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## Agreement Made on Beef Imports

Cattlemen who have been greatly concerned about the rising competition of meat imports, principally from Australia and New Zealand, will welcome the agreement that has been negotiated with those countries to limit their exports of these meats to the United States.

According to John Landers, Oregon State University animal science specialist, imports of beef, veal and mutton under the new agreement will be held to approximately the 1962-63 average, which is about six per cent below the record level of 1963. Future increases in imports of these meats from the countries is to be in line with the anticipated growth in the U. S. market for the meats.

Cattlemen have pointed out that in 1962 this country imported the equivalent of almost a billion pounds of meat. In 1963 the total imports of beef and veal on a carcass weight equivalent was about 1.7 billion pounds. For comparison purposes, it may be pointed out that imports in 1957 were about 770 million pounds.

Bringing it closer to home, in 1962 meat imports through the Port of Portland were 2,789,519 pounds with a value of almost \$900,000.

Reports are that the imported meat is being used right in the heart of the cattle country in Oregon. It reportedly is being sold in the John Day country, has been sold in Prineville and Mitchell.

Since receipts from the sale of cattle and calves comprise the largest of any agricultural commodity in the State of Oregon, and since there are many, many people dependent upon the livestock industry (sales yards, transportation people, slaughtering and processing), it is understandable that cattlemen and livestock and farm organizations are very much concerned.

Landers reports that one of the prime factors in getting the government to recognize the problem was the fact that beef prices have remained steady or dropped in some cases, while the cattlemen's cost of production has continued to increase. The sharp rise in beef imports—Australian shipments were up 89 per cent in 1962 and another 17 per cent in 1963—coupled with rising cattle numbers in this country, have had a depressing effect on U. S. beef prices.

Cattlemen have released information on their position to the effect that they are not seeking to curtail the sale of foreign meats completely, but only desire to establish some curbs to prevent endangering the economic welfare of the industry and those dependent upon it.

Australian beef comes from range cattle that are not fattened just before market on grain. Dick Wilkinson, Heppner cattlemen, states that it therefore is a leaner meat than that generally marketed domestically. The imported meat is used principally for canning in this country but is also found in markets and in lower-priced restaurants. There is no requirement that imported beef be labeled as such, although certain states—Wyoming and South Dakota—have passed labeling laws.

Oddly enough, some Americans are attempting to play both sides of the coin. American capital in sizable amounts is moving into Australia to buy land and stock it with herds. The Klebergs of Texas with their worldwide King Ranch operations have acquired a tract in Australia said to be equivalent to a half-dozen counties of Texas size.

While cattlemen have been pressing for control on the imports, there has been some fear manifest in other quarters that attempting to force beef-exporting countries to cut down their exports might prejudice America's position in the tariff negotiations to be in Geneva in May. In this respect, the beef exports to this country are part of a larger picture in which the relation of America's farm surpluses to world trade and in particular to the European market is at stake.

Nevertheless, apparently efforts of cattlemen to alert the government to the damaging effects on the economy because of the imports were responsible in negotiating the agreement that should result in some improvement for the industry in this country.

## Ruby Fulleton Hurt

Ruby Fulleton, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fulleton, suffered cuts to the face and head Saturday afternoon when she accidentally broke a glass door at Fulleton's Chevrolet. Ruby was running down the sidewalk when she came to the outside door and expected that it would be unlocked. She tried to enter in a hurry, but found the door locked. She crashed into the glass and shattered it. Although she was not badly

hurt, one piece of glass cut her forehead, requiring six stitches by a local physician and she also suffered another cut to the head.



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## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IT TOOK some real detective work to get the Gazette-Times telephone functioning Wednesday morning when it was discovered that the phone was inoperative. When we went to dial a number, we received no dial tone. There was no hum, no tone, no busy signal, nothing. If one listened intently, he could hear some talk that sounded far in the distance.

We caught the faint words, "... order some double strength glass."

It then occurred that someone had called the office and had neglected to hang up the receiver on the other end, keeping the line open. The caller controls the situation, and if he fails to break the connection, there is nothing the receiver can do about it. He is out of business.

So the detective work started. Who had called the office last? After some pondering, it was concluded that it was Pastor Elwood Boyd of the SDA church. So we went across the street to Charlie Ruggles' and used his phone to dial Pastor Boyd. Elwood promptly answered, which meant, then, that his phone was not off the hook.

We explained the situation to him, and he said that he hadn't even called us from his home but called from Ione.

When we had heard the "double strength glass," we had surmised that it must be emanating from a hardware store or building supply, but none in our office had recalled any calls from Gilliam and Bisbee, Tum-A-Lum, Pettyjohn's or any other such firm.

But when Elwood told us he had called from Ione, we asked him from whose phone he had placed the call.

"It was from Rietmann's Hardware," said he. This caused the bells to ring and the lights to flash. That's where the trouble was.

We then called Charlie O'Connor in Ione and asked him to walk across to Rietmann's and get them to hang up the phone.

By the time we walked back across the street from Ruggles' the G-T phone was in working order again. We thank both Charlies for their help. The paper without a phone on Wednesday is like a car without wheels. It's our lifeline.

STUDENTS in the Carnegie course last week were asked to bring an exhibit connected with their work or hobby—something in which they were very much interested.

When Mrs. Carl (Betty) Marquardt of Lexington arrived in class that evening carrying her baby in her arms, classmates assumed that she hadn't been able to get a baby sitter.

But when her turn came to talk, Betty held up her baby and

described the tot to the class. "We were told to bring something that was important to our lives," she explained simply, "and my family is both my life and my avocation."

Instructor Bob Marsh declared that this was the most unusual exhibit he had seen since he started teaching the Carnegie course, and classmates were intrigued with her very novel presentation.

NEWS THAT the Bill Barratt family is going to move to Spokane later in the year because of his new position there brings some consternation around here. It will hardly seem like the same place without any of the Barratts around after all these years, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt having left for Arizona a couple of years ago.

At this moment we don't know just how Bill and Bonnie are going to get out of Heppner with son Scott, what with all the basketball fans around. Just as Scott really begins to show promise as a whale of a basketball player, with the fine height he has, Heppner High is going to lose him. It just doesn't seem right.

THE BASKETBALL boys who so deftly played ball control against Sherman Tuesday night and won the low-scoring game, 28-24, are deserving of the best and heartiest applause. No one would have conceded them a chance, but they carved one of the season's greatest victories around the state, playing a type of "slow 'em down" game in which they had little experience. It certainly caught the Huskies by surprise, and it was a clever coaching maneuver designed to make up for the loss of manpower that the team had suffered last week. The victory puts the Mustangs in the district tournament, regardless of how they make out Friday night against Burns.

AT HERMISTON high, the district 7-B sub-district tournament (an awkward title, wot?) started today, and in the competition are two Morrow county teams, Riverside and Ione. One will eliminate the other right off the bat. Ione's Cardinals haven't had an outstanding record this year in the won-loss column, but the admirable thing about the Cards is that they never quit. You always find them coming on fast and hard late in the season, and it is possible that they will really be heard from in their tournament.

Riverside has a real good team this year and has a darkhorse role in the tournament. Morrow county fans would dearly like to see one of their teams upset the tournament favorite, the fine McEwen Scotties of Athena.

## One-Shot Roscoe

As Told By

ORVILLE W. CUTSFORTH

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of anecdotes about the late Roscoe Cox, Morrow county outdoorsman, who died last year.)

Roscoe spent one night in jail. Just one night in jail in his entire lifetime. One time they arrested him upon the hill. They arrested him and his two partners when they were coming out with this new whiskey from this still. This was about in 1930.

Well, they threw the whiskey out, all but one gallon jug. They put it in a gunny sack. They carried it and the five of them came from the mountains down to the court house. They flung old Roscoe and his two partners in jail, got there in the evening. The jail was adjoined to the courthouse. There was a window and a door that opened into the courtroom or into the sheriff's office with bars across it. Across the hallway in the sheriff's office they put the gallon jug of whiskey in the sack against the wall. They left for the night.

Well, the three rascals in the jail looking out this window in the sheriff's office looked longingly at this gallon jug in the gunny sack and they devised a means to get it. They took a wire off of a piece of clothes line, and they took the suspenders off Old Roscoe's back for a fishing line. They made a hook out of the wire, and they tied the outfit to the stove poker. They started casting and casting to try to hook the gunny sack.

After awhile their right hands wore out so they tried the left hand. This poker wasn't a very good casting rod, but they finally hooked the gunny sack and they pulled it across to the window. They drug the sack up to where they could get a hold of it and they sat the jug on the window ledge outside the steel bars. They couldn't drink out of the jug in that position. So they took a 1/2 inch pipe out of the plumbing and bent it in a U-shape through the bars and put it in the end of the jug. This made a fine siphon. They nursed on that siphon, the three of them, for five or six hours until the jug was empty. Roscoe was the only one left standing on his feet—the other two were down and out. So Roscoe stood there holding the jug through the bars, so it wouldn't fall, wondering what to do and he knew the empty jug wasn't the thing. So he took the siphon pipe, straightened it some, put it in the jug, and he carried water from the tap in his hat and poured it into the jug until the jug was full of water.

He threw the pipe back into the jail cell and put the cork in the jug, put the jug in the sack and hooked it to the wire. He let it down to the floor and poked it as far out into the middle of the room as he could with the poker. This wasn't but about halfway across, and he thought if the deputy comes in the morning he'll know something is wrong.

Well, the deputy didn't come. The state policeman came and the state policeman took Roscoe and his two partners and the gallon jug to the courtroom at 10:00 o'clock and the trial began. The judge in those days sometimes liked the evidence, so he took the cork out of the jug and he smelled the whiskey and he said to the deputy, "This seems rather weak but it does smell of moonshine."

Then he tasted it. He asked the deputy and the state policeman, "Now, is the water in Heppner so bad that you have to carry a gallon of mountain water clear here? Case dismissed."

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## Wheat Standards For New Grades Effective May 1

By JOHN WELBES

Executive Vice President, Oregon Wheat Growers League

Last fall four area hearings were held throughout the United States in regards to changing the U. S. standards for grades of wheat. The Oregon Wheat Growers League was represented at three of these hearings by Milt Morgan. As a result of these hearings, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman has announced the following changes.

1. Maximum limits are set for "total defects"—damaged kernels, foreign material, and shrunken and broken kernels. No limits for "total defects" exist in present standards, except for the summation of the maximum limits for each of these three factors. The change sets limits for total defects in grade No. 1 at 3%, in grade No. 2 at 5%. Limits are also set in the other numerical grades.

2. Limits for shrunken and broken kernels are lowered from 5 to 3 per cent for grade No. 1. Limits are set at 12% for grade No. 4 and 20% for grade No. 5.

3. Minimum moisture content for wheat graded "tough" is reduced from 14 to 14.5 per cent (depending on the class) to 13.5 per cent for all classes. The change also eliminated moisture as a factor in determining sample grade.

4. "Dockage" is recorded in half per cent, whole per cent, or whole and half per cent, with other fractions reduced to the nearest whole or half. For instance, dockage of .4 would be zero and .8 would be .5 dockage. It is not a grade determining factor but is recorded on inspection

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## Ingle To Speak

Guest speaker at Sunday's services at the Lexington Church of Christ will be Ronald Ingle, a teacher at Heppner high school and an ordained minister. The Rev. Earl Soward, minister of the church, urges everyone to come to the service and hear Mr. Ingle speak.

certificates. At present, dockage—when equal to 1 per cent or more—is recorded in whole percent, and fractions are reduced to the nearest whole per cent.

5. Percentages of White Club Wheat and Common White Wheat in the subclass Western White Wheat are to be stated in inspection certificates.

6. During the transitional period following May 1, grain inspectors will, on request, show the grade of wheat under the old as well as the new standards.

The secretary emphasized his belief that the new standards will be an important step to increase dollars of U. S. wheat abroad.

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## Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL Heppner vs. Burns. Bend High gym. Friday, February 28, 8:00 p.m. League Championship play-off. Support the Mustangs!

GEM AND MINERAL CLUB Saturday, Feb. 29, Old Library building, 8 p.m. Colored slides on Alaska. Business meeting.

MOSAIC WORKSHOP March 2—Lexington school, 10:30 a.m. Bring wooden base for picture, some "found" or treasured objects, spackle, vinegar, can and stick for mixing.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM Sunday, March 1, Seventh-day Adventist church. Monday, March 2, Lexington IOOF hall. Thursday, March 5, Ione American Legion hall.

IOOF CONVENTION Heppner IOOF Hall. Saturday, February 29, afternoon and evening.

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## Salem Scene

By ROBERT L. DERNEDDE  
Three Sales Tax Measures Aimed at November Ballot

Likelihood of Oregonians voting on three state sales tax measures at the November general election looms today with two initiative proposals already filed and another soon to arrive at the Secretary of State's office.

Whether or not all three measures will appear on the ballot, will of course, depend upon how successful advocates of each proposal are in securing 37,096 valid signatures by July 2.

The Citizens Committee for Income and Property Tax Relief proposal is a Constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to enact a 3 per cent retail sales tax with food and drugs exempt.

Some 60-80 per cent of revenue would be used for income and property tax relief. Remaining revenue, anywhere from 20-40 per cent, would be delegated to the general fund. Income, if the law were in effect this year, is estimated at \$66 million.

The amendment provides for no future increases in the state income tax without a vote of the people and would attach an emergency clause to the bill enacted by the legislature.

An initiative filed by Donald L. Jordan, Eugene contractor, is also a Constitutional amendment directing, rather than authorizing the legislature to enact a 3 per cent tax with no exemptions.

Revenue under this proposal would be used exclusively for support and maintenance of common schools and community colleges. Estimated income for the present year would mean approximately \$79 million.

A third sales tax measure ex-

pected to be filed in the near future by the Oregon Agricultural Council, is reported to also be a Constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to enact a 3 per cent sales tax with emergency clause provision.

Food and drugs are expected to be exempt, and it is understood that revenue income must be specifically used to provide local school districts with approximately 50 per cent of current operating expenses. Its provisions will limit property taxes for school purposes and will provide some income tax relief.

The emergency clause provision attached to two of the three proposals would make the law enacted by the legislature effective upon the signature of the governor.

In each case, the burden of writing a sales tax law will be left to the legislature. The legislature, however, will have to write the law within provisions outlined in whichever measure passes. If more than one receives a majority vote, the measure receiving the greatest number of "yes" votes will become law.

Although each measure has built-in income and property tax relief provisions, voters should not interpret any of the proposals as capable of reducing the total tax burden. On the contrary, the total tax burden will be increased to some degree, should any of these measures become law.

The past two week-ends have found the two Abrams in Fossil on business and also visiting at the L. J. Marks residence.

Week-end guests of the Wayne Harbins were Mrs. Harbin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fossum of Kennewick, Wn.

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