

FARM

State Agriculture Department Reviews 1967 Highlights

Consumers, producers of agricultural commodities and industries related to agriculture—all figured in highlight activities of the State Department of Agriculture in 1967.

A new director, Walter Leth, came to the department in mid-January. He resigned as state senator and a field representative for Blue Lake Packers to take the position. And, as a result of the organization he inherited it has been possible for him to fulfill many speaking engagements and visit various parts of the state for meetings with agricultural and related groups and department employees. These contacts reached their peak in November, with several speaking engagements and 20 other meetings.

Swift movement on the part of the department and excellent cooperation from other agencies offered protection to segments of agriculture and citizenry in disease outbreaks. When psoroptic scab was found in Washington recently within hours emergency restrictions had been placed on entry of Washington cattle to prevent spread to Oregon cattle. Earlier in the year the spread of rabies was prevented by quarantine on Hayden Island area when a rabid dog was found there.

Control of another disease resulted in Oregon's becoming the nation's eighth "hog cholera free" state in August.

Providing an added reference source to the veterinary division was establishment of the Derflinger Memorial Library, based on 54 volumes donated by Dr. Earl R. Derflinger, Salem, retired department veterinarian.

Far reaching in its benefits is the weights and measures laboratory dedicated in late 1967, with modern weight, length and capacity standards valued at \$80,000 presented by the National Bureau of Standards.

Court decisions figured in department activities. The U. S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Oregon Milk Pool-Price Regulation, which meant some 1,500 Oregon milk producers shared in several hundred thousand dollars owed them by two handlers. The Supreme Court in another decision ruled the 1965 imported meat label law unconstitutional. Still in a federal court in Oregon is a suit brought by several eastern and Canadian firms questioning constitutionality of the state's 1967 Halibut Labeling Act.

Some major changes resulted from numerous hearings on regulations, mostly based on 1967 laws.

Milk quota allocation regulations for the producers were amended to eliminate the need for dairymen to produce surplus milk in excess of the market to maintain their quota.

Standards were set for sanitation of food processing plants and for retorts and pressure cookers used in processing. Freeze brands became legal for Oregon livestock.

Consumers benefited from the new requirement that packaged parts of fryers must list all parts of chickens included in the package.

The age for vaccination of calves for brucellosis was reduced to three to eight months, this being to prevent vaccinated animals from showing up as reactors or suspects when tested later for brucellosis.

Commodity commissions that go the election route for commissioners gained authority to fill an unexpected vacancy. Charles Fuller, Eugene, Oregon Fryer Commission became the first commissioner to be selected by commission members.

Action taken by the 1967 legislature assured Oregon consumers that they could not eat uninspected red meat unless they owned it prior to the ani-

mal's slaughter and in an amendment to another law administered by the department the legislature placed termite control operators under the pesticide applicators' law.

Something new was the commodity commissions' foreign marketing workshop arranged by the agricultural development division in cooperation with Oregon State University to give information on markets that are open and how to develop them.

In a referendum conducted by the department Oregon's 15th commodity commission, the Oregon Strawberry Commission, was established. James Heater, Sublimity, was elected its first chairman. Bluegrass growers rejected a commission.

Fifty years of grain inspection were marked during the year by the department and the grain division set a monthly and yearly export record. The monthly high was in September when 372,637 tons were inspected for export. By the end of November 3,027,715 tons of grain had been moved for export. This was more than total inspection figures for any previous year.

Plant disease problem faced by the department during 1967 was a heavy infestation of pine shoot moth in Umatilla County in the Hermiston, McNary and McNary Dam site areas. Because of the isolation of this area it is to be established as a control area for containment of the insect and for a research project. Cooperating on the research project will be the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, the insect disease control branch of the U. S. Forest Service, State Forestry Department, Oregon State University and the department.

Cattlemen Report Fine Response On Coverage Plan

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association reports membership participation in the new group workmen's compensation insurance coverage plan announced recently, has been excellent.

Donald Ostensoe, Executive Vice-President, reminded cattlemen this week that the Oregon workmen's compensation law now requires coverage for employers with yearly payroll of \$1,500 or more.

Ostensoe said the effective date of the farm coverage law provision is January 1, 1968. "I suggest that anyone who has not secured coverage to do so immediately," said Ostensoe. "The law says ranch employers without coverage are subject to the claims of their injured workers, plus financial penalties."

"We are concerned that someone may wait too long and then find himself in the last minute rush for coverage—possibly entering the year without coverage," Ostensoe emphasized.

The Cattlemen's Association President, Denny Jones, said the cattlemen can reduce their workmen's compensation insurance costs substantially through the group plan, which is with the State Compensation Department.

Jones advised both Cattlemen's Association members and non-members to obtain information from any State Compensation Department office in the state, or the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Box 176, Prineville, 97754.

To be eligible for the plan, a cattlemen must be a member of the association. He then enjoys his own premium discount and experience rating, while sharing in the larger dividend potential of the group, Jones pointed out.

4-H Club Leaders Ponder Purchase Of Center Site

A 720-acre site which has been offered to the Oregon 4-H Foundation for \$275,000 will be discussed by 4-H leaders from across the state at the 38th annual 4-H leaders conference at Oregon State University January 17, 18 and 19.

Marion Weatherford, president of the foundation, will discuss the advisability of purchasing the land, which has been proposed as a 4-H education center.

The Oregon 4-H Foundation—a non-profit organization founded 10 years ago to support the Oregon 4-H education program—has until March 6 to exercise its option on the site.

The decision will be made by 4-H leaders statewide following meetings in counties throughout the state.

The 4-H education center would be a large undertaking, it was noted. The Foundation sees it as a statewide activity center—one to be used for such things as 4-H encampments, career exploration workshops, leadership training and other programs. The Foundation envisions it as being patterned after centers already established in West Virginia, Georgia, Nebraska and Kansas.

The state's 35,000 4-H'ers and 3,500 club leaders are being asked to finance it through a "pay-as-you-go" plan.

The Foundation looked at property for eight years before deciding on the 720-acre site. Ivan Stewart, a retired seed dealer, owns the property in the eastern Polk county hills, and has developed it as a hobby, planting 300,000 trees there.

The state 4-H advisory and executive council has approved the foundation's choice site as well as its plan for financing the purchase. Briefly, the plan calls for 4-H club leaders and members to raise the equivalent of \$1 per member for 11 years.

"The board of trustees will not arrive at any final decision until March 5," said Burton S. Hutton, state 4-H leader. "In the meantime, the counties will discuss the possibilities."

The 4-H leaders attending the conference will have a chance to view the site at an open house to be held January 17 from noon to 3 p.m. at the proposed education center.

Other topics to be discussed at the leader's conference will be "4-H Work with the Mentally Retarded," "Expanding 4-H with Junior Leaders," and "The Community 4-H Chairman."

Also on the agenda will be presentations to collegiate and honorary members, and presentation of 4-H Meritorious Service awards.

Farm Bureau Notes SMV Emblem Need

All farm equipment designed to travel at speeds of 25 miles an hour or less on hard-surfaced roads under state highway department jurisdiction must display slow-moving vehicle emblems on the rear of the vehicle as of January 1.

The Oregon Farm Bureau women's committee, which is promoting the need for the emblems and calling the attention of the non-farm public to their purpose, notes that the emblems are triangular in shape and are fluorescent orange for easy visibility in daylight. By night the reflective red border makes the emblem easy to see.

The emblem does not replace any other lights on the equipment and is carried on the rear of the vehicle only. The emblems have been available for about four years and were made mandatory by legislation this year.

Mrs. Wayne McGowan, Pilot Rock, health and safety chairman for the Oregon Farm Bureau women's committee, said the emblems are an advantage to both the person operating the slow-moving vehicle and the driver traveling at a normal speed. She said that the emblems are available at most implement stores, farm cooperatives and from a number of Future Farmers of America chapters around the state.

Weed Meeting Set To Discuss Products

All farmers and others interested are invited to a weed meeting to be held Tuesday, January 9, at 2 p.m. in the Legion Hall at Ione, Paul Pettyjohn announces.

The meeting is under sponsorship of the Paul Pettyjohn Company in association with the Chipman Chemical Co. A representative of the Chipman Company will be present to show slides, discuss weed control and answer questions.

Particular attention will be given to the new products, Buctril and Bronate, Pettyjohn said. The meeting will be short and is designed to present worthwhile information to aid in weed control, he added.



OREGON FARM CALENDAR

*Indicates New Dates

- JANUARY**
 4-5 Oregon Essential Oil Growers League Annual Meeting, Withycombe Hall, OSU campus.
 *8 Douglas County Purebred Bull Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg, 7 p.m.
 17-19 State 4-H Club Leaders Conference, OSU campus.
 *24 Agri-Business Council Annual Meeting, Hilton Hotel, Portland.
 25 Oregon Ryegrass Growers Association, Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany.
 25-27 Oregon Dairymen's Association Meeting in Gearhart.
- FEBRUARY**
 *1 Rural Urban Conference, Home Ec Auditorium, OSU 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Title: "Willamette Valley—What Our Manpower Needs," Luncheon in the Home Ec Auditorium.
 5-7 Ornamental Short Course, OSU Campus.
 *4-6 4-H Know Your Government Conference, Salem.
- MARCH**
 *26 Annual Livestock Field Day, 10 a.m., Burns and Section 5 Unit of the Experiment Station.
- DECEMBER**
 *5-6 Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon Annual Meeting, Marion Motor Hotel, Salem.

1967 Ag Income Tops \$500 Million

Is agriculture weaker today than it was several years ago? That was the question asked by Agri-Business Council in its recent public opinion survey. Surprisingly, 34 percent of the Oregon population answered "yes."

Nothing could be further from the truth. In 1967, gross income from Oregon's agricultural products totaled over \$500 million, again making it the state's second largest industry. This represents an increase of almost \$100 million since 1960.

Agri-Business Council estimates that in 1967 farmers spent \$50 million for hired labor, while their total farm investment climbed over the \$2.8 billion mark. There is no segment of the state's economy that spends as much of its income locally as does agriculture.

In addition, agriculture continues to provide more jobs for Oregon's citizens than any other resource. Four out of every ten employed people in Oregon owe their jobs either to the direct or indirect effect of agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chapin returned Tuesday from a holiday trip which took them to the Portland and Camas, Wash., areas. During their stay, they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Slyter and family in Camas.

OSU Man Wins Conservation Leader Award

Andrew S. Landforce, extension wildlife specialist for the Oregon State University Extension Service, has been named Oregon "Conservation Educator of the Year."

The state award is given every two years. It is presented by the Oregon Wildlife Federation, in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation and Sears-Roebuck Foundation, "for outstanding contributions to the wise use and management of natural resources."

Governor Tom McCall presented the award to Landforce. Landforce is known through Oregon, it was noted in the citation, for his leadership in various aspects of wildlife management and resource use.

He created four 4-H club wildlife conservation projects, including the 4-H fisherman project, wild birds and animal project, gun safety, and 4-H archery. About 1,500 young Oregonians are enrolled in these projects at present.

Bulletins by Landforce on "Boning Out Your Deer," "Game Foods" and "Treats with Venison" have proved tremendously popular and useful, the citation pointed out. More than 15,000 copies of "Boning Out Your Deer" were distributed in a five-week period this fall, and hundreds of requests had to go unfilled because the publication supply was exhausted.

Landforce has been a leader

Pam McCabe, student at EOCE in La Grande, spent Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McCabe.

also in the development of some 2,000 acres of farm fish ponds throughout Oregon. He is currently a vice president of the Oregon Izak Walton League; represents wildlife interests on numerous state and regional committees; and makes scores of talks each year across Oregon in the interests of wildlife conservation and wise use of natural resources.

Landforce was student body president at Oregon State University the year he graduated, 1942. After World War II service, he became county extension agent in Willowa County. He was appointed wildlife management specialist in 1953.

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