

# The Wheat Field

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SALEM—We asked Senator Walter Leth, chairman of the Legislative Interim Committee on Agriculture, what recommendations the committee would be making to the next session of the state legislature that would be of interest to the wheat producers of Oregon. Leth represents Benton and Polk counties.

He told us that the committee had been meeting for a number of months and were authorized to study three problem areas: They included marketing, the inter-relationship of agriculture to other business, and studies of the use of land and water as it relates to agriculture.

"One item of interest," he said, "will be this whole matter of freight rates as it affects all of agriculture — We found that Oregon, because of its remote geographic location from consumer centers, was dependent almost solely on favorable freight rates to be able to compete with their agricultural products in large consumer markets. Therefore, we will be recommending that an additional staff member be added to the Public Utility Commission's staff for the sole purpose of analyzing agricultural freight rate changes."

The interim committee also will recommend the addition of a staff member to Oregon State Universities' extension staff for the purpose of initiating and expediting export market opportunities for Oregon's agricultural products.

Leth said, "We found that there was a lack of information available to Oregon growers interested in growing products for exports as well as a lack of 'know how' in matters of export shipping and credit processing."

The whole problem of credit for agriculture was discussed by the committee and Senator Leth told us that "the lending agencies ought to realize the fact that more purchasing power is created by Oregon agriculture than any other business." The committee will introduce two measures designed to help the credit situation. The first is a Memorial to appropriate federal agencies and Congress requesting that agricultural credit be excluded from any federal program that would limit debentures on bond issues. The second would establish a \$1,000,000 state revolving loan fund for the purpose of constructing small irrigation projects.

Some of the other bills to be introduced by the committee include: . . . Giving the State Department of Agriculture additional authority to prohibit deceptive practices in the sale of locker beef and freezer meat sales; Requiring various state agencies that are working with agricultural market develop-

ment to meet together at least four times a year; Support of a new Animal Health Facility at Oregon State University; Regulation of post-harvest grass seed and stubble field burning; Additional funds to the University of Oregon's Bureau of Business and Economic Research for the purpose of expanding studies to determine agriculture's total effect on Oregon's economy.

The committee took no action at this time on such subjects as: bargaining associations, third party grading and bonding of alfalfa seed warehouses. Members of the Agriculture Interim Committee, in addition to Senator Leth, are: Sen. Eddie Ahrens, Turner; Sen. Arthur Ireland, Forest Grove; Sen. Raphael Raymond, Helix; Rep. Jack Anusien, Salem; Rep. Tom Besonette Baker; Rep. L. B. Day, Salem; Rep. Gerald Detering, Harrisburg; and Rep. Don McKinnis, La Grande.

## ASC Committee Chosen; Fetsch Named Chairman

Farmers recently named to serve as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) county committee are: Albert Fetsch, from the Lexington community, to serve as chairman; Ronald Haguewood, from the South Heppner community, vice chairman; Roy Ball, Jr., from the Boardman community, regular member. Haguewood and Fetsch were elected to the committee last year for three and two years, respectively; Roy Ball, Jr. was elected this year for a three year term on the committee. Alternates elected for one year were: Ted Palmateer from Morgan community and Don Evans from North Heppner community.

The 1966 election was held at a county convention December 9, 1966, in the conference room of the Gilliam and Bisbee Bldg., Heppner. Electors were farmers chosen as convention delegates at the recent ASC community committee elections throughout the county.

The ASCS county office at Heppner is headquarters for the county committee and serves as the farmer's local contact for business connected with participation in the programs administered by the committees. These programs encourage conservation and increase farm returns by means of price supports and market supply management, as well as by payments.

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# FARM

## Food Costs May Rise and Farmers Receive Less

As odd as it may appear, consumers are likely to pay more for their food next year while, at the same time, farmers will receive less income, Kenneth D. Naden, executive vice-president of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, said today.

Economists at the Department of Agriculture's National Outlook Conference in Washington, D. C., estimated that 1967 net farm income may decline by about five percent, while retail food prices may go up by about two to three percent, he said.

"This means that, over the next few months, we may see a rise in retail food prices simultaneously with a decline in farm income," he said. "This will seem strange only to those who do not know that the two components of food prices — prices of farm commodities and costs of marketing services — are determined under entirely different conditions. This anomaly tells us much about the role of farm prices in the current flurry over food prices and over general inflation in the economy."

Predictions made at the Outlook Conference indicate that rising food prices are more closely related to general inflation than to the level of farm income, he pointed out. "Actually, any tendency for farm prices to increase as a result of short supplies, such as some increases caused by drought or normal cyclical patterns during this year, normally brings a rather prompt upward adjustment of production which customarily brings farm prices back down to previous levels," he added.

That retail food prices are likely to continue to advance somewhat while farm income goes down "tells us that there are two entirely different price-marketing systems in our economy—one for farm products and one for non-farm products and services," he said. "The cause of this difference is that farmers have no power to pass along to buyers their rising costs of production. Their prices are determined by supply-demand conditions for individual products. By contrast, marketing charges, which make up about two-thirds of total retail food prices, are closely related to costs, and these are expected to rise next year because of pressures of higher wages and rising material costs."

Since farmers have no power

## Programs Set On Sewing Tips

By MARJORIE WILCOXEN  
Morrow County Agent

I was recently informed by Rollie Smith of the Oregon Educational Broadcasting System that a series of 10 half-hour shows on sewing for the beginning and intermediate home sewers is scheduled on KOAC-TV and KOAP-TV.

The series starts Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. on channels 7 and 10. Repeats will be shown on Fridays at 11:30, starting January 6. This series could be a real boost to those of you who are working with beginners, especially.

The announcement states: "A step-by-step format is used, not only for the sequence of lessons, but also for the procedure during each lesson. An article is made each time beginning with a very simple-to-make tote bag and progressing to a blouse, skirt, dress and ensemble. Fashions are made for the children, as well as for adults; fabrics will vary in texture and design. All of the basic techniques of sewing are shown."

Marjorie Arch, the hostess on "Smart Sewing," is a graduate of Indiana State University. The series is underwritten by the pattern division of the McCall's Corporation.

The following are programs to be presented (starting with number 1, through 10): Making a Tote Bag, Making a Blouse, Making a Child's Jumper, Making an A-Line Wool Shift, Making an A-Line Skirt, Making a Shift with Bell Sleeves, Making a Plaid Jumper, Making a Pair of Pants, Party Clothes, and Party Clothes for Children.

er to pass along costs, they are victims of inflation to a far greater degree than they are the cause of it, Naden said. "It is vital that the public understand the situation in which farmers find themselves. Otherwise protests of consumers, including housewives' boycotts, may punish the wrong people," he concluded.

## Club has New Comers

Rhea Creek Livestock 4-H club met at the Albert Wright home November 20. We discussed what we would do for our 4-H sign project. Dean Wright gave a report on the Control and Damage of Cattle Grubs. We planned for our Christmas party and set the date of December 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rhea Creek Grange hall.

We had three new members join our club. They are Kellwayne Haguewood, Nancy and Becky Doherty. Our guests were Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright and Ron Haguewood. Mrs. Wright served refreshments.

Dean Wright, reporter

## Two-trackers Meet

The meeting of the Two Trackers 4-H club was called to order by Brette Howell, December 6, 1966. Roll call was taken by Dovie Alderman, there were 22 present and 5 absent. Then the secretary read the notes. We reviewed the parts of a horse and how to tie a bowline knot. Then we got into our groups according to age; each group studied whatever they needed to review.

Jill Scott, news reporter

## Girls to Sell Candy

Heppner Bluejays met at the lunchroom at Heppner school. We are making presents. Each girl will sell eight cans of candy for \$1. First we will sell 4. We will go back to get 4 more.

Karen Winter, reporter

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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## OREGON FARM & HOME CALENDAR

### DECEMBER, 1966

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12-14 Oregon Wheat Growers League Convention, Sheraton Motor Inn, Portland.  
\*14-16 Oregon Fairs Association annual meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Portland.

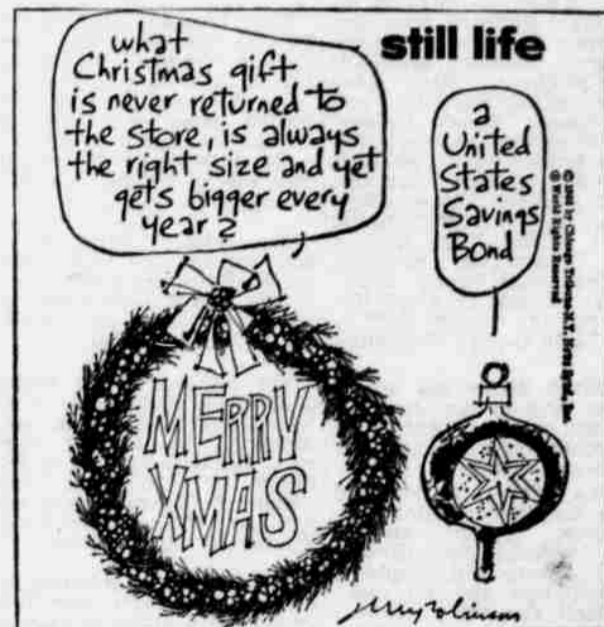
### JANUARY 1967

10-12 Oregon Dairymen's Association annual meeting, Marion Hotel, Salem.  
12 Pacific Northwest Fertilizer Industry Dealers Conference, Gunther's Restaurant, Pendleton.  
16-19 Pastors and Lay Leaders Conference, Memorial Union, OSU.  
\*18-20 State 4-H Leaders Conference, OSU.  
19-20 Oregon Essential Oil Growers League annual meeting, Withycombe Hall, OSU.  
26-27 Seed Processors Short Course, OSU.  
30-Feb. 1 Oregon Ornamental Short Course, Withycombe Auditorium, OSU.

### FEBRUARY

15-16 Oregon Dairy Industries Conference, Withycombe Hall, OSU.  
15-16 North Willamette Horticultural Society meeting, Gresham.

\* Indicates New Dates



A cardinal rule for safe winter driving, according to the Traffic Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, is to HAVE GOOD TIRES AND TIRE CHAINS. The department recommends that whether you use regular tires or snow tires — be sure the tread is in good condition and not worn smooth. Official tests have shown that reinforced tire chains will reduce stopping distances on snow and ice more

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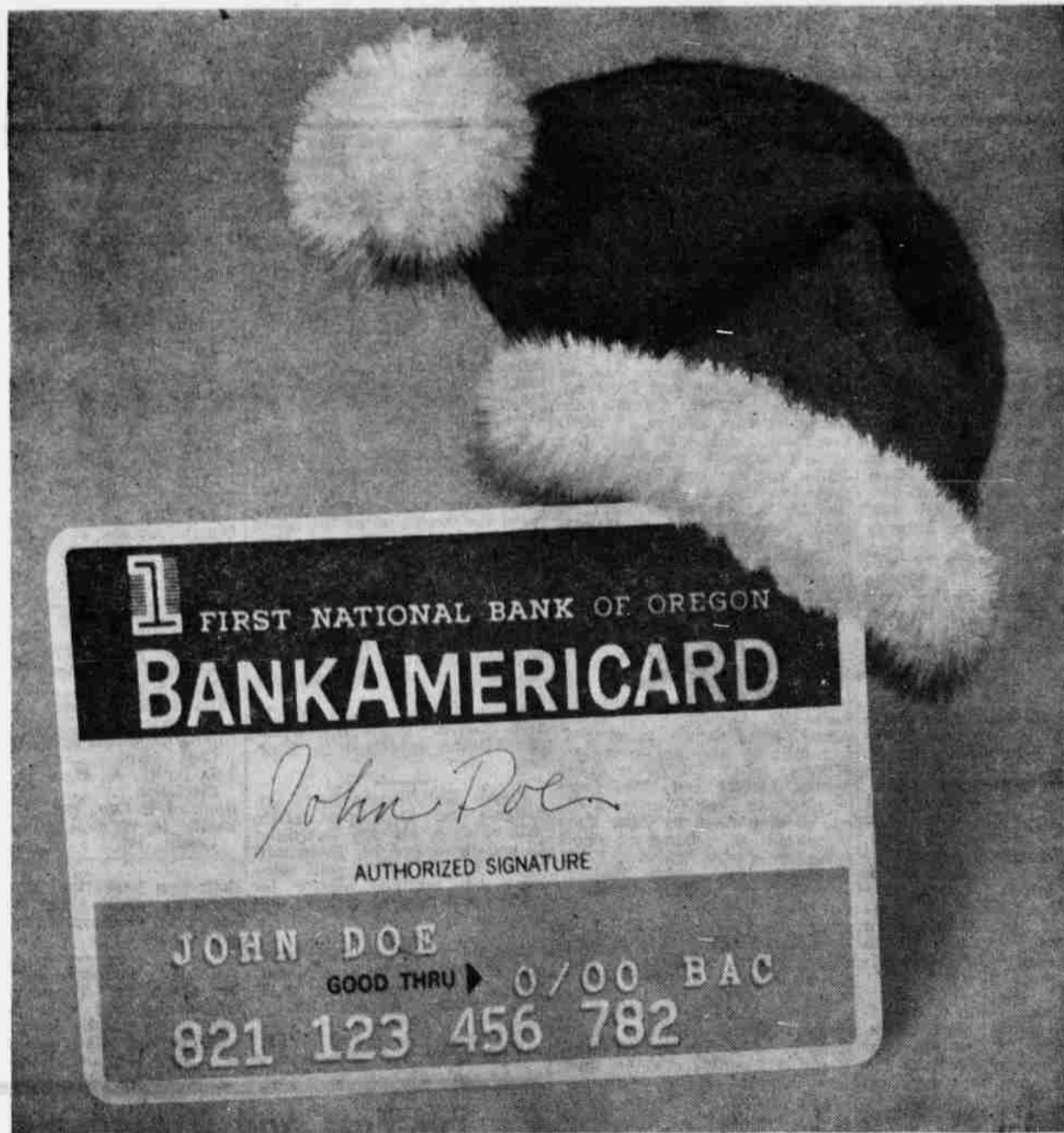
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