

Trio Home From Big Farm Meet

Jack Sumner, Don McElligott and Don Peterson were back home the first of the week from the National Farmers Organization annual convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

These farmers are all smiles and full of enthusiasm. Jack tells us everyone is still somewhat mystified at the new farm bill but they hope the various points will be clarified soon.

Jack stopped en route home at Denver where he was met by Dallas Ward, a former resident of Lexington. Mr. Ward is a professor at the University of Boulder. Jack visited them there. Mr. Ward still has property in the Hardman area. He said he planned to come to Montana and bring his father back to Morrow County for a visit in the spring. He wished his friends in the county a cordial Hello.

Don McElligott and Don Peterson took a tour Saturday while in Kentucky. They enjoyed visits to tobacco farms, brought home a sheaf of tobacco leaves.

The theme of the convention was "NFO, The Farmers' Only Hope".

National President Oren Lee Staley brought the 12,500 delegates to standing ovation 16 times as he outlined the plans ahead for the organization in his State of Affairs message.

"After January 1, the NFO will initiate a Commodity Lift in red meat, grain and specialty commodities," Staley told the delegates attending from all 48 states.

Under the lift plan, huge blocks of farm production will be lifted out of selected areas where the price pinch is great and transported for sale in other areas "to create vacuums to start stair stepping prices".

In addition Staley said vertical integration and packer feeding must be stopped and NFO will cause to have introduced in Congress a bill that will define agriculture, the food industry and the processing industry. "We will seek federal anti-trust laws which prohibit sizable companies from becoming involved in more than one sector of the food industry". Similar legislation will be

sought in most state legislatures.

The NFO president said the NFO will use every economic, legislative and legal weapon at its command to claim justice at the market place for farmers and ranchers. "If it is necessary to have a holding action, the NFO will honor existing contracts—but a holding action will be called".

He said the NFO collective bargaining program has been accepted widely enough by processors that the NFO has the capability to, step by step, move every head of livestock, every bushel of grain and every pound of milk produced in the nation, as well as several other commodities, through the NFO collective bargaining program.

"Farmers defeat themselves by selling their production as individuals. But farmers blocking their production together and then bargaining together and selling together through NFO collective bargaining program, build prices together".

The NFO during January will contact every farmer and rancher who is not a member of the NFO and "ask him to join the NFO for the purpose of waging the battle for justice at the market place."

Delegates heard conclusive progress reports from various national commodity department heads, in addition to future plans of the departments.

"The NFO has the scope, the experience and the blueprints for successful collective bargaining for agriculture. All farmers and ranchers have to do is use this program," Staley commented.

The convention featured an outstanding array of speakers, including Erhard Pfingsten, national NFO vice-president; U. S. Senators Harold Hughes, D-Ia. and Marlow Cook, R-Ky.

During the annual election of officers, Staley was returned as national NFO president; and Pfingsten as national NFO vice-president, both by acclamation.

Another student, Scott Wilson got home from EOC and then left with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wilson of Ione, Greg and Sherry to go to Nebraska for the holidays.



THE GIANT LOCUST probably 80 years old plus "hit the dust" during last Tuesday's wind gusts. (G-T Photo).

Wind Gust Downs Locust Tree

Last Tuesday's wind through the area downed a big locust in Adelle La Trace's yard. The tree about 2 1/2 feet through at the base crashed across her storage shed and the fringe branches hit on the house next door. Mr. and Mrs. John Hopper had gone up after the mail and weren't there when the tree went down. Mrs. La Trace said it made a crashing sound worse than a close lightning hit.

The house was built in 1884 by Ora Yeager's father. Ora now lives in Castle Rock and is in his 80's. It is believed the tree was probably planted about that time. Last year a locust was cut down and they were able to count 78 rings.

Jerry Healy To Washington, D.C.

Jerry Healy, student at the University of Oregon was home a few days and then went to Washington, D. C. to spend Christmas with his sister, Jane Marie Healy. She has been employed by the FBI since September and couldn't be home for the holidays.

Amazing thing about the Healis is that their names all begin with a J and that isn't all their middle names begin with an M. No wonder Gwen (Mrs. Healy) feels like an "orphan" sometimes! All the other Healis, Jack and Gwen, Jim, John and Judy will be going to Ione to have Christmas dinner with the grandmother, Mrs. Ida Coleman.

A special guest will be Mrs. Elmer Brown visiting here from Minnesota.

Mike Hedman is home for the holidays with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman. He is a freshman at EOC. One of his Christmas presents was to report for his physical on Dec. 28, his 19th birthday.

In the same mail Steve received papers to fill out for his draft number. Coming to spend the holidays with the Hedmans is "Aunt Helme", who is Mrs. Helme Sorg and son Mark of Los Angeles. She is Mr. Hedman's sister.

While driving around to see Heppner's interesting Christmas lighting this year you'll enjoy seeing what the Glen Wards did in an unusual mechanical way at their place on South Chase Street.

The two Murrys, Mark and Matt are home from Oregon State. Mark is soon to graduate in Pharmacy. Their sister, Merilee who is now Mrs. Dean Trotter is also at Oregon State studying Pharmacy. The Trotters will not be coming up for Christmas.

Matt says "There's too many pharmacists in our family" and he is studying pre-vet.

While Blue Mountain Community College students are more often seen about town, they are all home to enjoy the holidays with home folks and former classmates. These students include Mark Pointer, Monte Evans, Jeannine Hunt, Mary Kay Hughes, Cindy Harsin, Steve Sather, Rob Abrams and Tom Cleveland.

HARSHMANS TO ALASKA

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman are leaving Thursday to drive to Portland where their daughter, Teresa, will join them to drive on to Seattle. They will take the plane from there for Ketchikan to spend the holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Harshman.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients who have received medical care at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and have been dismissed were Louis Carlson, Ione; Phyllis Miller, Heppner, and Kathryn Ware, Heppner.

La Una Crowell, Ione, is still a patient.

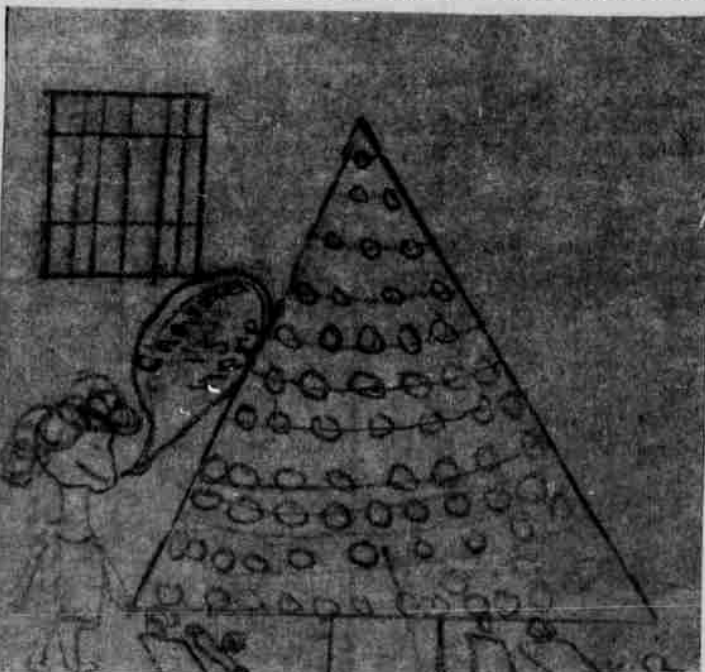
John Harris is another student home for the holidays from Eastern Oregon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Harris. Another son Bob, works on the Baker Democrat Herald. They don't know for sure whether he'll be home to have Christmas dinner with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Harris here in Heppner.

Candlelight Service

There will be candlelight services on Christmas Eve at both Valby Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church. Valby services will be at 6 p.m. and Hope at 8 p.m.



JERRY'S BARBER SHOP



KEN GRIEB, 5th GRADE

VanWINKLE'S MOTEL

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Mrs. Mark Murray is also up for the holidays with Christmas dinner at the Rod Murrys.

There's hustle and bustle at the Gar Swanson home in Ione in readiness for the arrival of their three sons and daughters. Jim Swanson, sophomore at Oregon State arrived last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swanson, Toni and Kellie Marie were expected Wednesday from Auburn, Wn., along with Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Cheryl, Lori and Missy of Heppner will be there for Christmas Day. They expect Mr. and Mrs. John Swanson, Kristen, and Kendall down from Canada. They will drive from Edmonton to Calgary and then fly to Seattle to Pasco. They will arrive there in time to have Christmas with her folks and then be down here with the Swansons the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Meyer, Lisa and Mark of Ione went to Seattle to visit her folks during the holidays.



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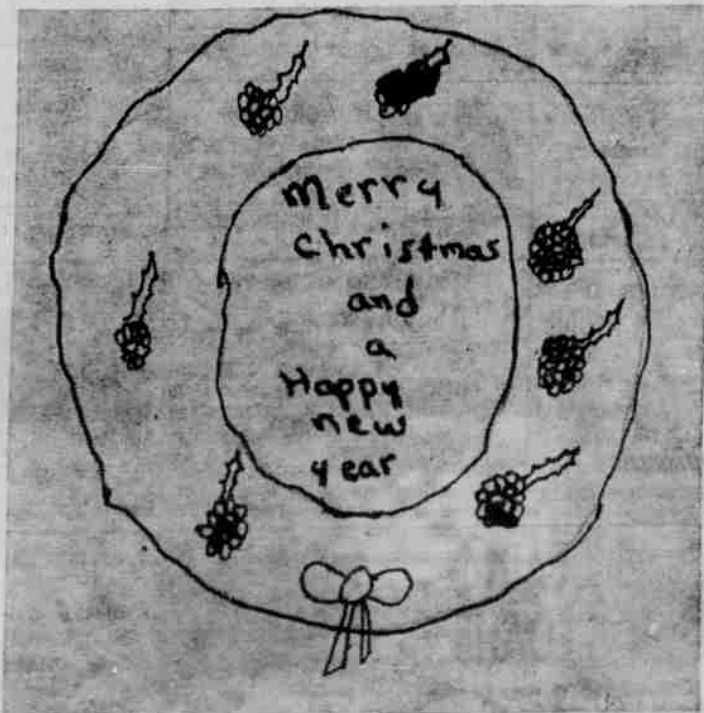


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