

Farm and Garden

MacLaren Dairy Herd Of Jerseys Up For Sale

Salem—The state MacLaren school's entire registered Jersey herd, with a recognized production record, will be sold at public auction Saturday, June 28, at the state fair grounds in Salem.

MacLaren school is going out of the dairy business because the small dairy unit does not lend itself to educational needs of this corrective institution. This is the reason for the dispersal, according to John F. Richardson, director of the state department of finance and administration, and Robert J. Steward, director of the state department of agriculture.

Richardson's department is arranging the sale, which will start at 12 o'clock noon.

This sale was recommended to the state board of control by a committee, headed by Steward and Marion County Agent Bill Newell, which suggested sweeping changes in the farm set-up at state institutions. The board approved

JUST IN TIME
Lyndon, Vt. —(UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nichols no sooner went into the taxi business than their cab was called to the Lyndon Outing Club to take their sons, John 8, and Richard, 7, to the hospital. Both boys broke their left legs skiing.

recent years breeding has been by artificial insemination from the best lines available.

The herd has been under the Marion County Dairy Herd Improvement association testing program continuously. The 1957 average production was 8,456 pounds of milk on 29 cows. The average butterfat production in 1957 was 452 pounds.

The complete sale catalog is available from the state department of finance and administration, property control section, 1965 Taft st., N. E., Salem.

The Jersey herd may be inspected at the state fairgrounds in Salem Friday, June 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and June 28 from 9 a.m. until the sale time.

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By JOE G. COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

We were thumbing through one of the wife's magazines the other day and came across an article about life in suburbs. It is written by one of the foremost developers of suburban housing in defense of the "peas in a pod way of life."

He answers the complaints that homes in such developments are all the same, there is no privacy, tracts are "young children's ghettos," and people who live in tracts become stereotyped, drab and dull.

That's one of the many advantages of life in southern Oregon—or in the rest of the state—you have room to stretch, to ramble around. People here do not have to follow a pattern of living. As a newcomer remarked people in this area still have the pioneer's ideas on living. They want to do what they want to do, when they want to do it and have plenty of room to do it in.

This seems particularly true of those who live in the small towns. Contrary to the magazine author's beliefs people in small towns do have privacy. However, there are plenty of community affairs for those who want the buzz of constant activity.

In the small town we live in a man is still judged on whether he has a good garden in and a large woodpile. You might say this area has a leisurely "rabbit hunting" type of living compared to the scurrying "train chasing" type of living in the more crowded suburbs of the east. Children don't live in "ghettos" where houses are all alike on postage stamp size lots. There's plenty of room to climb trees, hunt, fish and to skip stones over the waters of a nearby stream.

Speaking of hunting, many of the farmers, and particularly their wives, in the Sams Valley-Beagle area are irate over 'coon hunters turning their hounds loose on pet cats. It seems the hunters set their dogs on the domestic cats just to keep the hounds in practice. This is particularly true when they have had an unsuccessful night's hunt.

However, with the recent rains the ground should be damp enough still to keep the scent of the 'coons and provide some good hunts. Shooting housecats from their perches for dogs to finish is not only needless cruelty and vandalism but downright dangerous to the nearby residents.

We've been in a California ranch house when bird shot from hunters guns rattled against the window-pane. After many warnings, the ranch boss finally stopped it by breaking a shotgun over his knee and literally booting a hunter off his property. We would hate to see even a few hunters get that careless here. We like to get out and shoot ourselves so hope the few won't spoil the opportunity to hunt on farm land for the majority.

Hunters have also performed valuable services for the farmers—particularly the predatory animal hunters—who keep down the numbers of animals preying on farm stock.

In Jackson county alone it's estimated such bounty hunters save the farmers considerable money annually in preventing stock losses due to predators. Also, hunting done by the thousands of sportsmen, if done intelligently and with consideration for the farmer's rights, can protect the farmer against crop losses. A surplus of deer have ruined many fine crops in other sections of the country.

Redmond will have an Oregon cattlemen's convention in 1959. It might have been slated for Medford. In fact, we understand Medford just missed it through lack of active promotion. Portland will have it there in the following year because of the centennial celebration. The date after that will be open.

Figuring \$15 a day per convention goer, Medford lost an estimated \$13,500 by not having the event scheduled here. Those who attended the event May 11 through May 14 in Ontario estimate 300 were there.

It's too bad that local service organizations and clubs of Jackson county don't make a continuous effort to promote agriculture in the valley and thus boost the economy of the area as a whole. If there had been an active liaison between business and agriculture here this MIGHT not have happened. (A Chamber of Commerce convention bid is not recognized.)

The Medford Kiwanis club, we feel, is making a step in the right direction by planning a county fair at the new armory Aug. 21-24. This organization is hoping to have many exhibits of agricultural activities in the valley. But the Kiwanians can't do it themselves, they will need help and plenty of it.

Many of the home-economics extension clubs in the county are enthusiastic, according to reports. They are planning to have a number of displays, according to a Kiwanian spokesman.

Various service clubs also are planning games and concessions. Marilyn Van Derbur, Miss America, is scheduled to participate in the beauty and talent contest at the fair, a spokesman said. She will crown the local queen and possibly make appearances at the 4-H and FFA fair planned for Aug. 19 through Aug. 23. We are told more activities are in the planning stage and will be announced later.

Jackson county cattlemen can expect an intensive drive after Aug. 1 for a larger membership in the Oregon Cattlemen's association, according to two local spearheads of the state-wide drive.

These two men insist beef must be promoted as an agriculture product the same as pears and milk. To do this solidarity of action is needed. Therefore, more members are needed for the county and state organizations, so their numbers and money can more effectively promote the sale of beef. This was the thought, too, behind the state department of agriculture's idea of setting up a beef commission. However, too few stock owners on a state-wide basis were for the idea. It lost when it came up for vote.

Local promoters estimate that 44,000 cattle owners in the state could belong to the association. A total of about 1,200 cattlemen now belong. Membership in the organization is not restricted to beef producers. Dairymen who sell cows for beef can belong also, it was pointed out.

Why every cattlemen should belong to his state and county cattlemen's association is best summed up by an OCA pamphlet called "Why—Beef."

"Every cattlemen has two distinct sets of problems: one set pertains to his own ranch operations, and the other to his industry. Your association can't get your hay up, work your cattle or fix your fences. It can, however, do countless other chores which will put or keep many dollars in your pocket."

About 16 of such chores are listed. They range from influencing state or national legislation to offsetting unfair and untruthful publicity which is damaging to the livestock production business.

Deputy State Sealer Named To Committee

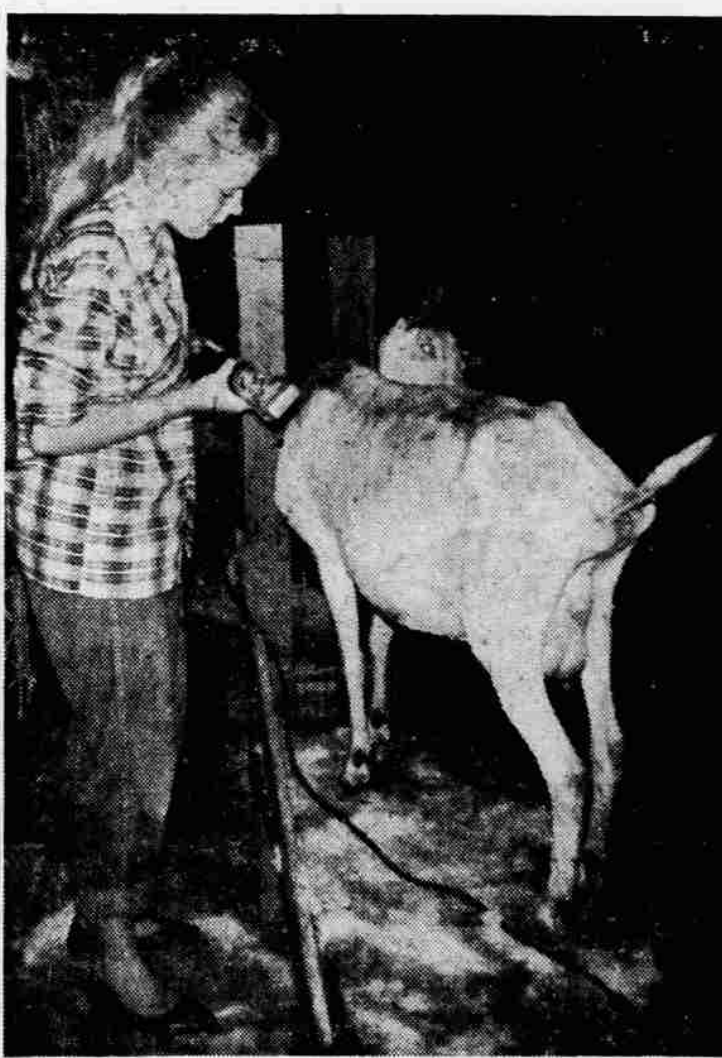
Salem — Walter B. Steele, Oregon's deputy state sealer with the state department of agriculture, was named to the executive committee of the National Conference on Weights and Measures at their 43rd conference in Washington, D.C., earlier in June.

He was elected to a one-year team. More than 500 weights and measures officials and representatives of business and industry from throughout the United States and territories attended the conference.

BOOKMAN RETIRES
Boston—(UPI)—At 76, Harry (Vic the Bookman) Victorson has retired after peddling books for 50 years in Boston's Newspaper Row.

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TRIES CLIPPING—Sue Jahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Jahn, Foothills road, Medford, tries her hand at clipping a goat's coat. She and other members of the Kaper Kids 4-H dairy goat club practiced clipping following a demonstration by leader Mrs. Donald Lindstrom. This club is the only dairy goat club in the county.

Clipping Shown 4-H Goat Club

The Kaper Kids 4-H club last Thursday learned how to trim a goat's hooves and clip his coat.

Mrs. Donald Lindstrom, 2793 Springbrook road, Medford, gave the demonstration to the Medford 4-H club of which she is a leader.

Members tried clipping several goats. A dehorning demonstration was given on two of the goats.

During the business meeting, equipment needed this fall at the county fair was discussed. Next meeting was scheduled for this Thursday. Club members were to start out in cars from the Lindstrom house to visit each home to see the goats of the members.

Hair Worms Seen In Local Gardens

Earlier this spring many of the home gardeners reported noticing an abundance of hair worms around the yard and garden. County Agent Don Berry said. As the name implies these worms are very thin and up to three inches in length, and were noted mostly during the morning or evening when the garden was moist, standing up on their tails and whipping around like miniature cobras.

Actually, this animal falls in the category of nematodes and might be classified as beneficial since they are common parasites of insects. Grasshoppers, crickets, ants and various beetles are the common hosts of these nematodes.

According to Dr. Harold Jensen at Oregon State college it is very difficult to get specific identities on this group of nematodes but he did feel that they were parasites of insects and would in no way harm man, animals or garden.

Peach Blight Seen By Local Growers

A number of the peach growers in the area have been reporting trouble with California peach blight, County Agent Don Berry said.

This disease is showing up as reddish to purplish spots on the fruit, somewhat resembling those caused by San Jose scale. Ordinarily this area is not affected by this disease because of our hot dry summers. Prolonged rainy spells this year caused the appearance of this disease, and more rain could increase trouble from this organism, while hot dry weather will check its spread.

Where the disease is a problem, peach growers can spray with wettable surfur or captan, providing temperatures do not exceed 95 degrees for several days following the fungicide application. Wettable sulfur would also be effective in suppressing mites and mildew.

If the weather should become hot and dry during July, increased peach blight infections on the peaches are not anticipated. Fungicide sprays applied after harvest and before the fall rains occur (this will be the middle of October) are very important for controlling peach blight on the twigs and branches. All commercial growers and home gardeners should make a special effort this fall to see that these sprays are applied properly.

State Inspectors Work 2,204 Days; Duties Extensive

Salem—A handful of men, the state department of agriculture's livestock officers, worked 2,204 days and drove 292,496 miles last year in carrying out a variety of state duties.

This report is almost six months behind schedule, but Animal Division Chief M. E. Knickerbocker says there's a good reason. The clerical staff has been too involved in more demanding work to compile the figures.

Seven livestock officers worked from January to August when the unit was increased to 11 men due to the tie-in with supervision of non-technical work of lay meat inspectors.

This is how the livestock officers spent their time last year—and it'll show you broadly what they do:

They spent 653 days investigating livestock theft cases, 96 days searching for stray animals, 112 days inspecting auction yards and 20 inspecting garbage and rendering plants.

That wasn't all. Another 318 days were absorbed in inspecting operations of 654 applicants for meat dealer licenses as well as 698 days on Livestock brand inspections and 13 on brand recording work.

Forty-nine investigations growing out of the division's brucellosis and tuberculosis control program claimed 112 days; 63 days were devoted to basic livestock sanitation investigations and 111 to the meat inspection program.

These officers made 31 arrests, two-thirds of which were on charges of larceny of livestock or related causes.

They conducted 226 investigations of law violations; made 367 road checks; and handled 1022 routine investigations, 50 per cent of which involved meat dealers and brand inspections. They attended 105 meetings. The tally doesn't mention telephone calls, but it does show 28 days sick leave and 43 days annual leave.

Most of the activity of these men is chargeable to a particular license or fee account. The single exception is 460 of the hours and 5227 miles of the travel spent in searching for more than 200 of the stray animals reported.

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Dripping Maples Stopped by Spray

Home owners who had trouble with dripping maple trees last year should spray this year for controlling cottony maple scale.

This pest is easily noted on the maple trees, showing up as white, cottony blobs on the twigs and branches. From these cottony masses thousands of tiny crawlers are beginning to emerge.

Barely visible to the naked eye, these tiny crawlers settle on the twigs and foliage and begin secreting a sticky fluid called "honey-dew" which drips from the trees causing a sticky deposit on bicycles, automobiles, chairs, tables and other objects under the trees.

The crawlers are just beginning to emerge and since they are difficult to control until they are all hatched, delaying control measures for a week or ten days would be advisable. One gallon summer oil plus two pounds of 25 per cent malathion wettable powder per one hundred gallons of water should be applied at that time. This spray will also help control aphids, thus giving a double barreled effect in cleaning up maple pests.

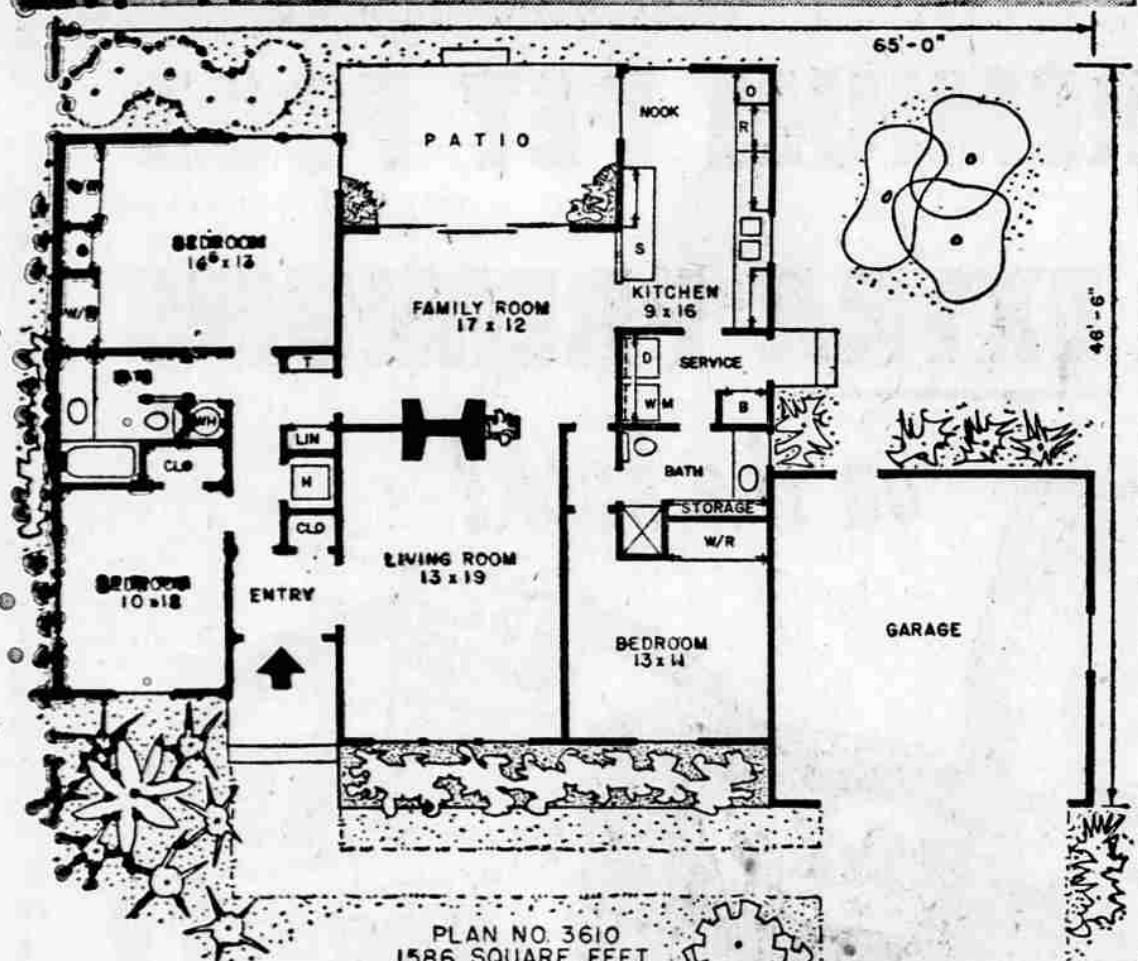
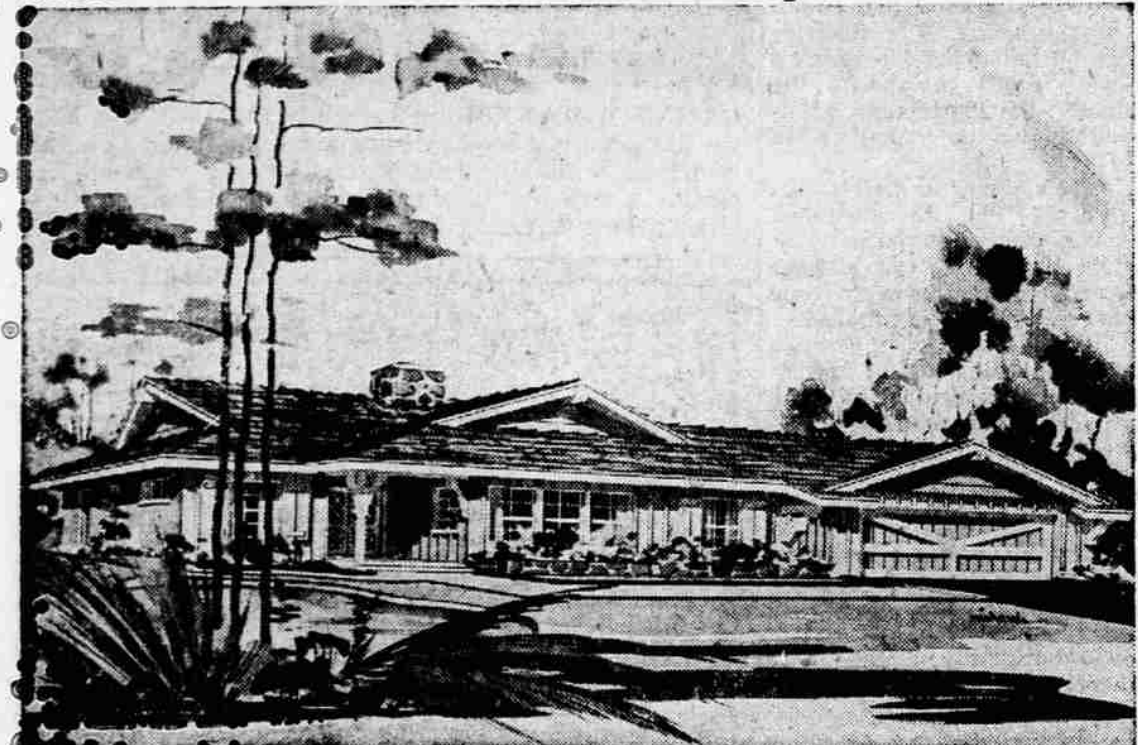
Home owners who are noticing defoliation on their elm trees no doubt will want to control the elm leaf beetle immediately. Where serious these pests cause the tree to lose foliage, and turn brownish, somewhat resembling damage from fire. Since several broods per year cause damage until fall frosts, spraying is important in controlling these pests. A spray of DDT and malathion will control for the remainder of the season.

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This Week's Town, Country House



By HIAWATHA ESTES
To judge by the many luxury features of the 1586 square foot home, one would never guess that economy of construction was one of its chief advantages.

Rough-cut beams extend from the pointed gables and a field stone chimney tops the stained shake roof. A stone planter provides a place for colorful blossoms beneath the front windows. Vertical board and batten siding has been used on the front elevation. From the sheltered porch

double doors open to the entry foyer, which leads to both the living area and the private bedroom hall.

In the master bedroom, "Mr. and Mrs." wardrobes are separated by a built-in vanity table. The master bath between the two bedrooms has a recessed tub, partitioned water closet and pullman lavatory. The nearby water heater assures an abundance of hot water at all times and the central location of the forced air heater will keep air ducts short which will help lower

construction costs. A telephone table and linen closet are located in the hall.

The two fireplaces in the living area can be built as a unit. The one in the family room could be a barbecue, if desired. A half-wall and planter beside the fireplaces defines the two rooms, while enhancing the open feeling of the living area. Triple glass doors open between the family room and patio.

Partially roofed, sheltered on three sides, and only a step from the kitchen, this rear terrace will be your private outdoor living and dining room in summer.

Corner windows brighten the eating area in the large, well-planned kitchen. Range, oven and refrigerator are built-in. Long counter tops and plenty of cupboards make this an ideal work center.

A space-saving sliding door opens between the three-quarter bath and service laundry room. A second door makes this bath accessible to the family and den-guest room. The double garage faces the street, with a rear door near the service entrance of the house.

Complete working drawings of the above plan can be obtained at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set, when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available for a period of four months from this date. Please allow two weeks for delivery. If the above home does not entirely meet your satisfaction a new home plan book, Town and Country Homes, may be purchased for \$1. Send all orders for either plans or books to Hiawatha Estes, P. O. Box 404-7, Northridge, Calif.

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