



MILE OF PORK CHOPS—A large share of the population at Hoover's Pigaro is shown above dining on supplementary pellets served on a cement pavement "table." C. C. Hoover and his sons, Claude and Bud, have about 600 pigs and expect to have 1,000 within a

few days. They are conducting an experiment to determine whether or not pigs can be profitably raised on dried pears, supplementary pellets and pasture grass. Hoover's Pigaro is located at the old Camp White site.

Local Farmers Conducting Experiment in Pig Raising

"Operation Pork Chops" might be an appropriate title for an experiment being conducted by C. C. Hoover and his two sons on a site near Antelope rd.

The experiment is to determine whether or not pigs can be profitably raised in this area on dried cull pears, pasture grass and pellet supplement.

'Hoovers' Pigaro

Hoover and his sons, Bud and Claude, have been raising pigs on the old Camp White site east of the Crater Lake highway for the past four months. They call the place "Hoovers' Pigaro." (And for goodness sake, don't call it a "pig ranch" if C. C. Hoover is within hearing range.)

They now have about 600 pigs and expect to have 1,000 within a few days. They have sold 100 head since the experiment started, and Hoover is confident that pig raising will become a major livestock enterprise here in the relatively near future.

He pointed out that Jackson county farmers have never raised as much pork as is consumed here and large amounts must be shipped in from the mid-west. Pigs with lean bacon and tender chops are more in demand than those with excess lard.

Dried Pears

It has been theorized that dried cull pears, pasture grass and supplementary pellets will produce true, Jackson county pig raisers would appear to be in a favorable position. After all, where are pears more plentiful than in the Rogue River valley?

Cull pears can be obtained here at low cost. Conditions in southern Oregon are also favorable for pasture growth. The largest expense would be purchase of the pellets. But pellets represent only a small part of the overall feed consumption.

Balance Diet

Pellets are intended to balance the pig's diet and compounds are changed as the remainder of the diet changes. Hoovers' pigs have been using pellets containing ground barley, alfalfa, molasses and aureomycin. This week, the pigs started feeding on pasture grass, which will necessitate a change in the pellet compound.

The pigs each eat two pounds of pellets daily and all the dried pears they want.

Hoovers' Pigaro is a unique set-up and is especially well adapted to sanitary raising of pigs. In fact, pigs there are cleaner than many domestic animals. The Hoovers have seven miles of pavement, installed when Camp White was an active military post, running lake water and pens built over abandoned cement building foundations.

Clean Pavement

The pigs are fed on the clean pavement. Sawdust is acquired from the mills and spread in pens for beds. Hoover emphasized that pigs should not be kept in tight pens. At Hoovers' Pigaro, boards are placed against the cement installations, forming triangular sleeping quarters. Both ends of the pens are open to allow free circulation of air. The pigs also receive expert medical attention and are checked each week by a veterinarian.

The experiment at Hoovers' Pigaro is being observed with

Extension Officials Due in County Today

Three extension service officials from Oregon State college were to be in Jackson county today to inspect local farm and animal conditions.

Dean W. Frischknecht, extension animal husbandry specialist, and Harry Lindgren, professor emeritus in animal husbandry, were to check on the condition of hogs being raised on an experimental basis by C. C. Hoover and Sons.

M. G. Huber, extension specialist in agricultural engineering, was to observe silo installations and farm buildings in the county. Accompanying them on their tours will be Earle Jossy, county agriculture agent.



DRIED PEARS—C. C. Hoover is shown above lifting a load of dried pears from a storage pile at Hoover's Pigaro. The pears were purchased as culls from local fruit packing companies, dried on pavement and are fed to the pigs. The pigs are allowed to eat as many pears as they want. They also eat pasture grass and two pounds of supplementary pellets a day.

EAST EVANS CREEK-MEADOWS Large Rattlesnake Killed

BY NELLIE BERGMAN
East Evans Creek—Muri Mitchell kill a large rattlesnake on the Emery Stinging ranch. The snake had 11 rattles.

Paul Mattison and his father of Canby, who has been here on a visit, went to Fish Lake Saturday and spent the day fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop visited the Ralph Pitts at Wimer Sunday. The Pitts formerly lived in the meadows, they also visited Pitts parents, who are looking for a home in this area.

The Byron Peffley family of the star Ranger Station on the Applegate were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Peffley parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mattison.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergman visited Mr. and Mrs. Meier last week.

Guy Bishop Jr. and family have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Sr. for awhile also Mrs. Bishop's parents, the Ben Dausons.

Bishop Jr. recently accepted a job as assistant Entomologist at

the Aberdeen branch Experiment Station Aberdeen, Idaho, where he will be working on potato virus diseases. He recently completed work for his doctor's degree.

Mutt Holtsclow has returned home from Portland where he spent some time with his family.

Miss Gloria Jean Holms has returned to her home in Los Angeles, Calif., after a two-week vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Paul Mattison and family.

Miss Carolyn Mattison has returned to school after having 3-day measles.

Mrs. Bergman spent Sat. at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James R. W. Gregg, of Central Point.

Tom Thomason of the Meadows left last week for his job with the U.S. forest service for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergman visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moore of Medford last week.

At the Grange

Upper Applegate Grange

An account of their three-month tour of Europe was presented to members and friends of Upper Applegate Grange by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Haskins of Medford, charter members, at a social meeting in Ruch school last Friday night, with Mrs. Haskins as narrator while her husband showed a part of the collection of slides he took on their trip.

The travelers, who left Medford last June 23, drove to Illinois for a visit with relatives before continuing their journey by train to New York. There they toured the city, spent one day at United Nations headquarters, and Southampton on the Queen Mary.

Something of the thrill and color of sailing were described by Mrs. Haskins, who stated that life on board the liner, which was equal in size to a 15-story building, was much like that in a small city, with 1,000 employees performing the necessary work and services for passengers.

A week was spent in London while visiting Windsor Castle, Eton, Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, and other points of interest in the area, following which they toured Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. During the first 48 days of their sojourn abroad, they were members of a party of 28 on a guided tour under the

leadership of a conductor from Chicago. At its conclusion, they continued their travels on their own, visiting Paris, the Scandinavian countries, Scotland, and Ireland, until homesickness overcame them and they returned to Cherbourg in October to embark for home on the Queen Elizabeth.

Of all the countries they visited, Mr. and Mrs. Haskins said Switzerland was their favorite.

The display table for the meeting featured a variety of things collected abroad.

During the business session, which preceded the social program, plans were completed for a work day April 28, to remove sawdust from the new Grange hall which was used to protect the floors while the interior of the building was being plastered; and to make preparations for installing the septic tank which was in use at the former site near McKee bridge.

A sum of \$225 was voted for the Home Economics committee, with which to purchase kitchen equipment; and an additional \$75 was voted for purchase of a used piano for the new hall.

Refreshments of ice cream, cakes, and coffee were served by Jim and Mamie Winingham and Fred and Ethel West. The serving committee for the next meeting on May 10 will consist of George and Mildred Redhead and Wilfred and Grace Pearson.

Weeds and Herbicides

By RAY HUBBELL
Jackson County Weed Control Supervisor

One of the weeds with which Jackson county is most infested is White Top.

Sometimes known as Hoary Cress or Perennial Pepper grass, there are three distinct plants called White Top. Though similar in general appearance, they differ slightly in the shape of the seed pod. The plant is a perennial, has grayish white foliage and grows erect from 10 to 18 inches long. It has toothed or almost unbroken edges. The weed produces numerous white flowers, which are about one-fourth inch broad, borne at the tops of the stems. A field in bloom has a solid snowy-white appearance, hence the name White Top. Young plants have a rosette appearance before blooming and closely resemble fan weed.

Reddish-Brown Seed

Seed of White Top is reddish-brown and about the same size as alfalfa seed. It is difficult to clean from alfalfa or clover seed and is often carried in these seeds as an impurity.

White Top roots have been found as deep as 30 feet underground. They have numerous lateral roots, which send up shoots at frequent intervals. Each of these shoots can develop into a plant. Any small piece of root if broken off may start a new patch. Unlike morning glory, White Top increases the size of its patches in alfalfa but increases only slowly in sod forming grasses. In time, it will choke out a field of alfalfa.

Thrives Anywhere

White Top will thrive in almost any kind of soil. It finds its real home on irrigated lands, but will grow on land much too dry for alfalfa. Most of the patches in the state were originally started by sowing alfalfa or clover seed that contained White Top seed, or by using hay with mature White Top. It is one of the few perennial weeds that ripen before the first cutting of alfalfa for hay. First cutting alfalfa as well as second is likely to carry White Top seed.

2, 4-D and Cultivation

Control and eradication can be obtained more quickly by spraying White Top with 2, 4-D prior to plowing. Best results have been obtained by using 2 to 3 pounds of 2, 4-D acid per acre. The field should not be plowed for at least 10 days after spraying. Over 90 per cent control has been obtained by spraying and spring cropping in a two-year period.

The combination of 2, 4-D sprays and cultivation can be used successfully when winter cereals are produced. For winter grains, the infested area should be sprayed, followed in two weeks by plowing. The field should be cultivated the remainder of the summer and seeded to grain the following fall. The grain should be selectively sprayed with about one pound of 2, 4-D per acre the following spring.

Susceptible to 2, 4-D

White Top is more susceptible to the 2, 4-D sprays than some of the other perennial weeds, such as Russian Knapweed or leafy spurge. When White Top is growing in crop land it is more practical to utilize cropping and 2, 4-D sprays as previously described. When White Top is growing on grass land or pasture land, 2, 4-D can be used with success without cultivation. For best control, White Top should be sprayed in early bud stage. Spraying should be done with 2 to 3 pounds of 2, 4-D acid per acre with a minimum of 25 gallons of spray per acre.

Several new materials are being tested for White Top control in the county as well as on the other noxious weeds. Anyone knowing of any White Top patches which are not being worked on are asked to call the county agent's office.

Pear Inspections Set New Record

Salem—A new record for inspection of pears has been announced by the Oregon state department of agriculture, along with a surprisingly large figure in the number of cars of potatoes certified and inspected for shipment.

A total of 570 cars of fresh pears were inspected during the month of March, bringing the season total to 7,033 cars.

Potato diversion contributed to the unusually large total of 2,818 cars of this commodity which were inspected during March. This total boosted the season number of inspections of potatoes to 19,075 cars.

In addition, the number of inspections of potatoes during the month just passed is the largest monthly total recorded so far this year.

Total potato inspections during March reached the 3,930 car level, which is 964 cars more than during the same month one year ago.

Oregon Cattlemen Plan Annual Meeting

Corvallis — The Oregon Cattlemen's association and their Cow-Belles auxiliary will take a hopeful look at 1957-58 when they stage their annual convention, May 6-8, at Eugene. Agricultural economists say seven years of buildup in cattle numbers and lowering prices appear to be ending.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes and national cattle industry leaders head a list of speakers for the scheduled mixture of business and pleasure ranging from a 6 a.m. Buckaroo Breakfast to reports on the cattle outlook.

Garland Meador, Prairie City, association president, has announced a starting program of special committee sessions at 1 p.m., May 6, at the Eugene hotel, convention headquarters. The Cow-Belles will open with a luncheon and business meeting with talks by Mrs. Mose Tre-

go, national Cow-Belles president from Sutherland, Neb., and Joy Hillsgubser, Salem, assistant superintendent of public schools.

The program moves to the Lane county fairgrounds auditorium, May 7, starting with the Buckaroo Breakfast. Main speakers for the day in addition to Governor Holmes will be Don Collins, Denver, president of the American National Cattlemen's association; Carl Newman, Chicago, National Meat Board general manager; and Dr. Victor Morris, University of Oregon dean of business administration.

Ed Coles, Prineville, association secretary, says other out-of-state guests will include Rad Hall, executive-secretary, American National Cattlemen's association; and John McMinimie and Milford Vaughn, presidents of the Washington and Idaho Cattlemen's associations, respectively.

Afternoon events include a range conservation demonstration by Bill Farrell, Grant county extension agent, and a tour for the Cow-Belles at the Chase Gardens where more than 50,000 orchids and other flowers will be blooming in 12 acres of greenhouses. Closing out the day's program will be a 6:30 p.m. banquet followed by the annual Buckaroo Dance at the fairgrounds auditorium.

Election Planned
The convention ends at noon, May 8, following committee reports and election of officers. Special breakfasts are scheduled May 8 for alumni of the Oregon State college Withycombe club animal husbandry students and county presidents of the Cow-Belles.

Other special meetings during the convention include May 6 evening sessions for officers and directors of the Oregon Hereford association and a banquet for the Oregon Polled Hereford association.

Farm and Garden

Farm Owners May Benefit From New FHA Provision

A line of credit now available from Farmers Home administration should help many farm owners in this area improve or build new farm buildings such as barns, milk houses, loafing sheds and dwellings, according to E. M. Denney, local supervisor of the agency.

Denney said many farm owners by improving their farm buildings, could increase the potential earnings of their farms. The importance of getting maximum production to meet operating costs cannot be over emphasized, he pointed out.

To be eligible for a farm housing loan, the applicant must be a farm owner and receive substantial gross income from the farm. The place must be recognized in the community as a farm rather than a rural residence. FHA does not compete with private or cooperative lenders. But if an applicant is unable to secure the necessary credit from other sources under rates and terms which will permit him to succeed, he should be eligible for FHA assistance, Denney said.

Farm housing loans are repayable over periods up to 33 years, at 4 per cent interest and are secured by a mortgage on the farm. A junior mortgage may be taken as security for the loan provided certain requirements can be met.

Farm owners and families operating part-time farms may obtain additional information by calling at the Grants Pass office, which is located in room 9 of the Mancel building, or by mail addressed to Post Office Box 311, Grants Pass.

Fruit Fumigation Order Probable

Salem — Frank McKennon, acting director of the Oregon state department of agriculture, states that while the order is not as yet definite, it is probable that all shipments of host fruits of the oriental fruit moth into British Columbia in the future will require fumigation.

The recent introduction of the oriental fruit moth to Canada through shipments of fruit from the United States has prompted officials of that country's department of agriculture to advocate fumigation of all future imports of host fruits and nursery stock of host fruits.

In the past, Oregon has shipped fruits into Canada on the department of agriculture certification, that they were from districts free of the pest.

While all requirements for future shipments are as yet not definite, they will include gas analysis during fumigation by means of chemical analyzer.

Canadian officials estimate the cost of eradication of the pest in Canada will approximate \$75,000.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Phoenix Dairy Club

The meeting of the Phoenix Dairy club was held Sunday, April 28, at 243 South Stage rd. A new member, Fred Tyksen, was welcomed into the club. It was discussed about having a sign to identify the club at the fair this fall. The members are going to bring their ideas as to the style of sign to be used to the next meeting.

The business part of the meeting was adjourned so the members could take up with some practice work outdoors. All the members present practiced dairy animal showmanship. This was a little difficult as one of the two animals used was a Herford steer. Norman Ditsworth and Gail Glidden took alternate turns with the leader acting as arena judge.

The next meeting will be held at Bob and Gene Holt's home on May 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Clark Named Member Of Angus Association

Michael Clark of Medford has been elected to membership in the American Angus association at St. Joseph, Mo., according to Frank Richards, secretary.

Clark was one of two purebred Aberdeen-Angus breeders in Oregon elected to membership during the past month.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Ira Halls Plan To Move

By HELEN BOTTLE

Cave Junction — Mrs. Alta Amelia Dick, who has a bookkeeping service in Grants Pass, has purchased Hall's Accounting Service in Cave Junction from Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. Hall, and has assumed the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have lived in the Illinois Valley 13 years, and have been active in several civic enterprises.

After a visit in Spokane with their son and family, Lt. and Mrs. Bill Kester, the Halls plan to move to southern California or Arizona, where Hall will enter a broader field of accounting service.

Tentative plans to purchase a plane were made at the first meeting of the newly formed flying club here Monday at the Robert Steimer home in Cave Junction.

Temporary officers are Robert Steimer, president; Virginia Steimer, secretary; Loyd Burnett, treasurer.

It was decided that an initial fee of \$100 or less per member would be asked, this to cover the cost of the plane and its hangar. Small monthly dues will go toward hiring an instructor.

The high school band and chorus received excellent ratings at the annual Music Festival in Medford. Also receiving a "2" rating was the County grade school honor band.

Plans for the annual Future Farmers of America awards banquet were made at the FFA meeting Monday in the vocational agriculture building.

Adin Hester of Canby, the principal speaker at the affair, is regional winner in the FFA public speaking contest as well as state president.

A buffet style banquet, featuring barbecued steaks, will be served in the high school gymnasium beginning at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 4.

Visiting this week at the Loyd Burnett home is their daughter, Mrs. Don Hanson of Corvallis. Hanson, now attending Oregon State college, will enter the forest service in Bend following his graduation in June.

A planned bridge burning occurred on the Lone Mountain road last week when the County road department tore out a narrow wooden span and replaced it with a wide culvert, making the road a uniform width. Work on the new cement bridge on the road near O'Brien is well under way, and the road has been graded and gravelled preparatory to paving.

Mothers of pre-schoolers who will enter Kerby grade school next September have been invited to attend the "pre-school round-up" at Kerby Friday, May 3, at 2 p.m.

Evergreen school's pre-school day is set for Monday, May 13 at 2 p.m. A film will be shown at the meeting.

The Rev. Meredith Groves, district superintendent of Methodist churches, will be guest minister at the morning services at Immanuel Methodist church May 5.

A potluck dinner and business meeting will follow at noon. All members and friends of the church have been invited.

Running for office of student body president at Illinois Valley high school are three high ranking Scouts of Troop 20. They are Stan Love and Gary Meredith, Eagles, and Rick Rauber, who will probably attain the Eagle rank this year.

Primary elections will be held Thursday, May 2, and the general election is set for May 9. Nominees for the various other offices are, vice president: Pat Kellogg, Dick Strohkirch, Mike Whiteley, Jackie Williams; secretary: Donna Frost, Norma Martin, Delores Reinohl; treasurer: Ruth Hulsey, Karen Kuil, Mike McDermott; sergeant-at-arms: Russ Beem, Clark England, John Goodwin and Les Frost.

Trying out for cheerleaders this week at assembly are group 1, Donna Frost, Carmel White,

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Kathy Tyer; group 2, Linda Deaton, Connie Jones, Wanda Hodge; group 3, Ardith Hilger, Melba Jordan and Lynda Zimmerman.

Candidates for the rally squad are group 1, Susan Lemmon, Zada Smith, Judy Hansen, Ruth Tibbs and Myrna Kellogg; group 2, Karen Kuil, Ruby Vaughn, Jean Knight and Ruth Hulsey.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Boyd last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter of Centralia, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Leeds from Brookings, Ore. Both men are former employees of Boyd.

A new subdivision is being cleared in Cave Junction. Ex-mayor Elwood Hussey has been burning brush and removing stumps on his property facing Lister st., and will soon lay out the lots.

Allan Markley caught the first steelhead of his fishing career Sunday when he snagged an eight-pounder at the mouth of Sucker creek.

Fishing luck as a whole, however, was "not too good," in the Illinois valley.

The Illinois Valley high school seniors spent April 26, 27 and 28 at Oregon State college where they visited various professional schools, were hosted at fraternities and attended student activities during the annual senior visitation week end.

The boys, who hope to attend college at Corvallis next year, are Ron Cherry, Eldo Swift and Kenny Kraus. They are taking up engineering, forestry and industrial arts, respectively.

Members of the Civic Women's league gave a luncheon for senior girls Tuesday at the high school. During the affair, the girls were informally interviewed on their college aspirations. The league is to present a \$50 scholarship to the senior girl of their choice at the annual awards assembly, May 23.

Salt-Spreader Made By Maintenance Man

A simple and inexpensive salt-spreader designed and constructed by Earl Bridgman of the state highway department's Siskiyou maintenance section has been adopted for use by the highway department.

Salt is frequently spread on the highways by maintenance crews to clear icy or frosty pavement.

The spreader which can be built at a fraction of the cost of commercial spreaders, attaches to the tailgate of a standard dump truck. It consists of a wooden hopper with a slide-gate at the bottom which is operated from the cab by means of a control cord.

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