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Mail Tribune Farm Editor

Fair time is over but they are already planning for a bigger and better county fair.

By that we mean a committee of seven people who will be making a study soon to determine how Jackson county can best get more adequate space for the already overflowing 4-H and FFA fair plus a good old fashioned county fair. The beginnings of the latter were made this year by the Medford Kiwanis club when they held the Kiwanis fair in the armory.

By a seven-member committee we don't mean this is all that will be working actively for a bigger and better county fair. Approximately 30 persons attended the special public meeting at the fairgrounds Tuesday night. They represented all sections of Jackson county. These people, too, will be working hard to either improve the present fairgrounds or obtain some new property which will give the county a chance to display samples of its varied and widespread agricultural and industrial accomplishments.

The county court has told us repeatedly that if more people would show interest they might support creation of better fairgrounds. The Granges and Farm Bureau just aren't interested they say. What do YOU say? Those people who met Tuesday night say if the county court learns that many people in the county are interested in a county fair they will do something about the fairgrounds.

Of course development of fairgrounds cost plenty of money. The paint bill for the present grounds this year was \$3,500. However, one encouraging thing is that the county receives an average of \$14,000 a year for its share of parimutuel betting receipts from the state.

Something, however, must be done regardless of whether or not the people of Jackson county want an old-fashioned county fair. Present 4-H and FFA quarters were overflowing this year. The home-economics building was particularly overcrowded. There is a little room in the dairy and sheep barns, but that's all. Both 4-H and FFA programs have greatly expanded during the last few years. Approximately five to seven years ago there were no FFA chapters. Now we have five. In this age when the public is so concerned with juvenile delinquency we think those youngsters who are trying to do something productive such as raising crops and livestock should be encouraged. They deserve room to display their work to the public.

Another thing, the teenagers desperately need a recreation center between the two main population centers of Medford and Ashland. This should include places for dancing, roller-skating, maybe ice-skating and just generally a place to have a wholesome good time. That way you might eliminate a lot of this aimless hot-rodging around looking for excitement.

It's true that fair interest dwindled for awhile. There was World War II and later the question of where the freeway is supposed to go held things in the air. People thought part of it would go right through the fairgrounds. Now there seems to be nothing holding up development of a bigger and better fairgrounds. So let's put some steam in the old callopie and go ahead with it.

We just heard some sad news yesterday. A fine old lady died the night before. We mentioned her before in this column. She died at the age of 93 longing to spend her last few days in the farm country of North Dakota. She is the "auld miracle" we referred to earlier. And an "auld miracle" she was. Keen, razor-sharp was her humor whetted on Irish wit.

She was the one we told you of who drove a team in the fields to help her husband with the harvest. Living on a remote farm she gave birth to all her children without a doctor's aid. Then, that wasn't enough, the frail, blue-eyed little Irish woman also raised a granddaughter. She was always ready to help her family out of their troubles. In her blazed the fierce, stubborn independence which once made the American farmer famous the world over. Nobody told her what to plant.

Trouble is, that fierce, independent spirit weakened just a little and her family managed to shunt her off into a convalescent home. And so ended a fierce, Irish fighting spirit which has been carried on in her granddaughter—and judging by the angry yells in the middle of the night—by her granddaughter which she had never seen.

Things will be quite lively up there when "Ol' Miz Callahan arrives!"

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation recently announced again plans for presentation of a "Distinguished Service Award for Agriculture." It will be presented during a meeting of the federation on Nov. 10-13 in Salem.

For the first time newspaper, radio and television people have been asked for their nominations. However, a special committee of Farm Bureau board of director members will be appointed by the president, Gerald Detering, to make the final selection from the nominations.

Many of you people who read this are farmers or are familiar with men who have made good, solid contributions to Oregon agriculture. What would be your nominations? Let's have 'em. If we get enough of them we can be sure nobody in Jackson county was overlooked.

The 1954 award was given Walter Holt, general manager of the Pacific International, mainly for his work in the "Grass is Gold" program. Professor Ernest Wiegand was given the award in 1955 for his contribution to the food processing industry. Herman Oliver, dean of the Oregon cattlemen, was the 1956 winner. E. R. Jackman, range specialist, Oregon State college, got last year's award.

Prices of apples, peaches, pears and prunes may be slightly lower this winter. The October crop report shows the national harvests of these commodities are bigger than last year's and the average for the last 10 years. The harvests are not as large as forecast a month ago, however.

Housewives will be paying slightly lower prices, too, for cranberries to go with that Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey. The national crop is estimated at 6 per cent over 1957 and 16 per cent above the 10-year average.

Like frozen strawberries? So do we. However, you may be paying higher prices for this year's product. Florida growers plan to harvest 10 per cent less this winter. The states which harvest in the mid-spring, including California, also plan on a tenth smaller acreage. Oregon growers, as of Oct. 1, had planned no reduction.

You backyard gardeners will be glad to know that gladiolus bulb harvest has started in several Josephine county fields with quality and size good.

Both the dairyman and cattleman are still troubled with brown pastures in spite of some turning green for awhile after recent rains. Cattle are being held on summer range to take advantage of the good feed, according to market reports. Livestock markets are active and trading in stocker and feeder types remain brisk.

The directions given by the federation are: (1) Choose individuals who have given to furthering Oregon agriculture above and beyond their normal every day activities. (2) The award recipient must have shown an unselfish desire to advance agriculture and farm progress in the state. (3) The individual need not be a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation. (4) The candidate need not even be engaged in actual farming operations. However, he must have done something definite to further agriculture in Oregon.

Farm and Garden

Extensive Farming Projects Carried on By Freshman

Central Point - Jim Cummings is only a freshman at Crater High school, Central Point, but has a good start toward farming and the Future Farmers of America state farmer degree.

Jim has 13 head of cattle and is raising grain on approximately 22 acres of land. If he keeps up this steady progress and can answer all the technical farming questions put to him in a test much later, the young part-time farmer may qualify for the state farmer degree given only 100 boys in the state or 2 per cent of the total state enrollment in FFA.

he doesn't have to get up quite so early. A bale of hay each morning and water from the automatic watering trough satisfy their main needs. Jim likes the automatic trough since it doesn't get so dirty and require cleaning out often.

"The youth irrigates at night using ditch irrigation. His system is all set up on laterals. However, a few of his outlets are out of pipelines.

Another labor-saver is letting his pigs eat with the cows. They take their grain right out of the manger. This sometimes creates a lot of racket out in the farm yard,

but Jim says he has never lost a pig to kicks from the cattle.

The hogs are raised on ladino clover and fattened on the grain. They have gained 100 pounds during the eight months he has had them.

Jim plans to go into cattle and hogs when he gets out of the service. More money in that field, he figures.

"Dad said as soon as I graduate he is getting out of farming and is going to move into the city," the stocky future farmer said with a grin. "Since he works, full time farming is too much for him."

Other qualifications are that he show outstanding leadership and farm knowledge. Chapter adviser Ed Griggs says this growth in farming activities at such an early stage is unusual, particularly since young Cummings has never been in 4-H work before enrolling in vocational agriculture and the FFA.

Jim's father has four acres out by the Big Y and not enough for the future farmer's extensive projects. So Jim has leased land from neighbors on shares. He pays for his share of the baling and does the mowing and raking. He's planning to add 10 acres of hay hoping to obtain it from other neighbors on shares.

Piping Hot Roast Pork Whets Fall Appetites

By MARY PAT LUCY
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There's nothing like a platter of piping hot roast pork to whet fall appetites, especially now when pork prices cater to consumer budgets.

Oregon State College extension home economists say that part of the crop of pigs born in the spring, are already gracing local markets. A generous selection of cuts at reasonable prices seems to be the pattern, home economists say.

is sold with the bone in, or rolled with the bone removed. Blade and arm cuts come from the shoulder. Ground pork, another economical choice, may come from the shoulder, too.

Prices on most pork cuts change according to supply and demand, say Oregon State College extension workers. Prices on hams and other cured cuts are usually more stable than fresh pork prices. Because curing extends storage life, packers can more easily control the supply and price of cured pork cuts the year round.

Consumers planning to freeze pork should do it in the next three months or next spring, April, May and June, when fall pigs come to market. Fresh pork can be frozen and stored at zero degrees for three to six months.

For instance, versatile pork shoulder cuts, are high in lean, and less expensive than more popular spareribs, chops and loin roasts. The butt end shoulder roast is sometimes called the "Boston butt." It

Now he has 13 head of calves, both Herefords and Holstein cross. Jim has 12 acres of alfalfa, 10 acres of barley.

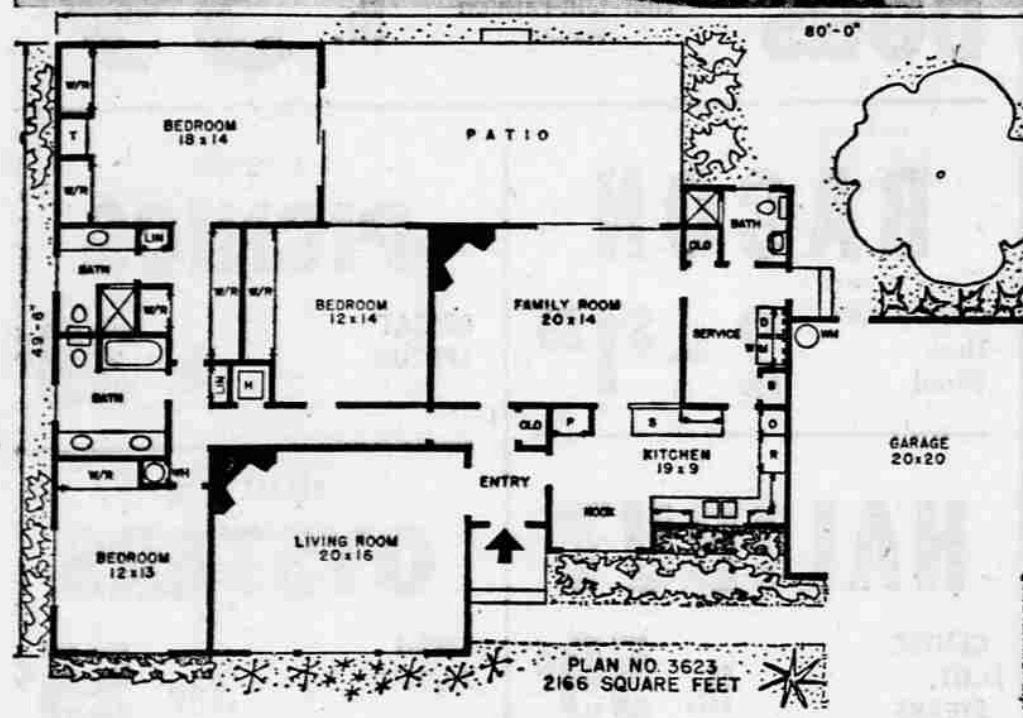
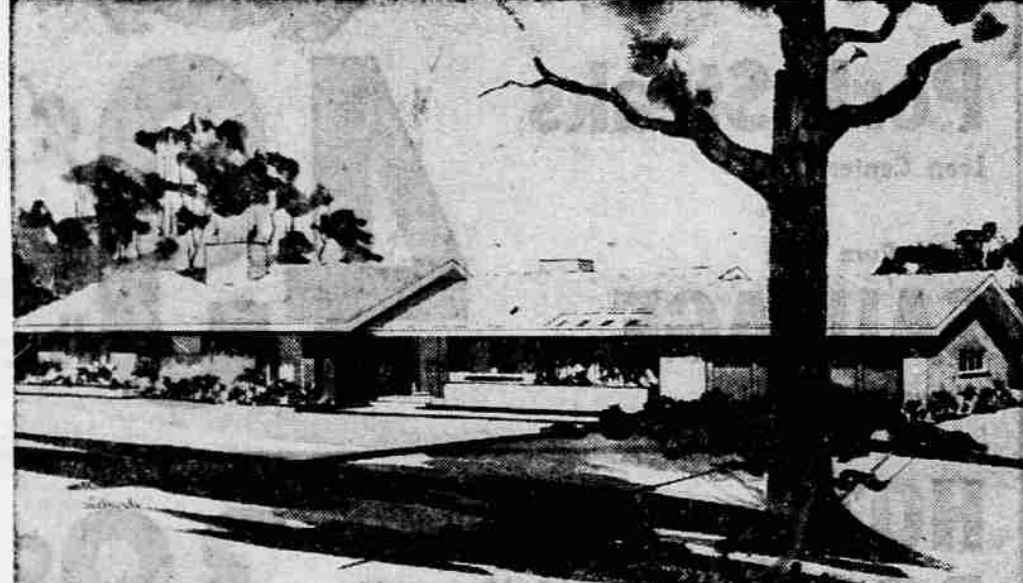
The progressing young farmer also has two sows - Yorkshires.

What financed all this? He worked for his uncle and father until he had a thousand dollars, then "blew it." He had a few head of cattle before and sold them to improve his holdings.

Takes Lots of Time

Naturally, all this takes plenty of time and work. To get that time the youth used to rise at 4:30 a.m. each day to feed his cattle. Then he fed them powdered milk and has raised them from a day-old to 9 months old. Now,

This Week's Home For Living



By HIAWATHA ESTES

With low, clean lines and the absence of excessive details, this modern contemporary style home will retain a timeless beauty for years to come.

Concrete block veneer and plasters, vertical board on board siding and stucco combine in a pleasing balance of texture and color beneath a crushed rock roof. Plywood panels have been used for the garage doors and large double doors are provided at the front entry.

A bank of windows light the huge front living room and a corper fireplace adds a dramatic center of interest to this room.

A delight to the woman who takes pride in her home-making is the efficient kitchen. Appliances are built in. A storage pantry, ample cup-

boards and under-counter cabinets provide plenty of storage space.

The large sunny eating nook offers a cheery spot for family meals. Two closets and a three-quarter bath open from the service area, which is roomy enough for home laundry appliances and a home freezer. A wide roof overhang provides sheltered passage between the service area and the rear door to the double garage.

The "view-through" opening, linking the kitchen and big family room, lets mothers supervise indoor and outdoor play from her work center.

With its corner fireplace and sliding glass wall, the big, informal family room will be the center of family activities.

The bedrooms are light and airy. An outstanding feature

of this home is the master bedroom suite. Double glass doors open to the patio for sunbathing or easy access to the pool. Three wardrobes provides ample storage. A dressing table has been located between two of the wardrobes. The private three-quarter bath has a pullman lavatory, tiled stall shower and adjacent linen closet.

The family bath has a double pullman lavatory and recessed fixtures.

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 404-7, Northridge, Calif.

Pointers Given For Identifying Poultry Killings

Salem - Can you identify predators that may kill your poultry? The state department of agriculture calls attention to these identification aids in a bulletin from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which cooperates in the Oregon predator program. Here are the pointers:

1. The predator is probably an owl if one or two birds are killed every night and their heads and necks are missing.

2. It's probably a fox when several birds are killed every night and partly buried.

3. The predator is probably a raccoon when several birds are killed every fourth or fifth night and found with their crops partly eaten and frequently with their heads missing.

4. The predators are probably minks or weasels when many birds are killed occasionally and found with small bites about the head or neck.

5. Likely it's a dog that is getting onto the range or into the pens when, on occasion, many birds are found badly mauled.

6. When birds are found missing without any sign left behind, the predator is in all probability a man!

The two agencies also report 1,623 predatory animals killed by federal-state hunters in Oregon during a four-week period, Aug. 24 to Sept. 20.

This figure includes 607 coyotes, 267 bobcats, 260 porcupines, 252 badgers, 83 bears, 76 racoons, 42 skunks, 31 foxes, four mountain lions and one opossum.

About 12 percent of the coyotes taken were in Lane county. Malheur county hunters killed the most bobcats—43; Washington and Clatsop counties tied for the most bears taken with 13 a piece. Douglas county hunters were responsible for three of the four mountain lions killed; and the 11 foxes taken in Washington county were high for that predator.

Grain Analyses Breaks Record

Salem—Over 1800 chemical determinations on grains were made last month by the state department of agriculture—the largest volume ever handled in a single month.

This figure included 1,737 protein determinations, 40 ash determinations, 40 moisture determinations on flour and two moisture determinations on grain. In August, the division's chemist made 1,067 such chemical analyses.

Grain coming in to Portland declined from 11.1 million bushels in August to 9.6 million bushels in September. Approximately 16 cargoes of grain were exported, a very slight drop from last month. Again this month more barley than wheat was shipped out of Portland.

The volume of inspections made at the Merrill branch office last month nearly doubled the August total due to the barley harvest in that area. More than 800 track, sample, car and truck inspections were made there in September. In other branch office activity, 772,438 bushels of incoming wheat were inspected at Astoria and 58,700 bushels at Pendleton.

No Pullorum Seen In State Turkeys

Salem - Not a single pullorum reactor was found in the birds tested under the 1957-58 turkey improvement program.

This is the second time in three years that all birds have been free of this disease.

During the year 281,000 birds representing 173 flocks participated in the program. The 21 hatcheries under the plan had a combined capacity of 2.5 million birds.

Forty-nine fewer flocks and 30,000 fewer birds were under the program than in the previous year. Although one hatchery dropped out, the overall capacity was up 9,100 pouls.

The Broad Breasted Bronze, developed in Oregon a number of years ago, is still unchallenged at the top choice of Oregon breeders.

24 Killed in Crash Of Venezuelan Plane

Caracas, Venezuela—UPI—All 24 passengers and crewmen of the Venezuelan airliner which crashed near Maracaibo Tuesday night were killed, the airline LAY announced Wednesday night.

So far as is known, there were no Americans on the plane.

Farm Building Short Course Slated For Oregon State College Oct. 21

Corvallis - New trends in farm buildings, financing building construction, and building costs will be highlights of a two-day short course scheduled at Oregon State college, Oct. 21 and 22.

Sponsored by the OSC agricultural engineering department, the farm building short course will be offered free to building materials salesmen, carpenters, organization fieldmen, and others interested in farm service buildings.

materials handling in and around buildings, based on findings advanced at a recent national conference at Iowa State college. Bonnicksen will discuss trends in building materials and construction, and OSC livestock and dairy specialists will present good layouts of buildings and corrals as affected by changing management programs.

Persons enrolled in the short course may also attend the annual meeting of the Northwest section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineering, Oct. 23 and 24, on the OSC campus. A small registration fee will be charged for this meeting.

Sessions will start Oct. 21, at 1:30 p. m. in the OSC Memorial Union building, according to co-chairmen M. G. Huber, extension agricultural engineer, and L. W. Bonnicksen, assistant professor of agricultural engineering.

Competition in modern agriculture demands that new buildings reduce labor, be low in cost, and meet future as well as present needs, Huber says. He adds that farm buildings should be considered tools of production and be designed to make money from the same investment standpoint as tractors, fertilizers, and other equipment and materials.

Farm Bureau Meet Planned For 600

Over 600 farmers and ranchers are expected to attend this year's policy-making meeting of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, according to Gerald Detering, federation president.

"As our organization grows in numbers, likewise our responsibilities multiply," Detering said. "This year we

have had more participation from county Farm Bureaus than ever before."

Several prominent topics will be considered for resolutions, said the Harrisburg farm leader. Among them are taxes, migratory labor, public power, hunter trespass laws, brucellosis control and school reorganization. Each county will instruct its voting delegates on how to vote. The final policy will be determined by a majority vote from the delegates.

Phoenix Chapter Starts Beef Chain With Hereford

By Gerald Sloper

The Phoenix Chapter Future Farmers of America recently acquired a registered Hereford heifer selected from the Cloe E. Small, El Cresto Hereford Ranch.

Speakers for this year's convention will include Roger Fleming, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation and Herman Aaberg, assistant commodity director, American Farm Bureau, both from the Washington, D.C. office.

State Talk Meet

The state Talk Meet contestants will be judged by the Oregon Farm Bureau Women when they meet at the same time. Each county is eligible to name a Talk Meet contestant to compete in the state judging. The winner will receive an all-expense trip to Boston for the national meet.

Funds were provided for this purchase by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, which each year makes available through the Oregon State Association of F.F.A. money to establish livestock chains in qualified F.F.A. chapters.

The heifer purchased will be the foundation animal to start a perpetuating chapter beef chain.

The special "Distinguished Service Award" to agriculture will again be presented a selected agriculturist. Last year's winner was E. R. Jackman, range specialist from Oregon State college.

Other awards will be presented to the county Farm Bureau conducting the best overall citizenship program, winner of the essay contest on "How I Helped Elect Fighters for Freedom" and the county scrapbook contest.

Central Point 4-H Member Gets Scholarship

Winners were selected for awards on the basis of their 4-H achievement and leadership in projects; service to community, school and church, personal development and scholarship. All had to be at least high school seniors. Scholarships are available to youths after they have completed one college term.

Miss Dobrot, an eight-year club member, has excelled in state fair competition in bread demonstrations, clothing style revue, and home economics judging.

The Phoenix Chapter is busy currently selecting suitable animal or crop projects for all members and is looking forward to a very successful year.

The chapter is also in possession of two additional livestock chains. A registered suffolk sheep chain of 13 ewes and one buck was awarded to John Whiteside last October. Also a swine chain held by Gary Neel is in operation.

Some Money Not Good To Faubus

Little Rock, Ark.—UPI—Gov. Orval Faubus appreciates all contributions to the Little Rock Private School Corp. in its plan to circumvent integration, but some of the money won't be of much use.

Some of the letters that are arriving daily at the gubernatorial mansion and the governor's office contain Confederate bills in denominations of from \$100 to \$1,000.

Enclosed with a Japanese yen was this note: "I suggest you go to the land of the rising sun and spend this."

Texas Quarantines Oregon Camellias

Salem—No balled or potted camellia plants with soil attached, cut camellia flowers or plants with flower buds showing any trace of color can be shipped from Oregon into the state of Texas. This information was just received by Frank McKennon, chief of the state department of agriculture's division of plant industry.

Texas has placed a quarantine against all states and areas in which the camellia flower blight is present. For Oregon this quarantine affects the entire state.

The only camellia nursery stock from Oregon which will be accepted in Texas is bare rooted camellia plants with buds showing no trace of color. Such plants going to Texas must carry proper certification from a nursery inspector of the Oregon department of agriculture. Texas officials will destroy any camellia plants or flowers from quarantined states which do not meet the requirements of their entry program.

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