



THE OREGON WHEAT GROWERS League awarded its annual Soil Conservation Man of the Year title recently to Willis Marx of Jefferson county (front row, second from right). Other growers honored at the Wheat League's annual meeting in La Grande were (seated): David Childs, Gilliam county; Kenneth Turner,

Morrow county; and Bob Garger, Umatilla county, representing his father, Leo Garger. Standing are Edwin Miller, Jr., Lexington, soil conservation committee chairman; Henry Weatherspoon, Union county; Bill Weatherspoon; and Bob Holmes, Sherman county.

Photos Advised As Good Proof Of Flood Damage

Your camera can provide you with the permanent proof that you may need to substantiate your deductions of flood damage costs from your 1964 income tax, according to Manning Becker, extension farm management specialist at Oregon State University.

Becker advises all farmers who have suffered loss or damage to equipment, buildings, or other farm facilities, to take pictures, from several different angles, of the damage before it is repaired or removed. If photographs of the property taken before the flood available, these will also prove helpful, according to the OSU specialist. Photographs taken after the repair or replacement of the property may also be helpful.

The Internal Revenue Service requires proof that you actually sustained loss, points out Becker, as well as the amount of deductible loss. You should be prepared to show the loss was the direct result of the casualty; that you were the owner of the property; the cost of the property, evidenced by purchase contract, deed, bill of sale, etc.; depreciation allowance, if any; value before and after casualty; and the amount of insurance received or recoverable, including the value of repairs, restoration and clean-up provided without cost by disaster agencies.

Loss or damage to property used for personal purposes is deductible only to the extent that the loss exceeds \$100. Loss of business property or property held for production of income such as rental house, is fully deductible. According to Becker, farmers who wish to claim income tax deductions because of flood damage should obtain a copy of Internal Revenue Service Document No. 5174, "Casualty Losses," from their local I.R.S. office, for complete details on filing deductions.

Farm Bureau Furrow

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AGRICULTURE IN 1964

Farmers in Oregon are not going to be overly sorry to see 1964 go by the board. Prices on the parity index were the lowest in years, and from beef through cherries, growers took it on the chin.

The one bright spot was in potatoes. Spuds brought the highest prices in years following a year which saw many demands for federal controls and price supports on potatoes.

Wheat prices under the new farm bill were a great disappointment to growers. The certificate plan operated by the federal government cut back both acres and price, leaving growers in a much lower income bracket than the previous year.

Beef prices were down, due to a bad feed grain program in 1962-63 and a great increase in imports during 1964.

Dairymen were plagued with imports of milk from surrounding states, calculated to break the milk stabilization law passed by the last session of the state legislature. Producer-distributors were unhappy with the equalization factor written into the milk law requiring them to pay other producers if the P-D's increased their business.

Sour cherry growers had the best crop in years, but so did the rest of the nation, and cherry prices went tumbling. Sweet cherry prices were smashed by imports from Europe.

The flood at the end of the year was only a cap to the year which will be remembered as a tough one for agriculture.

In spite of all this, we doubt that many farmers would trade places with any other farmers in the world. Bad prices in crops are like a storm—there is always sunshine when the storm is over.

The year 1965 is sure to be better, and the eternal optimism

Baker Man Named Region Heart Head

Leo Adler of Baker, has been named Eastern Region chairman of the Oregon Heart association for the second year, according to John W. Kendall, president.

Adler, a long-time civic-minded person, said he was happy to take the post again and assured everyone that the 1965 February Heart Fund campaign would be the best yet.

He continued, "The heart cause is by far the easiest to gain public support because it is close to everyone—either within one's own family or that of a friend or business associate. In Oregon, one out of every two deaths is caused by diseases of the heart and blood vessels, and many of these are in the prime of life—aged 45-64."

Citizens of Oregon will be given the opportunity to invest in a healthy future during February by welcoming the heart fund volunteer.

Adler is responsible for the organization of 12 counties: Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Malheur, Harney, and Grant.

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ROBERT JEPSEN, Ione, was elected second vice president of the Oregon Wheat League at its recent meeting in La Grande.

Income Averaging Provision Offers Taxpayer Savings

New "income averaging" provisions of the federal tax law may produce unexpected savings for many who have fluctuating incomes, according to the winter issue of "Northwest Business Management" magazine, published by Oregon State University.

Though designed primarily to aid artists and professional athletes whose incomes have big "ups and downs," the new amendment to the tax law may benefit many other taxpayers as well — including farmers and small businessmen it is reported.

Author of the article, which originally appeared in "The Journal of Accountancy" in September, is Joseph R. Tarbet, associate professor of business administration at Washington State University.

The new amendment, Tarbet explains, permits the taxpayer to average his income provided that his taxable income for any given year, after 1963, exceeds 133 1/3 percent of the four-year average by at least \$3000.

He examined the tax files of 71 farmer and farmer-landlord clients in the wheat-pea region of the northwest and found that one-fifth of them had income fluctuations sufficient to qualify for income averaging.

Savings by income averaging in such cases ranged from \$22 to \$662. Benefits are possible whether the person has low or high average income, he noted.

Boxboard for making signs and decorations at the Gazette-Times.

Emergency Loans Offered By FHA

Emergency loans to established farmers and ranchers who have suffered loss from the Christmas flooding and who are unable to secure the necessary credit from commercial sources are available through the Farmers Home Administration (FHA).

In addition to the emergency loans, an additional \$2 million has been made available to FHA in Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada to help meet the expected requests under the agency's regular loan programs, according to Mrs. Alberta Johnston, Oregon State University extension home management specialist in family economics.

All 36 Oregon counties were declared eligible for the emergency loans Wednesday, December 30, by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman. Loans may be made for regular operating expenses, replacement of livestock and equipment lost in the Christmas flood waters and for building repairs.

The emergency loans carry an interest rate of 3 percent, with repayment to be made at the earliest possible date in accordance with repayment ability, she explained.

Under FHA's regular loan program, to which the \$2 million was added in the four state area, credit to build a new house, modest in design and cost, or to repair a damaged one will be extended to farm owners and rural residents in communities having a population of less than 2500.

These funds may also be used for construction or repair of damaged farm buildings. Amounts loaned for housing repair or construction bear interest at 4 percent and may be repaid over a 33 year period. To be eligible for an FHA loan, an applicant must be unable to obtain credit from commercial sources.

Further information may be obtained at FHA offices in Oregon City, Redmond, Roseburg, Madras, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Albany, Ontario, Salem, Gresham, Pendleton, LaGrande, Hillsboro and McMinnville.

KINZUA NEWS

(Held over from last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris and son Ken made a trip to Heppner Thursday evening where Mr. Norris entered the Heppner hospital for treatment of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrel went to Portland Christmas Day to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Nelson and family. They were joined on Friday by Robert Ferrel who flew to Portland from Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortimore and family went to Twickenham Thursday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mortimore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wall were in Heppner Wednesday for a medical checkup for Mrs. Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollomon spent Christmas in Heppner with their son Jerry and his family. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hollomon and family of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and family left Thursday afternoon for Castle Rock, Wash., to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Strom. To get to Castle Rock they had to go by way of Yakima and White Pass.

Miss Florence Bell of Pendleton arrived here Wednesday afternoon to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie

Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bell and sons spent their Christmas at Baker with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. David Whitsett and daughter went to Pendleton Thursday evening to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Brock and family left Christmas for Priest River, Idaho, to spend several days visiting relatives.

Cooking Club Keeps Busy With Activities

Officers were elected at the first meeting of the Kettles and Spoons 4-H club. They are Susan Melby, president; Sue Griffith, vice president; Kathleen Sweeney, secretary; Linda Cooper, reporter. Other members are Sandra Flaiz, Francis Abrams and Susan Challey.

The club plans to have a business meeting on the first Tuesday of each week and to cook on the other three Tuesdays.

Cookies were made at the December 15 meeting at the home of the leader, Mrs. Bob Abrams, for mothers of the members. We met again on December 18 to distribute them.

Linda Cooper, reporter

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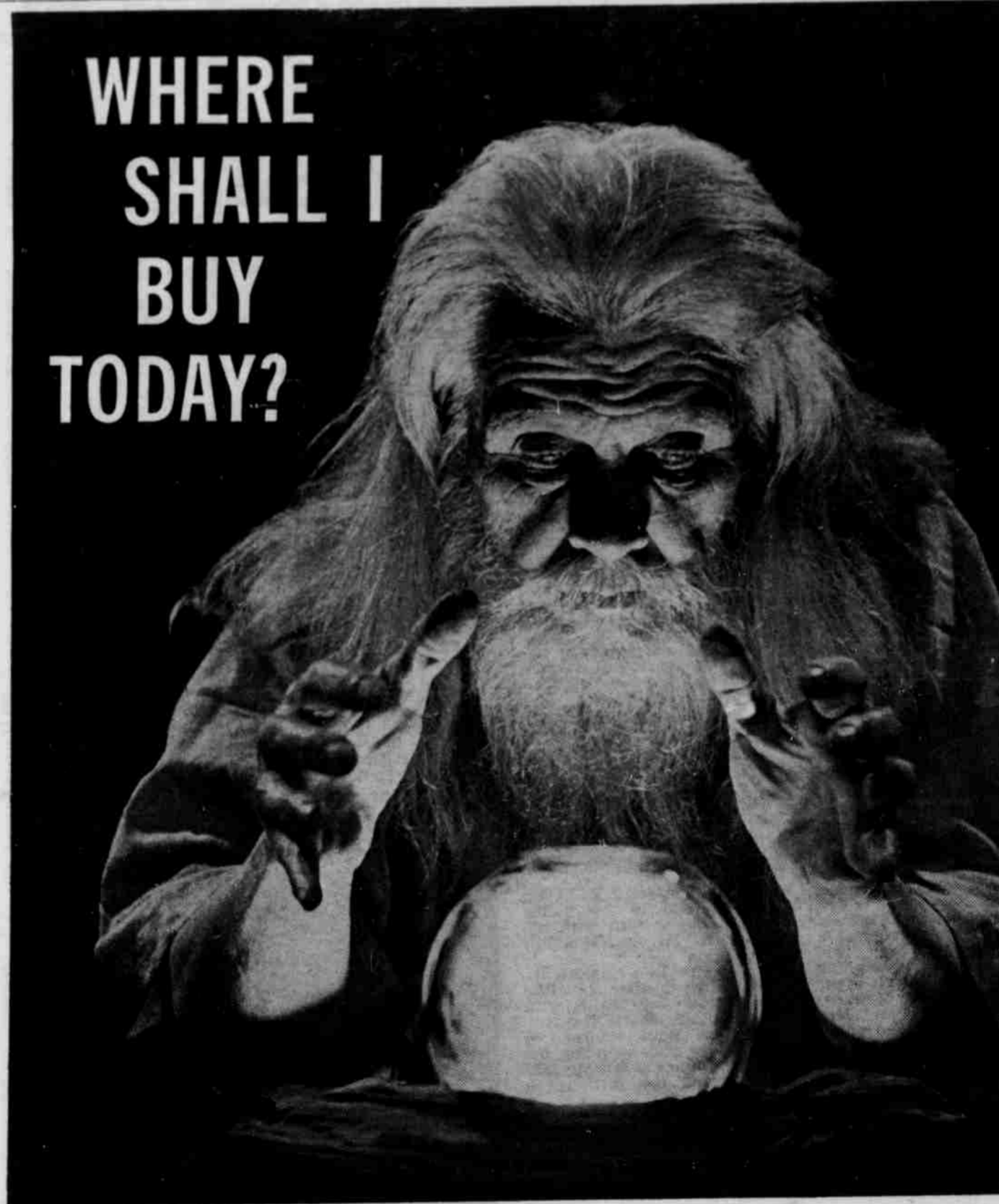
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