

LOW WATER BRIDGE — This bridge, built by LeRoy and Leon Offenbacher, Applegate, was designed to minimize damage from debris carried by the stream during high water periods. It was built four feet above normal water stage. During high water, debris (usually carried near the water surface) will go over the bridge rather than against its supports. The bridge has three 37-foot spans and stands on six 18-inch stringers with cement abutments on each side. It is 111 feet long and 12 feet wide. Downstream end is four inches higher than the upstream end. This will cause downstream flow of

water to exert downward pressure on the bridge, preventing buoyancy of debris or force of the stream current from tearing out beams. At the request of the Offenbachers, Bill Bausilion, Los Angeles engineer, designed the bridge. It took one month to complete the project. Construction cost was \$2,400. According to the Offenbachers, cost of a less durable type high water bridge would be about \$8,000. They expect to replace the wood surface in about 10 years. The foundation is expected to last considerably longer.

Farm Bureau Tops Membership Goal

The Jackson County Farm Bureau has exceeded the 227 member goal established in the organization's recent membership campaign, and new members are still coming in, officials said this week.

"This is the most successful membership drive we have ever had," officials of the organization said. "The Farm Bureau is now concentrating on the year's program. Primary issue of the program is economy in county government, with special emphasis on determining how efficiently the tax dollar is being spent. The Farm Bureau has taken the stand that no more taxes are needed, but more efficient management is needed."

"The combination of low farm prices, high production costs and crushing property taxes has put a large portion of our farmers with their backs to the wall," officials of the organization said. "We must broaden our tax base for the support of education. As a means of doing this, the Jackson County Farm Bureau supports the adoption of a retail sales tax, providing a major portion of the funds to be used for education and a corresponding property tax offset."

Seed Sampling Fee Boosted By State

Salem — A new schedule of fees, with some increases in charges over those adopted in August, 1954, is now in force for seed sampling and inspection services performed by the state, according to the state department of agriculture.

Minimum car sampling costs were raised from \$6 to \$7.20 and the overtime hourly rate was increased from \$3 to \$3.60 per hour. Charges for supervision of fumigation and fumigation certification were also upped to \$7.20.

Costs of inspection and sampling necessitated the revisions, it was explained. The new order is in line with other hourly charges for similar inspection activity. Other revisions are contained in the complete schedule, a copy of which may be obtained from the state department of agriculture, Salem.

Local Men Attending Portland Meetings

Several local pear industry representatives planned to attend meetings in Portland today and tomorrow.

Attending a meeting of the board of trustees of the Winter Pear Control committee will be Dave Lowry, growers representative from the Medford district, and Joe Naumes, handlers representative. Also attending will be Howell Murphy. The meeting is being held today.

Naumes and Murphy also will attend a board meeting of the Oregon-Washington - California Pear Bureau on behalf of the Medford district. The merchandising program of the bureau for promotion of D'Anjou crop pears will be discussed.

Safeway to Sponsor 4-H Club Programs

Safeway Stores, Inc., has announced it will continue to sponsor three phases of the Oregon 4-H club program in 1957.

The agricultural enterprise is a Livestock Breeding program in which the state winner receives a \$100 college scholarship. Each county winner receives a \$25 summer school scholarship to the annual 4-H club summer school in Corvallis.

The two home economics programs sponsored again in 1957 are the awards for the Dollar Dinner competition at the Oregon state fair and the food preparation or food preservation demonstration program in the counties and also at the state fair.

ADOPTION
Newton, Mass. — (U.P.) — Dr. and Mrs. William J. Egan, who have 11 children of their own, have "adopted" a Hungarian refugee family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Nador Mangyk and their five children.

GROWTH
Gold Beach, Ore. — (U.P.) — A state census count shows this town to be the fastest growing community in Oregon. Since 1950 the population has jumped 143 per cent.

Stockmen Favor Three Per Cent State Sales Tax

The Jackson County Stockmen's association, at their 10th annual meeting Monday, passed a resolution approving a 3 per cent Oregon sales tax to offset property taxes in the state.

The group recommended that schools and relief receive benefit from the proposed sales tax.

90 Attend Meeting
About 90 people attended the all-day meeting, which was held in the Central Point grange hall. Women of the grange served a luncheon at noon.

Speakers during the day included Ted Hyde, Bly, vice president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association; Herb Pollock, field representative of the First National Bank of Portland; and M. E. Knickerbocker, animal husbandry specialist for the state department of agriculture.

Features Reviewed
Hyde reviewed features of the association program and reported on a national association meeting which he recently attended.

Pollock, speaking on marketing of cattle, emphasized the importance of feeding, conditioning and sorting of cattle before they are taken to market. He said animals should be dehorned at an early age before they are sent to market and should be separated into groups on the farm.

Knickerbocker reviewed the tuberculosis and brucellosis testing program now under way in the state.

Fertilizer Sales At All-Time High

Salem — Oregon farmers used more fertilizers in 1956 than in any year in which inspection fee reports, showing sales, have been made to the state, according to the state department of agriculture. Sale reports made to the state department of agriculture show 183,018 tons, or 45,600 tons more than in 1955, the previous high year. Lime sales reported for 1956 were second highest, or 53,774 compared with 54,043 tons in 1952.

The inspection fee reports also show record usage of agricultural minerals, with 28,889 tons sold. This is 1,672 tons more than in 1955, the prior record year. Agricultural minerals include such products as soil sulphur, gypsum, boron, ground rock phosphate and metallic salts, the department reported.

NO SEAT
Owingsville, Ky. — (U.P.) — A Davenport, Ky., man had to borrow a pair of pants from his jailer to appear in court here to answer a drunken driving charge after his car struck a police cruiser. The collision threw the man from his car, and he skidded along the pavement in a sitting position.

Farm and Garden Interstate Movement of Cattle Now Under Federal Control

Interstate movement of all cattle steers, spayed heifers and calves under eight months old came under USDA control Jan. 1, Earle Jossy, county agriculture agent, reminded cattlemen today.

All previous regulations applying to reactors to the brucellosis test are still in effect, Jossy noted. Reactor cattle which are cartaged and branded may move under official certificate to slaughter at a plant under federal inspection or one spec-

ifically approved by USDA, or to an approved public stockyard for sale to such a slaughtering plant. Under the new regulation, untested cattle also can be shipped to such plants for immediate slaughter. They require a weigh bill or similar document signed by the owner or shipper describing the animals shipped.

Reactor Cattle
Two classes of cattle can move into any state with comparative ease, Jossy said. Cattle from brucellosis-free herds and areas need only an official certificate. Officially vaccinated animals under 30 months old can move with only an official certificate, except those moved into a modified-certified brucellosis-free area. These must have, in addition, a permit from the livestock sanitary official of the state of destination authorizing entry, the county agent stated.

Quarantine Needed
Animals which are officially vaccinated but are over 30 months old can be shipped to non-certified areas under an official certificate and a permit from the state of destination if they have been blood tested within 30 days of shipment and have reacted no higher than incomplete agglutination at the 1:100 dilution. If they are moved into a modified-certified brucellosis-free area, they must be quarantined until they test negative or they must be slaughtered, Jossy explained.

Unvaccinated animals over eight months old can officially be moved under official certificate if they have tested negative within 30 days of shipment. The exception again, Jossy said, are those going into modified-certified brucellosis-free areas. These must also have a permit from the state of destination and are then quarantined and tested again after 30 days.

Must be Slaughtered
Any animals which test positive after 30 days must be slaughtered, he stated. Animals from a federal-state supervised herd that has tested reactor free within 90 days before shipment can be shipped anywhere under official certificate. Each animal from such a herd, however, must be tested brucellosis-free at least 30 days after the herd test but within 30 days of shipment of the animal.

Beef bulls and females shipped for feeding or grazing only can move under official certificate and permit from the state of destination.

Further details or copies of the regulation can be obtained from the state and federal livestock sanitary officials or by writing to the Animal Disease Eradication branch, Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.

Central Point Men Top Cheese Makers
Central Point was represented twice among winners in cheese making competition at the Oregon Dairy Industries 46th annual conference this week at Oregon State college.

Milton Gordon, representing the Borden company, placed second and James LaVia, representing the Rogue River Valley creamery, placed fourth in the cottage cheese making contest. Winners in this contest were announced on Monday, opening day of the conference. The conference was to end Wednesday night.

An average farm in Nebraska has about 1,000 acres.

Handling, Marketing Short Course to Be Held Here Next Week

Better handling and marketing of the Pacific Northwest's \$25 million annual pear crop will be discussed Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 20 and 21, at a two-day short course at the Jackson county court house auditorium.

About 100 handlers of pears from growers through retailers will hear research reports and pool experiences on ways to get pears to market in top condition, according to S. B. Apple, Oregon State college horticulture department head and chairman of the eighth annual northwest perishable loss prevention short course.

Hosts Meeting
The course is sponsored by Oregon State college, Washington State college, University of Idaho, and the American Railway Development association. Oregon hosts the meeting every third year.

Main features of the two-day course include reports on storing and transporting pears and an afternoon tour of pear packing houses and storage plants in the Medford area.

Possibilities of maintaining high fruit quality while lengthening storage life through controlled ratios of oxygen and carbon-dioxide in storage plants will be reviewed by Henry Hartman, OSC professor emeritus of horticulture.

Pear storage tests with polyethylene bags at Hood River and Medford will be reported by W. M. Mellett, superintendent of the OSC Mid-Columbia branch experiment station at Hood River, and Elmer Hanson, OSC horticulturist.

Findings of Group To Be Reported Soon

Corvallis — What kind of government program can solve problems facing the wheat industry today?

That's the question put to a 20-man Oregon committee last April and for nearly a year committee members have been struggling through mountains of red tape and wheat surpluses in search of an answer.

Findings and recommendations of the committee on government programs will be presented at the Oregon Wheat Industry conference, Feb. 19 and 20 in Portland. Seventeen other committees have studied other segments of the wheat industry and will also report at the conference.

Slaughter Plant Survey Completed

Salem — About 20 per cent of the Oregon poultry and rabbit slaughtering plants ship their products out of the state, according to a survey by the state department of agriculture.

Plants range in size from one-man operations to those employing more than 100 persons. The monthly slaughter at poultry plants runs from 150 birds to around 6,000 birds, officials said.

The survey was made in 49 processing plants, roughly about 80 per cent of those operating in Oregon at this time.

The survey shows about one-seventh of the rabbit and poultry plants do a complete custom kill business. Almost one-third of the plants surveyed devote half or more of their operations to custom kill. Also, one-third of the plants operate five or more days a week. Sanitation conditions in plants were also included in the study.

NO COOPERATION
Sioux Falls, S. D. — (U.P.) — The traffic department finished painting crosswalk and lane stripes on Phillips and Main Avenues in the business district. The next day, the street department applied a fresh coat of asphalt and gravel as a seal coat for winter.

Medford Dairies Among Winners in Contest

Corvallis — Two Medford men were among winners this week in the Oregon Dairy Industries annual dairy products contest for ice cream divisions.

David Kurtz, entering samples of ice cream from the Snider Dairy Products company placed second in the strawberry division. Herman L. Duncan, entering ice cream from Jorgensen's Dairy, was third in the vanilla division.

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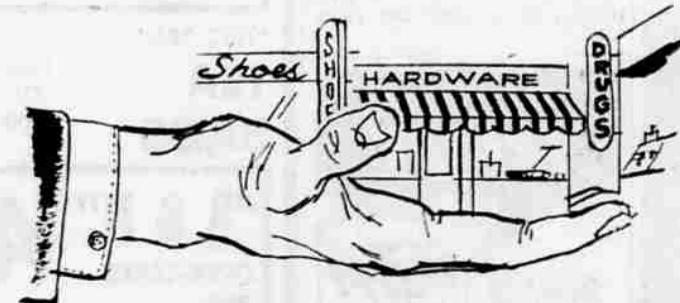
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