

Dedication Ceremonies Set To Mark New Type of Apple

Hood River - The biggest step forward in the improvement of the Delicious apple, since development of the Starkrimson Delicious 35 years ago, will be marked by dedication ceremonies here Friday, Sept. 5.

At that time, with most of the nation's apple experts in attendance, including Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, the nation's largest apple grower, a new type of apple formally "unveiled". Stark Brothers Nurseries & Orchards co., of Louisiana, Mo., the developer, has named the new strain the Starkrimson Delicious.

The whole tree bud-sport mutation was discovered in a Starkrimson Delicious setting in

the orchards of Roy Bisbee, near Hood River, some years ago, and has been carefully developed. For marketing purposes, the Starkrimson Delicious color allows it to be graded 100 per cent extra fancy for color, which is considered an important commercial factor.

The new strain ripens about the same time or shortly before the Starkrimson Delicious and takes on a color pattern in the form of a solid blush as contrasted to the more pronounced strip color pigmentation of the Starkrimson Delicious.

On the opening date for the Starkrimson in the Pacific Northwest, the apple has this solid color. The apples are the

same size as the Starkrimson but tend to be a little longer and more typey, with a more pronounced five-point crown than the other types of Delicious. In addition to having a bright, attractive glossy red color at the opening of the harvesting, the Starkrimson's color gradually darkens, but continues to hold an attractive bright glossy sheen.

The Starkrimson comes into production at an earlier age and is a consistent producer of quality fruit. Other favorable factors include its ability better to resist frost, and winter injury than other strains of Delicious.

George Barth, manager of the Hood River County Chamber of Commerce, said "The introduction of the Starkrimson Delicious apple tree marks an important milestone in the development of the whole apple industry, particularly in the great Northwest apple-growing districts."

\$1,422,201 Credit Extended Farmers

Farmer and rancher owners of the Southern Oregon Production Credit association used \$1,422,201 of short and intermediate-term credit from their association during the first six months of 1958.

Irvin Patten, secretary-treasurer of the association, reports that a good percentage of this volume was new money, and much of it found its way into the business communities of Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties through the purchase of seed, feed, fertilizers, equipment, livestock, building improvements and other items connected with farm and ranch operations.

Owned and operated by its member-borrowers, the association has extended \$34,579,597 in credit since its organization began in 1934. It now has \$241,087.50 in member-owned capital and \$228,673.69 in accumulated earnings.

Patten said the southern Oregon association and 29 other associations in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington are making good progress in their program to buy out Uncle Sam's investment in the capital stock of the Federal intermediate credit bank of Spokane, the institution through which the associations obtain their loan funds. The local association now has \$25,480.00 in FICB stock and the 30 associations own a total of \$1,042,740.

Starting July 1, the southern Oregon Production Credit association and 496 similar associations scattered throughout the United States initiated a 25th anniversary celebration which will continue until June 30, 1959, the secretary-treasurer of the Medford credit institution, announced this week.

Patten said the national observance was spread over a 12-month period to cover the chartering dates of all associations. The southern Oregon association received its charter Jan. 15, 1934.

Organized in Depression

"Organized during the depression of the early 1930's and developed during a period marked by two wars and a major agricultural revolution, production credit associations have demonstrated that farmers and ranchers, working together, can operate their own credit business on a sound, economical basis," said Patten.

"Besides providing themselves with \$15 billion of credit, the farmer and rancher owners of the 497 associations, repaid all but \$3.9 million of the \$120 million which the government invested in the system under the Farm Credit Act of 1933. They now have more than \$112 million of their own money invested in capital stock and their associations have over \$100 million in their surplus accounts and another \$17 million in reserves against future losses."

While the southern Oregon association will use various methods during the anniversary year to call attention to its 25 years of service to agriculture in Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties its annual meeting in February will highlight its celebration, Patten said.

Talent Grade School To Open Sept. 8

Talent-The Talent Grade school will begin classes Sept. 8 at 8:40 a.m., school officials have announced, and parents of first grade pupils are asked to accompany their children on the first day.

First graders will be dismissed for the day after registering, but grades two through eight will continue in session through the day. Hot lunches will be served in the cafeteria.

First grade students who have not previously had a physical examination for school should have one before registration, officials said, and they reminded parents that children should have their birth certificates with them on opening day.

According to state law, children who have not reached their sixth birthday by Nov. 15 must be tested to see if they are physically and mentally ready to begin school. Further information may be obtained by phoning Talent Elementary school, KEystone 5-1372.

TURKEY CROP DIPS

Washington - (UPI) - The Agriculture Department estimates the 1958 turkey crop at about 78 million birds - four per cent less than in 1957.

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By JOE G. COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

The Jackson county 4-H and FFA fair for this year is now a thing of history.

The last bit of livestock has been trucked home by weary parents. Pens have been dismantled and stored for another year. Various barns have been cleaned out. And finally, county 4-H agents have turned over the last fistfull of hastily scrawled records to their secretaries to be transcribed into neatly typed news releases by nimble, but tired fingers.

Final events of the 4-H and FFA county fair were held Saturday. Cleanup day was Sunday and County 4-H Agents Glenn Klein and Marilou Garner barely had time to wipe the perspiration from their faces before packing up for the state fair.

One of the fair leaders shed some of the heat by donning Bermuda shorts and also attracted quite a few whoops and hollers from 4-H youngsters. However, he must have plenty of company. We noticed Bob Fowler, of the Farm Journal, in Medford this week also attired in the sawed-off pants. He was carefully guiding a string of little Fowlers also in shorts.

Anyway, we hope the county fair board will see fit to have the fair a little earlier next year to give 4-H'ers a breathing space between the two fairs-county and state.

"I don't know what we would do without some of these parents who were there every day of the county fair," Glenn Klein said. "We could use a lot more help from the parents, but the ones who are helping us are wonderful."

One of these 4-H leaders and once a parent of 4-H members is often referred to as "Mr. 4-H" in Jackson county. He has been active in the county 4-H and FFA fair since it operated under tents in what is now the park next to the Medford library. That means a total of 20 years service to the 4-H organization here.

His ruddy, brown face splits into a grin and sharp brown eyes twinkle behind glasses as he recalls some of his experiences-now humorous, but not so humorous then maybe. There was the time a pig belonging to the son of a former Penney's manager got loose and everybody ran down Main st., trying to tackle the squealing little hunk of ham. Through the years there have always been a wild steer or two which had to be manhandled into its stall or which brought a fast chase through the fair grounds. One such animal caused a wild scramble around the ball park.

Riding herd on 32 girls and 50 boys isn't always so easy either. However, "Uncle Bill" lays down the law and the kids obey. They know he's always ready to help from repairing a show halter and shoeing a horse to consoling a youngster homesick from staying away from home for the first time. This veteran 4-H leader is on hand day and night as long as the fair lasts. The furnace room is his headquarters.

Uncle Bill's ready wit smooths over many a ruffled temper. However, at times, it may appear razor-sharp to cut through red-tape and to move pompous officialdom to action.

He is well-acquainted with the present fair grounds, by the way. He once lived there with his folks. Their place was where the county shops are now. He came to Jackson county with his family "60 some years ago."

This 4-H leader, like many which help spread the movement throughout the county, has been in farming all his life. He used to milk 20 cows. He now owns 182 acres and "100 head of cows and calves" at his Eagle Point ranch.

He has run cattle all his life. Every year in late spring he stages a regular trail-drive 40 miles up to the government pasture in the hills. Local people who come to watch something resembling this fast disappearing part of "western Americana" many times have enjoyed western hospitality around the early morning camp-fire "on the trail."

This leader has seen the 4-H fair entries grow from 18 steers the first year to 92 steers. Dairy cattle entries have grown from 25 head to 200 head. Entries in the hog class have developed from a dozen to 100 head and sheep from a half dozen to over 125 head. Poultry and rabbit exhibits have grown also.

Uncle Bill started in 4-H leadership after he bought his two daughters some sheep. They won \$10 in prizes, their dad became more interested in 4-H work and has never quit. He is now working with a second generation of 4-H club members.

"I get a kick out of picking the top steers," the veteran 4-H leader said. "In this work the youngsters learn how to do."

Youngsters in the 4-H program of competition learn also how to be good sports and how to be good losers. Uncle Bill would like to see every youngster, no matter how poor, given a chance to raise his own calf. He feels that 4-H is one of the most direct answers to juvenile delinquency by giving the youngsters interest in something and something to do.

The 4-H leader would like to see more youngsters in sheep since the "little tobs" can manage sheep much easier than some other animals.

Uncle Bill has carried his interest in mostly dairy and beef through to the Antelope 4-H club which he has been leader of a good many years. It was this club which started the present-day series of pre-fairs. The pre-fair gives the youngster a chance to brush up on his showmanship under competition before the county fair comes.

If you have been around 4-H work you already know the gentleman of whom we write. If you have been in farming much around here or on the fair board you must certainly know Bill Bigham of Eagle Point.

Those farmers het up over roads with chuckholes might follow the example of an eastern Oregon cherry grower and manager of a processing plant. He complained many times to the city council over the condition of the road into his plant. Finally, he dumped several truck loads of cherry pits over the road and spread them out. The pits made a good substitute for gravel-for a while. Maybe peach pits might work here.

Recently we mentioned the dilemma in one farm family where junior wanted to hire out to a packing plant where the job seemed more glamorous, the pay higher, instead of working with dad at home. Dad had the problem of getting another hired hand to replace him. Well, Mom is now the new hand-"You can put that down," she said.

Ranges and pastures continue to be dry except for the irrigated areas, according to the Oregon crop-weather summary. Cattle and other livestock are still in good condition, however! In the Willamette valley, livestock pastures are being augmented by supplementary feed. Some livestock have been turned on grain stubble and fields that were not cut for grain this year.

Meanwhile contracts for delivery of fall feeders are rapidly being filled in the major producing areas. Demand for feeder cattle has continued strong, according to the crop summary from Oregon State college. Demand is strong in southwestern Oregon for stocker ewe lambs. Locally, however, the lamb market seems to have slipped a little, stocker report. The demand for feeder cattle continues strong here also.

52 Livestock Condemned In State Check

Salem-A total of 113,414 slaughter animals were checked for food wholesomeness under the state meat inspection during the first six months of this year.

According to a report from the state department of agriculture, this total includes 49,793 cattle, 7092 calves, 4588 sheep, 50,052 swine, 406 goats and 1481 horses.

Altogether, only about four-tenths of one per cent of the animals were rejected as being undesirable for meat. This is about the same percentage as condemned in the past, said Dr. R. C. Sexauer, assistant state veterinarian and supervisor of the program.

Fifty-two animals-nine cattle, two calves, 38 sheep and three swine-were condemned on live inspection as unfit for human consumption.

After-slaughter inspections revealed 358 animals were not wholesome for eating purposes. Eight calves, 224 cattle, 68 sheep, 52 swine, five goats and one horse were rejected on these post mortem checks.

State inspectors also checked meat food products at the 91 Oregon slaughterhouses in the meat inspection program. This resulted in the condemnation of 1206 pounds of meat, mostly assorted sausage products.

The figures do not include condemnations of edible parts, such as hearts and livers.

The crop-weather summary notes that some mildew damage has been reported in Klamath county as well as elsewhere. A second cutting of alfalfa has started in Lake and Klamath counties while Malheur, Union and Wallowa are finishing up a good second crop of alfalfa. Deschutes, Jefferson and Harney counties are reporting some possibility of a third crop alfalfa this year.

Third crop alfalfa is up in the Willamette and Rogue River valleys and the Hermiston-Milton-Freewater areas of Umatilla county. Heavy producing fields of mint have been observed in the Rogue River valley. The hop harvest is expected to start in the Grants Pass-Medford area next week. Harvesting of field corn in Umatilla county will start earlier than usual, the summary indicates.



NEW YORK G.O.P. CANDIDATES - Multimillionaires Nelson A. Rockefeller and Averell Harriman were their parties' unanimous choices to battle for the governorship of New York state. Republicans convening at Rochester, N. Y., nominated the 50-year-old Rockefeller (shown top, receiving ovation with his wife), Democratic incumbent Harriman, 66, was nominated by acclamation at the Democratic State Convention at Buffalo. Bottom photo shows Harriman with running mate Lt. Gov. George B. DeLuca.

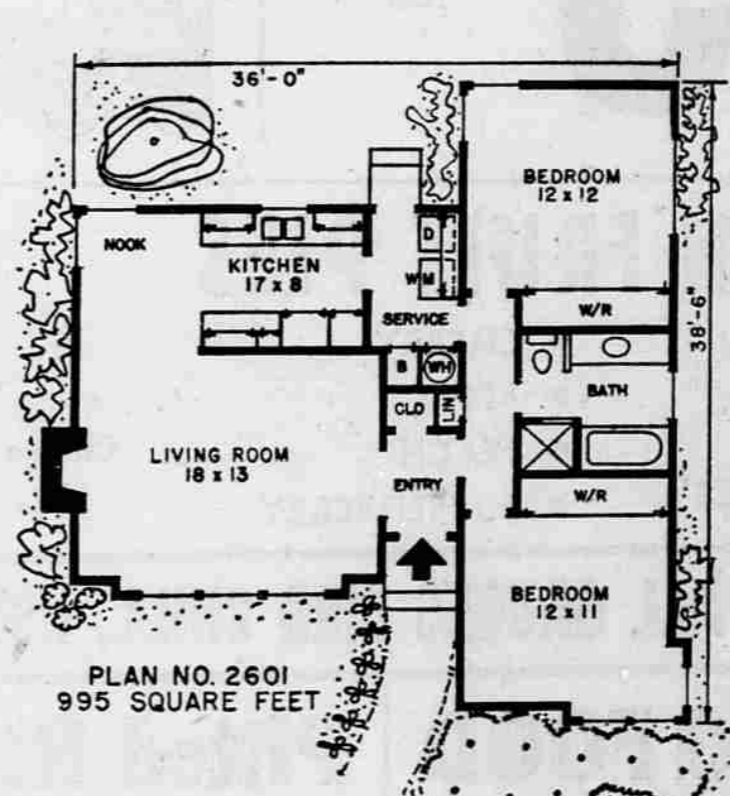
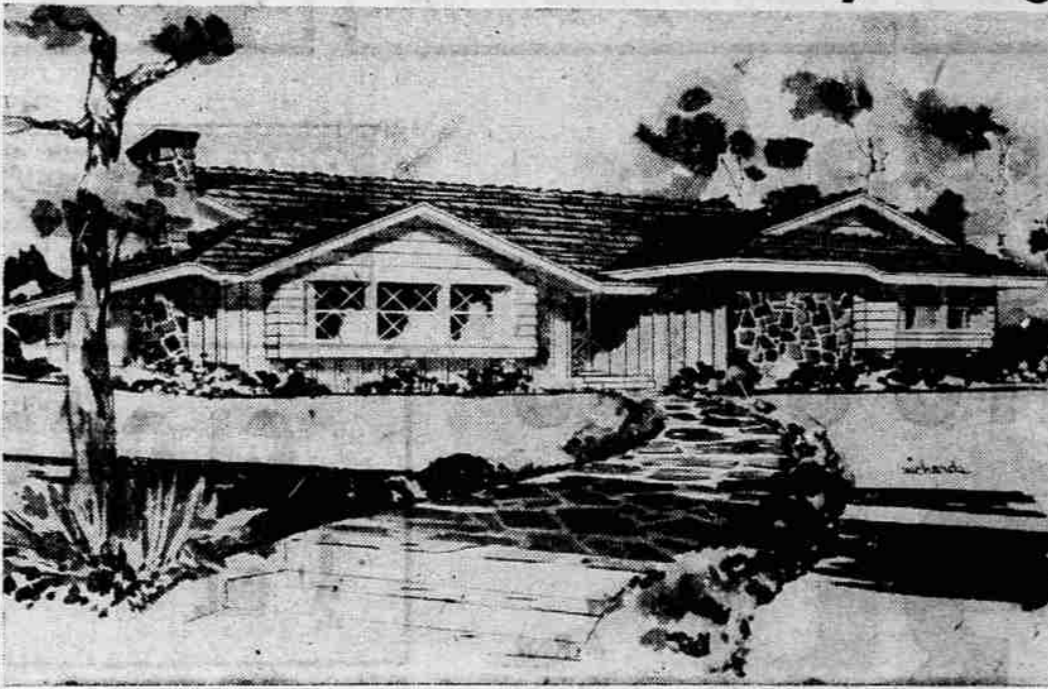
WHERE IT BELONGS

Oklahoma City - (UPI) - State Sen. George Miskovsky said he wants the name of the state Criminal Court of Appeals changed to "The State Court of Criminal Appeals."

"That will put the criminal blame where it belongs," he said - on the convicted person rather than the judges.

Wild game provides 250 million pounds of edible meat in the U. S. annually.

This Week's Home for Country Living



By HIAWATHA ESTES

Open planning adds depth and dimension to this enchanting two-bedroom home. Unnecessary partitions have been avoided for a greater feeling of unified space.

A broad bay window expands the front of the living room and a stone fireplace, provides a focal point for furniture arrangements.

The dining area is visually united with both the living room and kitchen. A partition keeps the actual mechanics of meal preparation out of view from the living room, yet the housewife can join the conversation while she goes about her work. Kitchen appliances are built in to conserve space and provide more room for cabinets. Ample cupboard and counter tops add

to the efficiency of the work area.

Washer and dryer in the service area have cabinets overhead. A "step saver" door opens from the service area to the bedroom hall.

A stall shower, recessed bath, partitioned fixtures and pullman lavatory are luxury features of the family bath, which separates the two spacious bedrooms.

A corner bay window adds light and space to the front bedroom. Corner windows and a high sliding window provide cross ventilation for the other. Wardrobes are exceptionally roomy.

Four closets provide storage for linens, brooms and accessories.

The cedar shingle roof tilts

up at the gables, and wide eaves shelter the recessed entry. Vertical and horizontal siding are combined for pleasing contrast and stone veneer is located at the front of the bedroom wing. Diamond-light windows lend a rustic touch.

For year-around temperature control the forced air unit is located in the attic, with service access from the bedroom hall.

Complete working drawing of the above plan can be obtained at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$3 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 with your satisfaction, a new home plan book, Homes for Living, may be purchased for \$1. Send all orders for either plans or books to Hiawatha Estes, P.O. Box 407-7, Northridge, Calif.

292,476 Cattle Blood-Tested For Brucellosis

Salem-Blood tests for brucellosis were made on 292,476 Oregon cattle in 20,975 herds during the fiscal year which ended June 30. This testing disclosed 2666 reactors for a percentage of 0.911, according to a cooperative report from the state department of agriculture and the federal veterinarian in Oregon's office.

In auction markets 47,780 cattle were tested, disclosing 307 reactors for a percentage of 0.642.

Also during the fiscal year, brucellosis vaccinations were performed on 128,829 calves in 7696 herds on farms and ranches. An additional 23,222 calves were vaccinated in auction markets, for a total of 152,051-a substantial increase over the previous fiscal year.

The milk ring test was performed on 19,699 milk or cream samples from dairy herds during the year. Blood tests followed in the cases of 1161 samples which gave suspicious results.

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The cooperative report also said that during July, the first month of the new fiscal year, 552 herds containing 5,075 cattle were blood tested for brucellosis. This testing disclosed 34 reactors for a percentage of 0.669.

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EV School Patrons To Pay Less Tax

The owner of a piece of property valued on the market at \$10,000 in Evans Valley school district would pay \$17 less during the 1958-59 tax year, county assessor Ray Schumacher said today.

Explaining tax assessments after Evans Valley voters passed a special school levy Saturday, Schumacher said it would mean an actual saving of \$23.25.

Total millage in the school district last tax year was 61.6 mills and is 52.7 mills this 1958-59 tax year, he said. Figuring this at a market valuation of \$10,000 and an assessed valuation of \$2,500 it would mean a drop from \$154 to \$131.75 in tax assessments on such a property, he said.

Saturday, patrons of the Evans Valley school district passed a special levy of \$36,737.67. The levy went on the tax rolls Monday.

PLAN HUGE WATER TANK

Oak Ridge, Tenn. - (UPI) - The Atomic Energy Commission announced Wednesday it is planning construction of a 325-foot water tank, the highest in this country, to store water for additional fire protection at the atomic installation here.

Three-fifths of the grapes exported by the U.S. in 1957 went to Canada.



SELF-MADE DOCTOR - Peter J. Frank, 31, posed as a physician for two months in Chicago and treated more than a hundred persons. Arrested by police, Frank says he gained his medical education while working in jail dispensaries and as a surgical aide in the Army.

HOW TO DRIVE



REPORT ALL ACCIDENTS

The chances of a really good driver being involved in an accident are much, much less than those of a slipshod or careless driver. But sometimes even the best motorists are the innocent victims in accidents, so every person who operates an automobile should know what to do in case of collision.

The law requires that you stop immediately, render assistance, obtain medical aid if needed, and give necessary facts about yourself and your car. However, if the accident is at all serious your responsibilities do not end there. You should get names and addresses of all witnesses, contact your insurance representative immediately, and learn from the local police when and where to file an official accident report. When the latter is required by law, it must be done personally. You cannot "let the other fellow do it," or expect that it will be sufficient if a traffic officer files his report.

In some states the law allows up to 15 days to file an accident report, but it's best to report as soon as possible while the facts are still fresh in your mind.