

FARM

Appointed Group Reports On Future Farm Policies

By GENE WINTERS
In November of 1965, President Johnson appointed a Food and Fiber Commission to conduct a long-range appraisal of U. S. agricultural and foreign trade policies. The commission included 30 outstanding leaders in agriculture, business, labor and education. Following are a few excerpts from this report which was just recently presented to the President.

The commission recommended much larger programs of technical and research assistance instead of heavier food aid shipments as the best bet for alleviating hunger. The commission said food aid can actually retard agricultural development in the recipient countries if it depresses farm prices there or allows the recipient governments to neglect food production. The commission also recommended U. S. leadership in achieving freer world trade in farm products.

Following are some of the commission's recommendations for specific changes in U. S. farm policies:

1. Price supports should be set moderately below a moving average of world market prices to permit U. S. farm products to compete in world markets.

2. The U. S. should rely more heavily on direct payments in protecting farmers' incomes since those interfere less in the market than do high price supports, support subsidies and import quotas.

3. Acreage allotments and marketing quotas should be negotiable or transferable to facilitate crop acreage changes to meet future market demands and to encourage growing each crop in the most efficient area.

4. Federal funds for reclamation, irrigation and land development projects should be justified only if these projects are the cheapest way of getting additional farm production if needed.

5. Public subsidies for capacity-increasing farm practices should be discontinued (such as the Agricultural Conservation Program payments for liming and drainage.)

6. A national security food reserve should be established including stocks for emergency food aid. This reserve should be isolated from the market.

7. The U. S. should seek further liberation of world trade, particularly in farm products.

8. The U. S. should lead in eliminating export subsidies and import quotas. Other methods should be found for protecting farmers' incomes.

The 360-page document "Food and Fibers For the Future" may guide planning in many Federal Agencies.

Excerpts from the Reports include:

U. S. Agriculture Today
U. S. Farmers have the capacity to produce more than their commercial markets will absorb at prevailing prices. "As a result, the U. S. has more crop-land than it needs, and more manpower on farms than can earn a living comparable to nonfarm workers."

"Some of the land diverted in 1966 may be used in 1980, but much will be available for grazing and less intensive uses. "We may well be poised on the threshold of an even greater technological revolution" (than has contributed to present over production).

"With an oversupply of farm manpower, farmers have not been able to earn incomes as high as those earned by people in other occupations."

These are the long-term trends in agriculture. "U. S. food and fiber policy must make positive efforts to shift the resources not needed in agriculture to other sectors of the economy where they can make a greater contribution."

World Food Needs
"Most of the increase in world demand for food will be in the developing countries where food is already in short supply. The population in these countries are growing twice as fast as those in the developed countries."

If the current trends in population, food demand, and production continue, the food deficit could be too large for the physical and financial capabilities of the developed countries to support it by the mid-1980's.

"The long-run solution to the world's hunger problem must come through population planning and through increased

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Oregon State Fair Ready to Open Saturday Morning

With less than a week left for the final clean-up and preparations, the Oregon State Fair slid into high gear this week and its manager, Robert L. Stevens said that "Not only will the fair be ready for its 10-day run at the grand opening, 11 a.m., Saturday, August 26, but I think it is going to be one of the best fairs we've ever had."

And not one can say this year, Stevens quipped, that there "is nothing new at the Oregon State Fair. Besides several new exhibits planned, there's a whole new tent city."

The big fire, which destroyed two buildings and part of a third on July 31, is not stopping the fair, only changing it somewhat, Stevens said.

Tents—one from the Portland Rose Festival measuring nearly 400 feet long — and several smaller ones—will greet State Fair goers in the area occupied by the carnival for a quarter of a century or more. The carnival is being set up on the spot formerly holding the Commercial and Natural Resources buildings. It will stretch across 17th streets (which is closed during the fair) into the oak grove parking area.

The Oregon Art Show, which formerly shared space with the International Photo Salon in the Natural Resources building, will occupy two huge tents placed in a "U" shape with a fountain in the courtyard center.

The International Photo Salon will be housed on the second floor of the Crafts, Hobbies and Mineralogy building. Provisions are being made for cooling it.

Horticulture, commodity commissions, agricultural groups, and many of the other exhibits formerly housed in the fire-damaged buildings, will also occupy tents. Stevens reports the more than 140 commercial exhibitors displaced by the fire have been "most cooperative and are almost all accepting space wherever we can provide it."

The All-Oregon Talent show, held each afternoon, is rapidly filling with outstanding numbers. There will also be an old Fiddlers' Contest on Tuesday, August 29. Stevens hastens to add the "old" refers not to the fiddlers but to the type of music. There are two top prizes in this contest this year: One for those 70 or over, and one for those under 70 years.

Free to all is the stage revue starring Jimmie Rodgers; the trio-Les Presidentes from Acapulco; Moore's Mess of Mutts in a merry routine, the All-American baton twirling champion, Miss Joyce Rice, and the master of ceremonies Johnny Haymer.

Army events in addition to the Teen Festival include the Country Music Night starring Buck Owens, Friday, September 1 and "Swing Your Partner," a square dance jamboree, Sunday evening, September 3.

Two Kids Days will be held, with reduced prices on rides, Monday August 28 and Thursday, August 31 with the Needle in the Haystack Hunt on the final of the two days, open to boys and girls through 12 years and under.

Senior Citizens Day, with special recognition to Oregon residents over 70, will be Tuesday, August 29.

Livestock entries closed August 3, and indications are that this division of the fair will equal or exceed livestock shows of the past. In fact, Livestock Superintendent, Mrs. Harold Hauk predicts the largest Beef Shorthorn show in history. Judging horses will begin on opening day, August 26, and Swine on Monday, August 28. Judging sheep and cattle will

Mrs. Floyd Jones, Mrs. Anita Stockard and Mrs. Dick Meador have returned from Eastern Oregon College where they attended the summer session, taking a full eight weeks schedule of courses.



Wheat Irrigation Subject of Meet

By GENE WINTERS
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Morrow county wheat growers interested in irrigation will want to attend a field meeting at the irrigation demonstration on the Floyd Anderson farm between Ione and Olex in Gilliam county.

The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 28. Crops irrigated this year on soil similar to much of Morrow county wheat growing acreage have included wheat, peas, green and dry beans, potatoes, field corn, sweet corn, mint, and sugar beets.

Problems were encountered in growing some of these. A discussion of problems should be of interest to anyone interested in irrigation in this or similar areas.

The demonstration is a cooperative effort by the OSU Experiment Station and Extension Service to gather information and show people results.

A similar meeting will be held on a like demonstration on the Kenneth Fridley farm in Sherman county in the morning. Directions to this meeting can be had at the county extension office.

get underway Tuesday, August 29. Oregon Quarter Horses and Charolais cattle from France will be highlighted during this year's State Fair livestock show. The Charolais will be exhibiting for the first time.

Eight days of Thoroughbred Racing will be offered with post time set for 2:30 p.m. daily, 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and Labor Day. There is no parimutuel racing on Sundays.

America's champion cowboys will be on hand from throughout the country to compete in the Fair's Big Rodeo which this year teams with a stylish fast-paced Horse Show for 16 thrilling performances. Beeswax, the performing mule, whose bag of tricks is a real "kick in the pants", according to Stevens, is also set to delight both young and old during the Big Rodeo-Horse Show.

Tatone Family Hosts Reunion Over Week-end

By MARY LEE MARLOW
BOARDMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tatone, Linda and Jody, were hosts for a reunion of the Tatone family Saturday night and Sunday at the Dodge City Restaurant and Motel. There were 41 present.

The group included Mr. and Mrs. George Tatone of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tatone and three children, Mr. and

Mrs. O. Stutsman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fenton, Mrs. James Flynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ives, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hastings and six sons of West Linn; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Knoll and four children of Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. D. Tatone of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tatone and four children and Mr. and Mrs. John Tatone of Canby.

this week at the Seehafer home is Mrs. Seehafer's sister, Mrs. Winifred Morgan of Modesto, Calif.

Mike and Ricky Porter of The Dalles are visiting this week at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Hug. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowe and daughters Tarina, Cindy and Robin of Mosier were Sunday visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. George Neeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rash and daughter Diane attended the reunion of the Trotter family at Hudson Park near Rainier over the week-end. There were over 75 in attendance. The Rash's granddaughters, Valerie and Denise Rash of Portland, returned home with them to visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Willett and daughter of Corvallis visited friends here Monday.

Alan Moore is here for a month's leave from his duties on the Aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk after six months duty in Vietnam.

Mrs. Frank Marlow spent the week-end in Pendleton visiting her brother-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smith, and Mrs. Clarence Thomas, and her brother, Harold Hartle.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Taylor and family of Portland were week-end visitors at the home of Taylor's father, Algy Taylor.

Elys Attend Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and grandchildren Renee, Ricky and Rena Ely, all went to Lebanon to attend the reunion of the Chandler family at Cascadia Park near Lebanon Sunday.

They will remain there this week to visit Mrs. Ely's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Chandler, her brother-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bowman, and Mrs. Harold Dotson. The latter is in the hospital there. They also will visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marc McGowan, at Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shoemaker of Portland visited at the home of Shoemaker's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Shoemaker, last week on their way to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Zoe Billings has returned home from a three and a half week's vacation trip to California. She visited for two weeks at the home of her daughter, Marlene Sullivan, at San Jose, Calif., then visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Parker at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Donovan and children Jerry, Jack and Carol Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates spent last week at Lincoln Beach near Lincoln City in company with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Russell and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Hutson and son Phil of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Rute Steinke of Olex, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beeks of Arlington, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West, Sr. of Woodburn.

Cheryl Corley of Eugene and Betty Lou Adams of Elgin visited last week at the home of Cheryl's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Seehafer. Visiting

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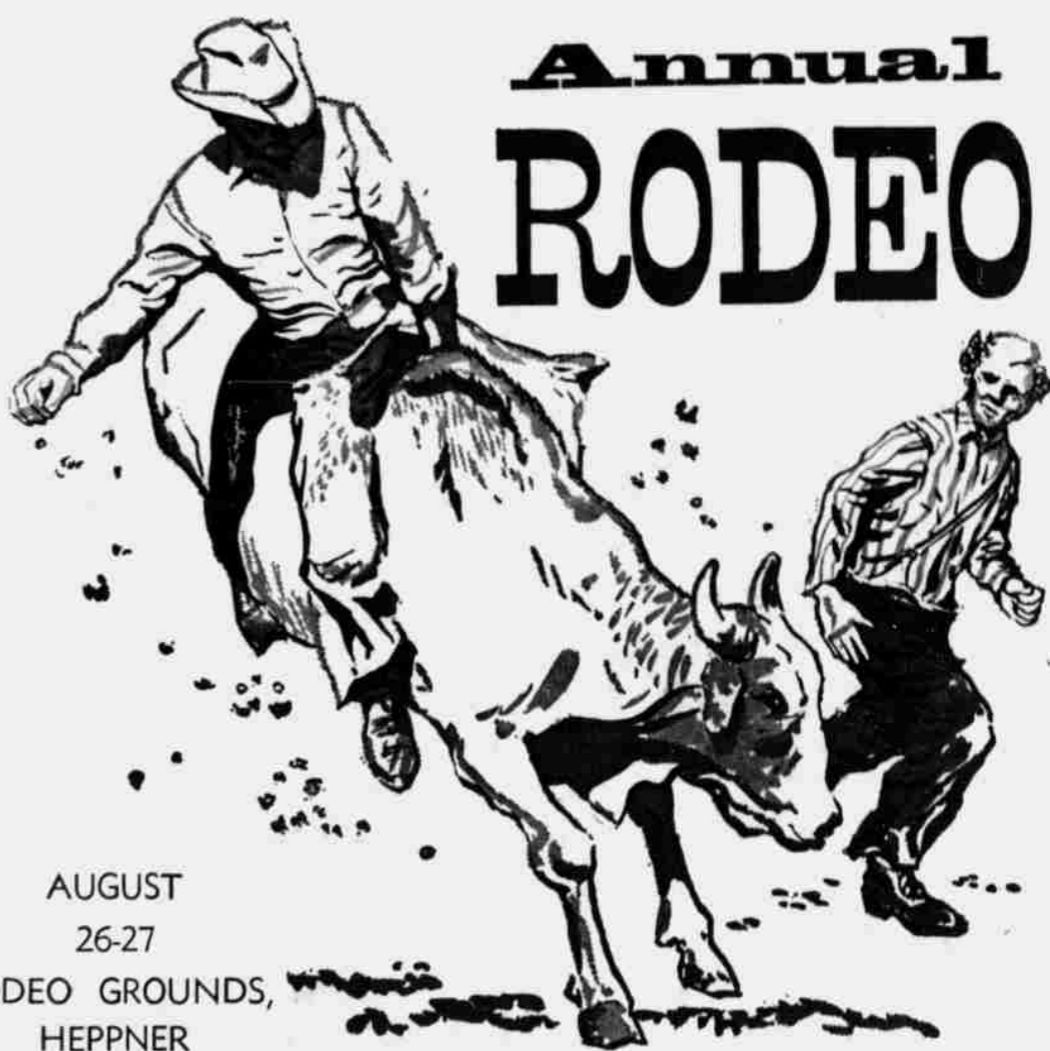
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