighboring states shows that Oregon's rate in 1960 was \$1.02 per \$100 of full valuation, while Washington had a 60-cent rate with 95 cents in California, according to Norris. He also reminded the committee that farm real estate taxes in Oregon have increased from \$14.8 million in 1950 to \$22.1 million in 1960. He said this increase in property taxes has happened at a time when farm income has been trending downward.

LITTLE SUZY SAYS:



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FARM NEWS

Variety Program Follows Grange Business Meeting

By DELPHA JONES
LEXINGTON — Lexington Grange held its regular meeting on Saturday night, January 6, instead of January 13 as scheduled. The meeting was presided over by Master Alvin Wagenblast. The secretary, Armin Wilson, and gatekeeper, Wilbur Steagall, were both installed into their 1962 offices. The weed control problem was the object of much discussion and a committee was appointed to look into this further. Named on the committee were O. W. Cutsforth and Alvin Wagenblast. Reports from the standing committee chairman were also heard at this time. Mrs. Wagenblast, HEC chairman, reported on the cattleman's dinner planned for Saturday which the Home Economics club is in charge of, and stated plans were well underway and committees appointed.

Following the meeting, the program was most entertaining and consisted of accordion solos by Matt Hughes, piano solos by Mary Kay Hughes, and an accordion solo by Norita Marquardt. Mrs. Smouse presided over a poem game, "Grandpa's Motor Romance," which was much fun with the members taking part, and gave a most interesting thought for the month. This was followed by two duets by Cheryl Smouse at the piano and mother, Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, at the violin. Preceding the meeting a potluck dinner was held in the dining room. The next meeting is planned for the regular time with a contest of wheat dishes to be judged by the men. If any grange ladies have a favorite dish which has wheat or a by-product of wheat in it, please bring it so that the men may taste and judge. There will be prizes for the dishes.

Mrs. Kenneth Marshall is again at her home after a week spent in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Mrs. A. F. Majeske was taken to Pendleton on Tuesday to consult a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hermann and daughter were the Dalles visitors on Saturday.

Mrs. Pat Sawyer and children are spending some time at the home of her mother, Mrs. Flor-

Income Tax Date Near for Farmers

Farmers who receive at least two-thirds of their gross income from farming have until Monday, January 15, to file their estimated Federal income tax returns for the year 1961, unless they plan to file their final return on or before February 15. A. G. Erickson, District Director of the Internal Revenue Service for Oregon, reminded taxpayers today.

If the farmer files an estimate of his tax by January 15, he will, of course have to file his return and pay any balance by April 15, 1962.

Farmers who have any questions on this subject may get a copy of the official publication, "Farmer's Tax Guide," by calling an Internal Revenue office. Erickson urged farmers to file their income tax return early. This will enable the service to process the return and millions of others with less expense to taxpayers.

If farmers need any help with their returns, they should telephone their local Internal Revenue office.

ence McMillan.

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday for their regular meeting with N. G. Bertha Hunt in the chair. Installation of officers was not held at this time due to absence of so many members because of illness.

Knitting Club Started

The Nifty Knitters 4-H club was organized last week with leaders Lucia Cutsforth and Lois Hunt present. The girls who signed up for this club are Jeanette Ledbetter, Christina Munkers, Jill Padberg, Jeannine Hunt, Diana Cutsforth, Norita Marquardt, and Nancy Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones were Portland business visitors one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Hara are out and around again after a lengthy bout with the flu.

Bert Breeding of Hermiston spent a couple of days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Breeding.

Pvt. Jerry Green is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Green and other members of the family. He has been stationed in Hawaii.

County Agent's Office

Swine Feed Tests Added at Research Center

By N. C. ANDERSON

In addition to the beef-feeding trials set up at the Livestock Research Center at the Experiment Station near Hermiston, which I have commented on recently, some new cooperative swine feeding experiments have been initiated on a small scale there. Producer-owned pigs are being used in an experiment to increase economic efficiency of swine production. The advisory-producer committee working with the experiment station and extension service, have designed experiments and secured animals to emphasize current needs for swine feeding information. The experimental facilities currently consist of the otherwise unfilled pens in the swine testing building. Establishment of permanent facilities for swine feeding experiments will be done as time and funds permit. Pigs placed on the feeding experiments were subject to the same health regulations as pigs on the swine performance test. Eight producers provided 72 pigs of about 70 lbs. average weight for the

experiments. These pigs were allotted to all ration groups in such manner as to equalize size and origin for each test group. The current experiments are designed to determine the performance and economic efficiency of pigs fed either 10%, 20% or 30% of their total ration as ground alfalfa with either barley, corn or milo as the grain source. Data will be obtained on growth rate, feed economy and carcass merit. The experiments are expected to be completed by early March. Tentative plans call for a swine testing and swine field day to be held at the station around April 1 to coincide with the sale of producer owned performance tested boars currently on test in the swine testing program.

Thirty-two ranchers have sent back registration slips for the Farm Crops shortcourse, which will be held at the fair pavilion annex in Heppner on January 18, 24 and 25. Registrations were still coming in on January 6, the day we set as a deadline for sign-ups in order to determine the interest in the shortcourse. There may be others who failed to get in their registration who would like to attend. We can handle them if we know they are coming. While we will be getting out a last minute reminder of the dates, some have asked about the inconsistency of the dates as we announced them. An error was made in that the first class will be January 18 in place of January 17 as shown on the class schedule sheet which you received. Diseases of cereal crops, cereal varieties, protein premiums, grades and discounts, the new sedimentation test and blending will be discussed during the first day with sessions

from 10:00 — 12:00 in the morning and 1:00 — 3:00 in the afternoon.

Last week we mailed to our entire farm mailing list the latest copy of the "Oregon Farm and Market Outlook" with a sheet which is to be used in developing a mailing list for various outlook material during the year. Many of these are weekly reports and are mailed direct from Oregon State university. Weekly market information reviews from which ranchers can choose are "Production, Price and Cost Review," "Farm Forest Products Report," "Potato and Truck Crops Review," "Poultry and Egg Review," "Meat Animals and Wool Review," "Grain and Hay Review," and "Dairy Products Review." It is necessary to revise this mailing list once a year adding to and taking from those names of people interested in this type of material. We hope that you will give this your attention.

Herb and Mae Ekstrom, lone Hereford breeders, left Saturday morning to attend the National Western Livestock show in Denver with five head of excellent type Polled Hereford calves. The five head consisted of two bulls and three heifers all sired by Prince Husker, the Grand Champion bull shown as a calf at the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford show in Walla Walla a few years back. The calves were of excellent type and conformation and should do much toward holding the Ekstroms place earned last year at this show when they exhibited the Grand Champion Polled heifer. Incidentally this Grand Champion Polled Hereford was purchased

by a breeder in Indiana and it was learned recently that it was judged Grand Champion at the Indiana State Fair this fall.

While we are talking about Herefords, I would suggest that anyone who would like to see a good herd bull prospect drop by and see the bull calf that Wilbur Van Blokland is growing out. This short, thick and well conformationed bull looks a lot different than he did when exhibited by Wilbur at the Count Fair last August. While you are there take a look at the small cow herd that Wilbur purchased this fall and see if you do not agree with he that they are tops in conformation. They are dropping some good looking calves too.

Don't forget to participate in the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association which will be held this week-end, the 12th and 13th. The program has been arranged to be of interest to everyone. I think that Ron Currin, Floyd Jones and others who have put this program together have one of the best ones yet. Come and participate both days.

Livestock Market

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Livestock Growers: Plan to Attend Annual Meeting

OF THE
Morrow County
Livestock Growers
ASSOCIATION
AND COW BELLES

Friday and Saturday
JANUARY 12, 13
FAIRGROUNDS



BULL DAY

FRIDAY

PLAN NOW TO TRADE, BUY OR SELL YOUR EXTRA BULLS OR THOSE YOU CAN'T USE ANOTHER YEAR. ENTER THE WEIGHT GUESSING CONTEST . . . WIN A VALUABLE PRIZE!

HAY CLINIC -- FRIDAY AFTERNOON

DR. NORMAN GOETZE, CROPS SPECIALIST, OSU, WILL DISCUSS FORAGE ANALYSIS — OVER 100 HAY SAMPLES WILL BE COMPARED.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 3:00 P. M.

COFFEE SERVED ALL DAY BY BANK OF EASTERN OREGON.

SATURDAY FEATURES:

- DISCUSSION OF GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION OUTLOOK FOR '62. BY ROBERT EVERY, EXTENSION ENTOMOLOGIST, OSU
- TALKS BY DR. A. L. RALSTON, OSU, AND BILL SOUTHWORTH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

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