



CHECK RECORDS—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Higinbotham, Taylor rd., Central Point, check their dairy records as they sample the last four or five years. They are Grade The Higinbothams, like other dairymen in this area, are watching events in Portland to see if dairymen will get a 46-cent increase per hundred-weight. What happens

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By JOE G. COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

A number of interesting reports should come out of the 46th annual convention of the Oregon Cattlemen's association in Redmond Thursday through Sunday.

One of these reports should be on brucellosis control. Other important reports should be on freight rates, beef promotion, the Centennial, and membership.

The latter category is seeing a lot of activity in Jackson county under the persistent prodding of Armin Richter, local contractor and Angus cattleman on the Applegate. He expects to take 25 memberships to the national convention. Some representatives of Jackson county are making the trip to Redmond. These include Leon Offenbacher, Lance Offenbacher, LeRoy Offenbacher and Fritz Offenbacher, Richter, Collier Buffington, Dwain Venecamp and Fred Straub, plus a sprinkling from the distaff side.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce should be interested in this membership promotion. At the Ontario convention, several people asked the Jackson county delegates where Jackson county is located in Oregon. Maybe we should have the convention here next time and let 'em know. However, the chamber can't do all the work in that direction. The local cattlemen should argue for Medford as the convention site for next year. Maybe "Shout about it" would be a better slogan this time than the usual "Write 'em and invite 'em."

Another facet to getting the convention to come here might be the eventual realization by the people and county court of this county that a bigger and better fairgrounds and buildings could accommodate more conventions of this type. Also, maybe it would get the recently elected county fairgrounds committee moving with its study. We haven't heard a peep from this group since the dormitory alarm bell announced the opening round of the fight for a better county fairgrounds.

While we are on the subject of county fairgrounds, we don't think it's fair to accuse the county court of "by-passing" the county fairboard in erecting the present buildings there. We have it from an impartial source that the fair board was consulted on placing the armory and the juvenile detention home on the county fairgrounds. The board's opposition to the buildings may have been ignored and the decision already made but the board was consulted.

Now, getting back to a membership drive in the OCA—Richter had a point when he wrote in the August issue of the Oregon Cattleman, "We have come to realize the romance of the business (cattle v. cowboying) is fast being replaced by the cold facts of merchandising. Most anyone with normal intelligence can buy, make, or raise a product for sale, but it requires a highly trained specialist to market it."

"None of us are big enough to do the job alone, as has been determined by all types of business. A solidarity of thinking and action is more necessary with the beef industry because of the solid efforts of our competition. This form of organization can be attained only by organization and money."

Adding our battered two cents worth, we would hate to see the beef industry "chickened out." The broiler industry is doing a wonderful job of promoting. Watch your papers, sign boards, and other forms of advertising. Jackson county is aiming at 500 OCA members.

Yesterday we attended the annual October feeder sale sponsored by the Jackson County Stockmen's association and the Midway auction yard out on Table Rock rd. If you missed this one another is scheduled for Dec. 2. This is always an interesting and colorful sight even to those people who are not connected with the cattle business. We wish we could have had a tape-recorder to catch the auctioneer's chant, the snap of the whips of the ring men and the snatches of "cattle talk" from the spectators.

Along that line we did overhear a conversation between two cattlemen at the snack bar just off the auction ring. Evidently one had made a pretty good buy in a bull and another was kidding him about it. "How's that ol' bull you stole off me?—jus' fine! Mighty fine little ol' hunk of animal. Kinda thing I might bring him into the kitchen when the cold weather sets in—Boy, you jus' do that li'l ol' thing. I'd bring 'im right into bed with you. Yessiree, I'd bring him right into the house and put the ol' lady out to pasture for the night."

We just caught Lester Adams, manager for the Oregon Milk Producers and an Applegate dairymen before he took off for Portland. He said negotiations are underway in the Portland milk shed area between the producers and the distributors there. "It's a mighty tricky situation," he commented.

If this increase goes through Portland milk shed dairymen will get a 46 cent increase per hundred-weight of milk. To the housewife this will mean approximately a cent a quart raise in price. If Portland area dairymen get this price rise, then the rest of the state should follow.

Final result of the state-wide survey made by the Oregon Milk Producers are in. According to Lester Adams, OMP manager, producers on the average are receiving approximately 12.8 cents per quart for milk sold in the bottle and can trade. But for overall pay to Grade A dairymen the figure is 9.8 cents per quart, according to Adams' survey. Average cost of producing Grade A milk in Oregon averages 5.91 cents per 100 pounds, the survey revealed.

We have reviewed the reasons for this price rise demand. However, here it is again in capsule form. Labor costs have risen at least 4 per cent. This accounts for 21 per cent of the total cost. Approximately 46 per cent of the total cost is charged to feed. The dairyman is faced with an average increase of a dollar a ton for hay. And he has been feeding that hay earlier this year—started in September compared with the usual October starting date.

4-H Dairying Award Given During Wimer Meeting

Marilyn Deckelman, outstanding club member in dairying, was awarded a county medal during the awards program of the Rogue River and Evans Valley 4-H clubs recently, according to Glenn Klein, county 4-H agent.

The award was presented for having an outstanding record book in her division. She will receive also a National 4-H award medal in dairy from the Oliver corporation.

The presentations were made in the Enterprise Grange hall in Wimer Monday night.

Awards Listed
First year: Carolyn Austin, Jeanie Chandler, Jennis Holsinger, Judy Johnston, Rosie Rapp, Jessie Hosinger, Nancy Johnson, Jon Anderson, John Eversizer, Tamara Mars, Jack Shirley, Ann Cordes, Marvin Jones and Allen Jones.
Second year: William Deckard, Patricia Hitson, Marvel Lichtenstein, Penny Anderson, David Strickland, Sherry Heckert, Christine Moore.

Several of the liquid rocket fuels are expected to be available soon in solid form. At least one is definitely out of the research stage.

District Contest Winners Named By Wool Growers

Adelle Davenport of Grants Pass and Dona Brown of Applegate were named first place winners in the Medford-Grants Pass district annual "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest held in Grants Pass Saturday, according to Mrs. Perry Strom, district chairman of the National Wool Growers association.

The winners will represent this district at the state-wide contest and style show at Meier and Frank department store in Portland Nov. 15, Mrs. Strom said.

Miss Brown will compete in the senior division for girls 18 to 22 years of age. She will model a blue flannel crepe basic sheath dress with an empire waist.

Miss Davenport is winner in the junior division for girls 14 to 17 years of age. Her suit had a slim skirt and banded blouse type jacket and was done in a red, blue-grey check.

Other contest winners were Mrs. Arline James and Charlotte Reese in the Senior group. Mavis Strom, Suzanne Palm, Mary Ann Sakradia, Romelle Fossen, Jan Derry, Nelda Chapman, Dianna Strohkirch, Jeanette Nougier, Jolene Dierdorf, Linda Acklen all won prizes in the junior division.

Grace Goode of Grants Pass was first-place winner in the sub-deb division. She modeled a red and grey plaid skirt with matching vest. Carol Lorenz, Jo Ann Diess, Myrtice Nealy and Tina Warren were also sub deb winners.

The contest is sponsored by the wool bureau and the women's auxiliary of the National Wool Growers association.

Soil Judging Contest Slated

Corvallis — A statewide soil judging contest for representatives of Oregon's 57 soil conservation districts is scheduled Nov. 19 at Baker, according to Arthur S. King, soil conservation specialist for Oregon State college extension service.

The contest, now in its second year, immediately precedes the annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Nov. 20 and 21, at the Baker hotel. Sponsored by the association and Pacific Supply cooperative, the contest is open to district teams and individual judges, excluding professional agricultural workers. King and Karl Baur, Portland, chemical division manager of Pacific Supply, are in charge of arrangements.

Each soil conservation district may enter one two-man team and entries in the special division for women, individual competition for men, and a youth division. Details are available from King, soils department, Oregon State college, Corvallis.

The battle for Leyte Gulf, biggest naval action ever fought, occurred Oct. 22-27, 1944, in three engagements destroying Japanese naval power.

Farm Equipment Pays Off For Crater High Students

Central Point — Mike Redmond, 16, and his brother, David, 14, Crater high school vocational agriculture students, own \$3,000 worth of farm equipment and make it pay.

During the last four summers and when other teenage youngsters were complaining about the lack of spare-time jobs these two boys developed their own work. Their father, W. C. Redmond, Mail Tribune display classified advertising salesman, and part-time farmer in the Griffith Creek area, financed the boys. To pay him back the boys did custom work with their tractor, mower and rake. The family were big city dwellers before they came from Portland six years ago. Their father wanted to get out in the country. The boys had to learn as they went along.

After paying off their father the boys invested in a car. Mike plans to use his share of any further proceeds to put him through Oregon State college which he hopes to attend a year from now.

The tall, slim, dark, good looking youth has a detailed plan worked out to take training as an agriculture in-

structor. By teaching at first he figures he will have a steady income and security while developing his farm enterprise.

Mike is a member of the Crater chapter FFA, like his brother, and his project is a registered polled Hereford heifer which he purchased last April from Ralph Cook of Medford. He plans to use her as a foundation animal. Not long ago his heifer had a bull calf which he is keeping to build his herd. Using these three animals he, his brother and father may form a three-way partnership in raising beef, Mike said.

Run Farm
Actually now he and his brother are running the 24-acre farm on the Griffin Creek rd., 1½ miles above the Griffin Creek school. Their father's job keeps him busy eight hours plus and the mother is working in the First National Bank of Oregon, Medford branch. They raise pasture and alfalfa.

As mentioned before the boys had had no experience with machinery, especially farm machinery. Mike admitted it was "a sort of a rough first year." However, both boys are proud they

suffered no other injuries than skinned knuckles.

As the teenagers moved into custom work they got an experienced man to form a partnership with them. They learned as they went along and paid off for his share. Last year they ran the most complicated equipment — the baler alone.

Such work is not easy and the boys put in a long day from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., on an average, during the summer. They actually start their work the month before school closes and work before and after school. The same applies to the first month school is in session. Mike isn't sure how this will work when he goes to college.

They average three main cuttings and have two real slack periods of a week or so. They don't carry the hay into the barn, but leave it baled in the fields for the farmer. Mike says there is little profit in doing the complete operation and they don't have the equipment.

Later on Mike thinks the enterprising pair might acquire enough equipment to add field preparation and planting to their services for hire.

All this, of course, depends on Mike's schedule. Now he is taking four years of vocational-agriculture in two years. That and his duties as FFA chapter president keeps him plenty busy.

Asked for tips for other young farmers who may go into custom work, Mike emphasized three points, potential, dependability and prestige. Have a big enough potential for business. Start with extensive advertising, he suggests. Be dependable on the job. Don't be afraid to build up prestige by tackling the smaller pieces.

The boys gross \$2,000 a year with their custom haying business. FFA like 4-H shows teenagers are learning by doing and by doing are showing adults that only a small percentage of teenagers are "juvenile delinquents."

Fruit Market Trends Hort Society Topic

Corvallis — The Oregon State Horticultural Society, the state's senior farm commodity group—has slated its 73rd annual meeting at the Oregon State college, Nov. 20 and 21, to review latest trends in production and marketing of fruits and vegetables.

Mechanical picking of new Blue Lake-type bush beans, latest research in soil fertility, weed and insect control, pear tree decline, farm labor, and research in processing fruits and vegetables are among key topics slated for discussion.

An estimated 1,000 growers are expected for the meeting, reports secretary C. O. Rawlings, OSC extension horticulture specialist.

President Orville Hamilton, Medford, says top scientists, industry representatives, and growers will discuss topics selected by special committees during the past six months. Committees have worked closely with growers, fieldmen, and other agricultural leaders in shaping a program to meet the industry's need, Hamilton said.

Most of the program is scheduled into four sectional meetings to handle special interests for growers of small fruits, vegetable crops, apples and pears, and stone fruits.

Sectional meetings open the program Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. Two-hour general assemblies are scheduled the opening afternoon and the morning of Nov. 21. Main speakers for the first day general assembly are W. C. Jacobsen, director of the California state department of agriculture, who will discuss legislation and regulations in the horticultural field; and F. E. Price, dean of the OSC school of ag-

riculture, who will report on his recent assignment to Thailand.

G. Burton Wood, head of the OSC department of agricultural economics, will review "Super Farming and the Horticultural Industry" at the Nov. 21 assembly.

Farm Paper Set By Crater FFA

By DON DENNING
Crater FFA Reporter

Central Point—Farmers of the Central Point area who are registered on the Crater Agriculture department mailing list will receive a new research paper published by the Crater Future Farmers of America chapter.

The monthly paper will include research articles on veterinary medicine, new farm equipment, soil management and many miscellaneous items. The paper will contain also many ideas on gardening and lawn care. A special section on modern farm buildings will be published in one of the future issues.

Anyone interested in receiving the free booklet and not on the regular mailing list is asked to call NOrmandy 4-1103.

The paper's editor is Nate Barry, a sophomore FFA member. Barry is currently preparing a speech for the district soil management speaking contest.

Crater is the only chapter in Oregon which is planning a newspaper as a service to the community's farmers.

A patent on a plow was first issued in England in 1730.

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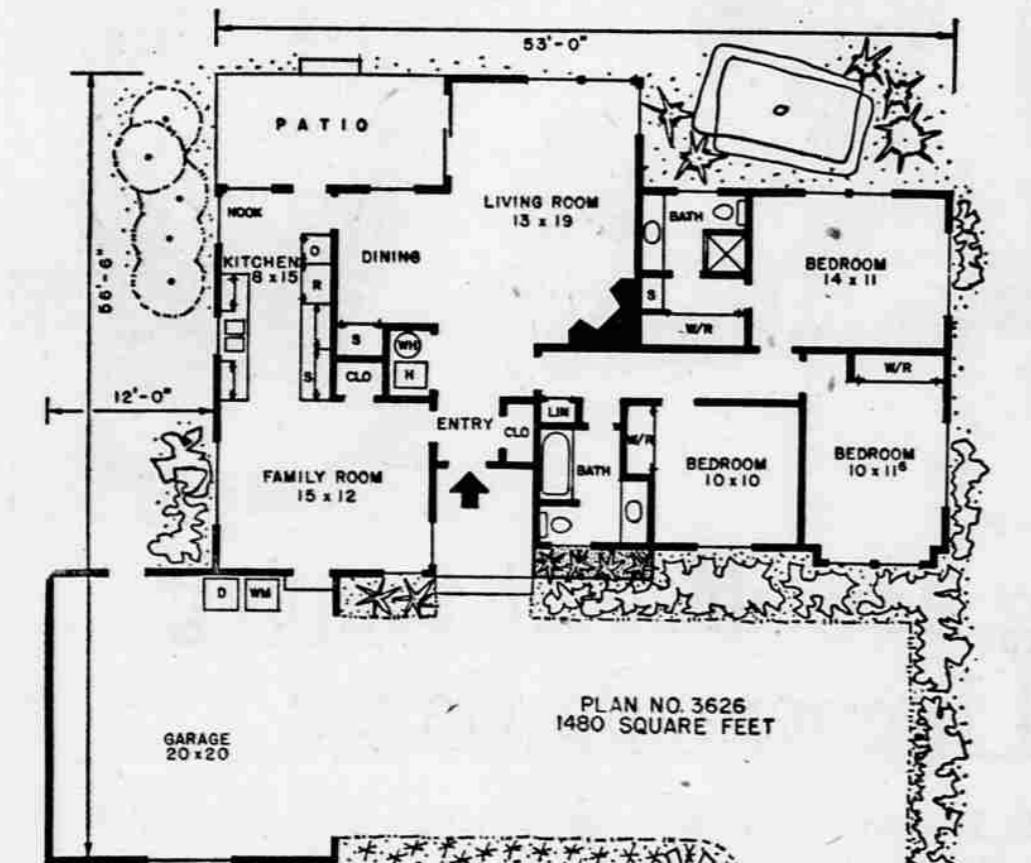
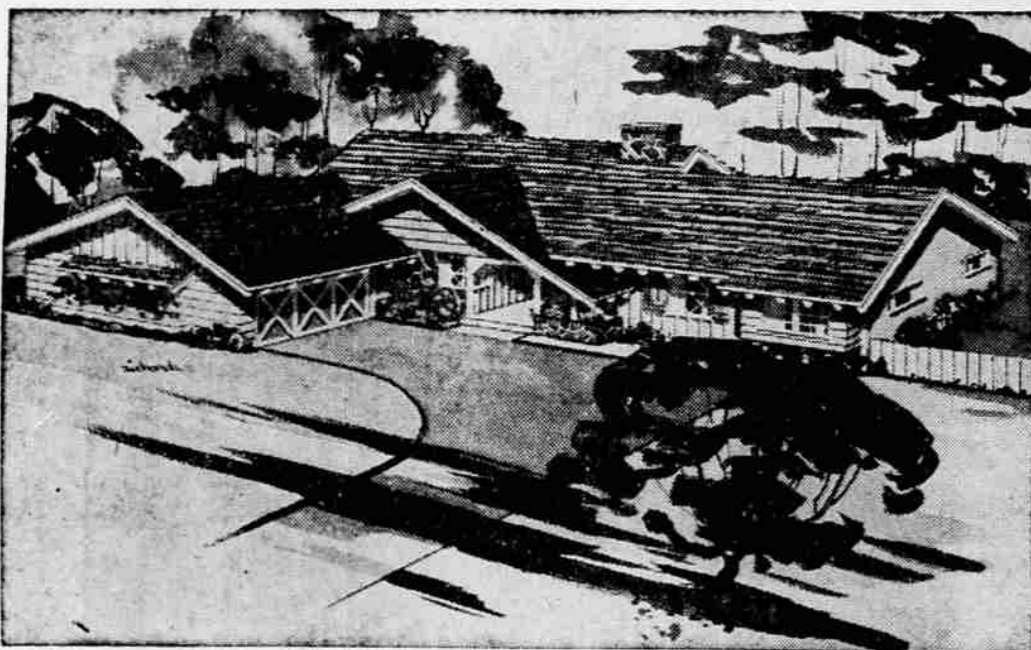
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This Week's Home for Living



By HIAWATHA ESTES
This delightful story - book home might have been borrowed from the pages of a nursery rhyme book. The long, low eaves of the shake roof extends to shelter a deep recessed porch. A stone planter beside the steps and a shelf for flower pots provide a place for flowers and greenery.

or watch television, keeping the living room uncluttered by toys, always ready for guests.

A window-enclosed eating area in one corner of the kitchen is a cheery spot for family meals. A door gives easy access to the patio from the kitchen for children's play or for serving outdoor meals in warm weather.

From the family room a door leads directly into the garage, where the washer and dryer are installed. A second door toward the garage and side yard is convenient when garden equipment is to be stored away.

The huge living room is connected to a dining ell. Glass doors lead to the patio, and the corner fireplace can

be enjoyed from all parts of the room.

The bedroom wing can be closed for quiet while the children are napping. Bedrooms are large and well-lighted, with roomy wardrobes. The master bedroom has a big walk-through dressing room and private three-quarter bath. The family bath near the entry, can double as a guest powder room.

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-T, Northridge, Calif.

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