

Streamlined Tractors Now On Market To Aid Farmers

Various farm machinery and implement manufacturers this year have come to the aid of the farmer suffering from a severe shortage of trained or experienced farm labor.

A hinged service door makes fuel tank, battery and radiator easy to reach. The removable grill on this particular model makes the radiator easier to get at for cleaning.

Safety Feature Added
One of the new larger

Board Approves MLV Vaccine

Salem — The state board of livestock auction markets, meeting at state department of agriculture headquarters in Salem last week, recommended that the use of modified live virus vaccine for hog cholera be permitted in all Oregon salesyards.

Vaccination should be optional according to the buyer's wishes and board maintained salesyard policy should determine whether the buyer or seller of the hog pays the costs. Veterinarians will secure tags for marking vaccinated animals, which will follow a standard form set up by the department.

A serum is used for protection against cholera in most Oregon salesyards. The modified live virus vaccine, which gives a longer period of immunity, is used only by departmental permission in a few areas.

This means that a tractor can take standard three-point tools of any make, working tools attach easier, adjust easier. This particular popular model provides a choice of three load - control settings. The upper hitch member suspends out of the way when not in use. Springs aid penetration of the tools into the soil and a swinging drawbar is provided for pull-type tools.

Those farmers who have had to back and twist the tractor to get the bolt holes of the hitch and implement in line should appreciate this hitch with the labor - saving advantages. The swinging drawbar on this model tractor is another aid in fast, easy hitch-up. This can be swung from side to side, locked in position, shortened or lengthened.

New Brakes Featured
Another important feature in this series is the set of independent, self - energizing, disk - type brakes as regular equipment. There are no brake drums and fewer parts to wear.

The load and depth control on the tractor put out by this manufacturer transfers weight to the tractor drive wheels automatically as more traction is needed and provides uniform tillage.

One of the small but convenient features in this manufacturer's tractors is an electrical plug-in outlet. It provides a convenient way of getting electrical power for extra lights, warning lamps and can be used for a battery charger.

An important safety and breakdown prevention feature in one of the new tractor models now on the market is the safety overload release. When a rock or other underground obstruction snags an

implement the overload release valve goes into action, dumping the oil in the hydraulic system and reducing traction immediately.

One of the more popular tractor models; especially in the orchards here is a small crawler type. A compact little machine it stands only 51 1/2 inches high at the top of the grille. It is 8 1/2 feet long in over-all length and 5 feet wide with 46-inch tread with 14-inch track shoes.

Like other new models it also features easy - to - reach controls and a heavy - duty three-point hitch.

One feature, in particular, which should make it popular in pear orchards here is its adaptability for fork-lift operations. An attachment mounted to the front of this crawler model makes it possible to load and unload boxes on the small wooden platforms or pallets.

With tree-farming becoming increasingly more popular in the Rogue Valley area this little model should see plenty of use in the woods, also. It handles heavy loads of logs on slippery slopes, can aid in building tote roads, fire lanes and can be used for snaking out logs.

Has Fast Reverser
Another of the new tractor series also features two or three - point fast - hitch and a Tel-A-Depth attachment which makes for more uniform tillage. Like other new models it also has optional power steering. A Torque Amplifier drive or new Fast - Reverser makes it possible to reverse in any of the five regular forward speeds. This makes the tractor almost as easy and as smooth to operate as a car. Either LP gas or distillate engine fuel can be used in a new model put out by this manufacturer.

models also has the added safety feature of safety release or overload release which cuts traction and prevents possible injuries to the operator or damage to implements.

Farmers who want to get on the job in a hurry will be happy to learn a 12-volt battery is provided in this model and makes for all - weather quick starting.

Albert Julian of Scio, chairman of the board, turned his duties over to Lawrence Geraghty, Merrill, at the close of the meeting. Julian has headed the advisory group since 1947. Board members elected William H. Hansell, Athens, as vice-chairman.

On a directive from the board, Dr. L. E. Bodenweiser will compile tentative standards for sanitation inspection at salesyards, which the members will study at their next meeting.

Besides Julian, Geraghty and Hansell, Dr. D. H. Jones, Roseburg; Bruce Brahs, Corvallis; and Morgan Beck, Ontario; were present at the meeting.

The small ducks known as buffleheads, inhabiting western Canada, get their foods by dividing into lakes and streams.

--- CHIT CHAT ---

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We told you something interesting should come out of the Oregon Cattlemen's association meeting last week in Redmond. It did!

The Jackson county delegation has been praised for the resolution it succeeded in getting passed by the OCA. The resolution is directed toward the eventual solution of the conflict between the state veterinarian's department and the state division of animal husbandry.

The resolution provides for the appointment of a five-man committee with representatives from each of the agricultural districts in the state. People from all of the other animal husbandry groups would be included in this committee - poultry, hogs, dairying and other groups. This committee would study and arrive at a solution for harmonious relations in this state office and would investigate the effectiveness of the overall program.

The letter to Spatz read, "At the Redmond meeting of the OCA your Jackson county representatives presented a very sensible resolution which was adopted almost unanimously."

"The livestock leadership in your county is to be congratulated on taking a very sensible position in regards to the desire on the part of the veterinarians to create a separate division for their activities with the department."

"The resolution on behalf of the Jackson county producers stipulated cattlemen appoint a special study committee to meet with leaders in other producer groups to begin the process of sifting fact from fiction in the controversy and to make up their minds regarding the philosophy of lay versus professional supervision of veterinarian activities. It is hoped that the producer group will develop a unified position which may be measured with the veterinary position."

The deadline for reports from this committee is Dec. 15 so recommendations may be presented to the state legislature in January.

Now this able resolution has or should have two results. First, it pointed the way out of a ticklish situation. Second, it should indicate to those cattle owners in the county not belonging to the OCA and the Jackson County Stockmen's association that they are missing a good bet. Some good men put Jackson county on the map. And this resolution is just one of the projects which this group of cattlemen are working on. The OCA is working on freight rates which affect Oregon livestock industry, on combating imports of cattle and beef, hunter damages and keep a watchdog over legislation.

In other words, if cattle is your business, then it's good business to join the Jackson County Livestock association and the OCA.

Another resolution came out of the business meeting headed "forestry." The state and federal forestry agencies were asked to do something about burning brush and seeding the former brush-covered lands to grass. This would provide more pasture on the hard-pressed government range land. Leon Offenbacher, Applegate rancher, amended the motion to include the west slope of the Cascades.

A resolution on goats at large, which particularly affects the Applegate area, was also passed. This came under the business section headed "public lands." The OCA is requesting that the Bureau of Land Management establish a trespassing law which would include goats, hogs and sheep as it affects O & C and "public domain lands intermingled." These close-cropping animals have a tendency to ruin the range for beef stock, and, according to the cattlemen, make it impossible for grazing land to recover to lush pasture in a fairly short time.

Under beef promotion a resolution was passed in which it was agreed that the state and the OCA should go along with a national beef promotion program. Each county would work out its own program. A law should be established which would make it possible to collect an optional assessment at the livestock yard - say 10 cents a steer. The money would be used for advertising and promotion.

"The spoils go to the victor," is a well-worn political saying. We would hate to see this extended to the state department of agriculture again. Bob Steward has done an excellent and an outstanding job as director of this department. He has a good team working with him - the state board of agriculture. And for the first time in its history Jackson county is represented on this board - by Ward Spatz, Medford pearman.

So, why cast aside a good thing? It takes time for such a man to learn the various facts of this state's entire agriculture picture - something Bob Steward has done well. To break a new man in would cost the farmers and the taxpayers in general considerable money and wasted effort. A number of state laws beneficial to Oregon agriculture have been passed due to the efforts of Steward and the men working with him.

A resolution removing the state department of agriculture from politics was not made at the recent OCA convention. However, such a recommendation may come out of the special committee reports. We hope it does and we hope it is made soon enough and heeded by the state legislature so a valuable man can continue in his capacity. We understand a good many of those cattlemen attending the meeting in Redmond felt Steward should be kept in a non-political post.

As an example of the continuing good work being done in the state department of agriculture is the statement by Paul Rowell, chief of the division of market development, scheduled for presentation in Denver, Colo. This hearing - now in session - is on rail rates of fresh meats and packing house products.

In this statement, Rowell is pressing for an overall hearing for consideration of the entire situation, covering rates on dressed meats and packinghouse products on livestock, both by railroads and truck lines.

"We absolutely oppose any reductions in westbound freight rates on dressed meats and packinghouse products without proper comparative rates on live animals," Rowell's statement reads.

"This department is not opposed to reductions in freight rates by either rail or motor carriers. We oppose only the destruction of properly competitive rate relationships. These are the rates developed and maintained on westbound meats and live animals for a number of years prior to 1957. The economy of Oregon agriculture and of our state and area as a whole will suffer unless those proper relationships are protected and maintained."

The rate discrimination was increased since last year's reduction in westbound rail rates on dressed meats and packinghouse products without compensatory reductions in rates on live animals, Rowell pointed out. This was accentuated under the Ex Parte 212 general rate increase by its 3 per cent increase in rates on live animals with only a cent per hundredweight increase in rates on dressed meats and packinghouse products.

Truck rate reductions are now in effect on dressed meats and packinghouse products. These are followed by further reductions in rail rates, particularly on packinghouse products. They will be published by the railroads and will become effective on Nov. 15, 1958.

Production of red meat animals is a major agricultural activity in Oregon. Cash receipts from these farm marketings in 1957 totaled \$82,620,000, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture statistics. This includes \$63,422,000 from cattle and calves. This is Oregon's largest single agricultural commodity and ranks even above the \$49,580,000 income in 1957 from wheat, Oregon's highest ranking farm crop, Rowell pointed out.

Program Given For West Oregon Livestock Meet

Corvallis - Oregon cattlemen's Centennial exhibit plans and a proposed Oregon cattle feeders association are among key topics for the Western Oregon Livestock association's 23rd annual meeting, Nov. 12 to 14 at West Linn.

Dean Frischknecht, Oregon State College livestock specialist and association secretary, says the three-day meeting at the West Linn hotel will tackle a complete slate of production and marketing problems for growers of cattle, sheep, and swine.

Charles Swango, Eugene cattleman, will head a discussion on formation of a feeders association proposed last week end at the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattlemen's association. The feeders group would function as a subsidiary of the OCA.

Herman Oliver, John Day cattleman, will present cattlemen's plans drafted at the OCA convention for participating in the Oregon Centennial. Other top business will include a proposal to incorporate the Western Oregon Livestock association, Frischknecht stated.

Feedlot Topic
Livestock feedlot operations reported by a panel of farmers and ranchers, and the national meat promotion program are among other topics.

Oregon Centennial celebration plans will be reviewed by Thomas C. Young, Portland, member of the state Centennial Commission.

A special program for the women's auxiliary includes a tour of the historical McLoughlin House in Oregon City, and a Nov. 13 luncheon, style show, and business session.

Chairmen of committees in session for the three days are Albert Julian, Scio, legislation and taxation committee; William Stevenson, Coburg, wildlife; John Hill, Eugene, livestock diseases and parasites; Gerald Flannigan, Junction City, pastures and ranges; Charles Swango, Eugene, marketing; and Wallace Dement, Myrtle Point, resolutions.

Oregon Corn Show Set For Dec. 6

Corvallis - Increased interest in field corn production in Oregon will turn the spotlight on corn growing, harvesting, and feeding practices at this year's Oregon State Corn Show, reports Rex Warren, Oregon State College farm crops specialist.

The 17th annual public show is scheduled Dec. 6 at the Benton county fairgrounds, Corvallis, starting at 9 a.m. Top corn yields, 10-ear exhibits, and judging contests will still be major events. Warren states, but will share the program with "educational type" discussions on corn growing and feeding.

Oregon field corn acreage this year hit a record high of 47,000 acres, compared to 36,000 last year and 25,000 acres in 1950.

Contest premium lists are available from county extension offices.

Texas has about 6,500 oil-producing firms.

Hubbell To Attend Weed Conference

How to win the battle against weeds will be the theme of the seventh annual meeting of the Oregon Weed conference scheduled for Nov. 12 and 13 in the Scajawa hotel in La Grande, according to Larry Rowse, Portland, conference general chairman.

Control of such weeds as perennial morning glory, Canadian thistle, Russian knapweed, whitetop nutgrass and quack grass will be discussed. Among those attending will be Ray Hubbell, Jackson county weed supervisor, and vice president of the Oregon Weed Conference. Hubbell will appear on a panel on "Weed Control in County Weed Districts."

On Panel
On the panel with him will be Rex Warren, Farm Crops department, Oregon State college, moderator; Bill Farrell,



SEEK MEMBERSHIPS - Mrs. Clayton Charley, Medford, (left) and Mrs. Donald Bradshaw, Central Point, were caught by the photographer last week at the Midway Auction yard during the Jackson county annual October feeder sale. The two members of the Jackson County Cow Belles

were signing up new members of the Jackson County Stockmen's association and the Oregon Cattlemen's association. Through this drive so far approximately 45 new members have been brought in. Those cattlemen wanting membership information may contact Armin Richter at Spring 3-4713.

Modesty Strong Feature Of Young FFA Cattleman

Central Point - Best way to describe Don Ryan, prominent young beef raiser in the Crater high school FFA chapter is a tall, goodlooking piece of modesty.

Don was champion beef showman in the Jackson county fair last year and won the trophy for best beef display at the county fair, also. He's also a likely candidate for state farmer degree in the Future Farmers of America. All of these things had to be learned from Ed Griggs, chapter advisor. Don didn't tell us.

Don is the son of R. W. Ryan who owns two farms of approximately 240 acres each in the Central Point area and rents 100 acres. Like the Redmond boys we wrote about last week, Don plans to go to Oregon State college. However, he hasn't planned what he will study in agriculture. His father, too, is a former city dweller. He was raised in New York City.

Biggest Surprise
"And I guess you know it was just about the biggest surprise ever to the family when they heard my dad had become a farmer!" Don laughed.

Don's grandfather is a retired dentist and brought his family out west when he retired. It was here that Don's father went to college. Later he decided to go into farming. Including the cattle owned by Don's older brother, the family has approximately 90 head of cattle - registered Herefords plus a few grade animals.

The family also raises approximately 75 turkeys every

year, mainly for the holiday trade. These birds are fed on corn the family raises on its own acreage - 15 acres of field corn last year. They also raise 15 acres of vetch and over 100 acres of alfalfa, some on the home place and some on the other farm. The home place is on Table Rock rd. and the other farm near Sam's Valley. Approximately 100 acres of the home place on the Rogue river is under water. The other is a dry land farm.

Beef is Don's big FFA project, although he is raising 30 acres of alfalfa, too, on rented land. His beef animals are all in breeding stock, cows and calves - nine heifers, two calves and two cows. While Don isn't busy with his job as chapter secretary he concentrates on his beef project.

Up to the Boys
Don's father is planning to take on a business as a sideline so the young beefman figures he, his older brother, now enrolled in civil engineering at OSC and his brother now in the eighth grade, will have to do most of the farming. In the future they may form a partnership with the father.

"I've lived on a farm all my life," the tall, dark-haired, brown-eyed boy said. "I like farm life, being outdoors and my own boss. Love to hunt and on a farm you can knock

off and do that."
"No, I'm not sure what I'll take in college," he added thoughtfully. "Might be animal husbandry or even ag engineering. I like math and I like ag. I'm taking all the math I can get here in school."

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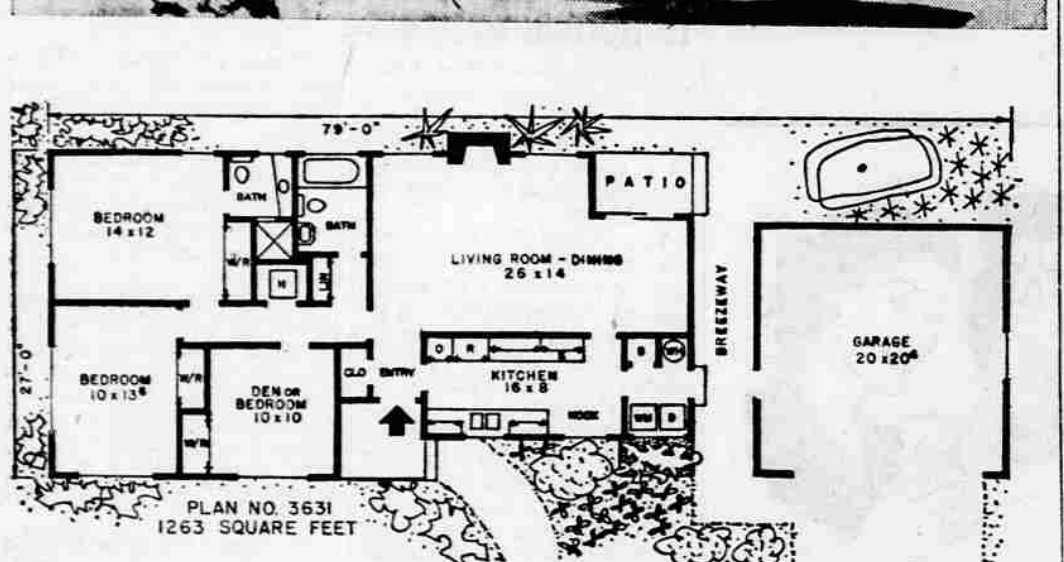


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This Week's Home For Living

By HIAWATHA ESTES
Suitable for a shallow lot or narrow corner property, this 1,263 square foot home offers privacy, comfort and sheltered outdoor living.

The shake roof is broken into interesting lines. Stucco panels separate the box-framed aluminum casement windows, and dark hued brick veneer lends contrast to the vertical lapped board siding. The door to the two-car garage could be rotated to the end wall on a lot with narrow frontage.

From the sheltered entry a small foyer opens to the kitchen, living room, and bedroom hall. In the channel kitchen, built-in appliances are color-keyed to your decorating scheme. The breakfast nook is

the place for casual family meals. Home laundry equipment, water heater and broom closet are in the service entry.

A roofed breezeway offers sheltered passage between the service entrance and garage and provides a shady spot for the children to play on hot days.

The separate dining alcove extends the dimensions of the large living room. The sliding glass doors, which light the dining area makes the covered porch a pleasant spot for outdoor meals in summer.

Big windows on each side of the living room fireplace give a view of your landscaped garden.

To keep bedrooms quiet, a sliding door can be closed between the hall and foyer.

The large linen closet is adjacent to the family bath. A private three-quarter bath with stall shower opens to the master bedroom.

All bedrooms are of ample size and well lighted. Side windows are shoulder high to allow space for furniture beneath.

This home is heated by a centrally located forced-air furnace.

Complete working drawing of the above plan can be obtained at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$8 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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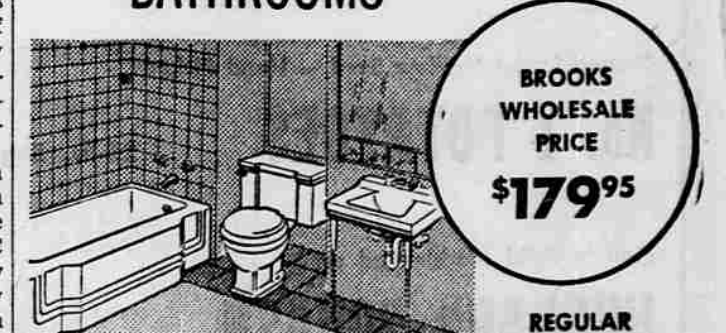
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