

Crater Ag. Dept. Winds Up Courses In Farm Shop

Central Point—Fifty-two students in Agriculture I of the Crater High school vocational agriculture department have completed a six week course in farm shop skills, according to Ed Griggs, instructor. Skills include practice in electric welding, brazing, acetylene cutting, tap and die work, forging, tool sharpening, rope work and carpentry. Skill projects constructed by the boys included bolts threaded and made from round steel rod, hay hooks, and rope calf halters. Each boy sharpened two twist drills and was required to drill a hole in a piece of steel with one of the drills, Griggs said.

The Agriculture I students are starting a course in beginning livestock diseases. A skill chart will be posted to credit each member as he becomes capable of performing various veterinary skills. The chart will include 22 skills including drenching animals, giving subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal and intravenous shots with a veterinary syringe.

The morning Agriculture II class has returned to its daily two-hour periods of shop. The afternoon Agriculture II class will enter the shop after a course in land-judging. The Ag. II boys have spent the last six weeks in the classroom studying poultry, soils, farm electricity, agriculture mathematics and livestock feeding.

The Ag. III boys are engaged in a study of advanced crop production. The Ag. IV boys are constructing projects in the shop.

Crater Future Farmers of America President, John Caster, is preparing an instruction course in beginning swine production which will be presented to the Ag. I class in two weeks. Each year a senior boy is offered the opportunity to teach a two-week unit of study to beginning agriculture students. The senior selected to teach is generally a boy with a potential interest in education or technical agriculture as a career. Last year, Allen Barnes, chapter president, presented a study in agriculture mathematics. Preliminary plans are being made for the Crater FFA parent and son banquet which will be held in the Crater High school gymnasium April 28. Committee chairman select-

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ed by John Caster, president are: Don Denning, decorations; Don Ryan, invitations; Pete Melsted, food; and John Caster, program.

Four currently enrolled Crater chapter members now hold the State Farmer degree. John Caster, and Don Ryan received the degree last year. This year, two juniors, David Foote and Jim Frank, were elevated to the State Farmer degree.

Winter adult courses in crops and soils science and farm electricity were completed this week. Readers are urged to investigate the possibility of attending one of the two adult courses which will be offered next fall. Actual selection of courses will be made by the school administration and advisory council this summer.

Recent visitors at the Crater FFA chapter include Doris Owens, last year's chapter sweetheart, Allen Barnes, past chapter president; Bob Eldon, past chapter president; and Mike Redmond, last year's chapter treasurer. Miss Owens, Eldon and Redmond, are attending Oregon State college. Barnes is a student at Southern Oregon college.

Fir Seedlings Now Available

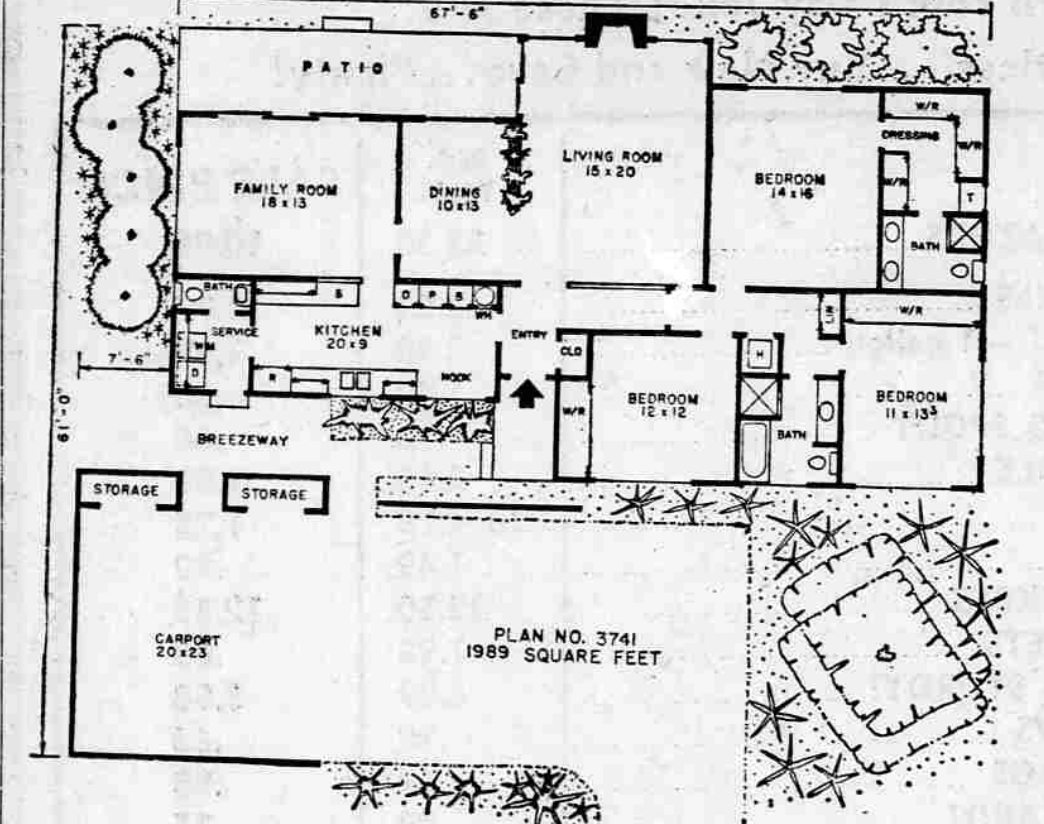
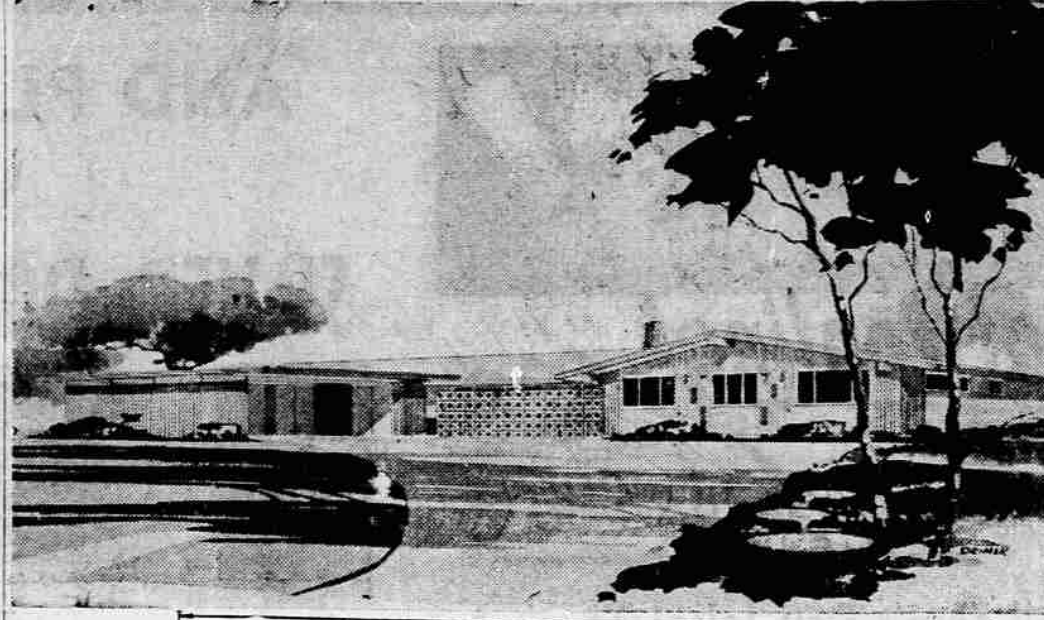
The state department of forestry has received a new supply of excellent 2-0 Douglas fir as of March 24, according to Charles R. Ross, farm forestry specialist at Oregon State college.

It now has on hand 300,000 Douglas fir seedlings. "It is urgent these seedlings be put in the ground within the next two or three weeks," Ross said. "Time is of the essence."

Orders for more than 15,000 trees will be accepted, Ross said. It has been a rule that orders larger than 15,000 Douglas fir would not be accepted, but because of the time element, this restriction has been lifted, Ross added. The forestry department also has about 20,000 Scotch pine and an ample supply of 2-0 ponderosa pine.

"Some favor spring planting because the trees are exposed to less damage from animals and severe weather," the forestry specialist pointed-out. "If the ground continues to have a good supply of moisture through April, survival may be as good as would be the case in other seasons."

This Week's Homes of Distinction



In addition to having plenty of room for the family to stretch out in, this new home is refreshingly elegant—a style leader for years to come.

A low pitch, rock covered gable roof complements the imaginative and strikingly simple exterior design. A decorative concrete block screen wall adds interest to the front but may be eliminated if desired. On the bedroom wing, colored plastic panels are attached to the vertical wood members which extend from the gable roof, past the aluminum windows and to the ground.

An oversized carport with storage closets is covered with a flat roof to give design contrast. In colder climates, this roof could be changed to a

gable while a wall and garage door could be placed at the front of the carport. A covered breezeway connects the carport to the service. A half-bath off the service is convenient to the outside of the house and kitchen. The oven, pantry, broom and water heater closets are all on the same kitchen wall. The kitchen is open to the family room as there is a partial wall at the rear of the built-in range top.

Large sliding glass doors in both the living and family rooms open onto the roofed patio. With the new types of glass available, these large glass areas can now be enjoyed in the colder climates as well as in the warmer sections of the country. The covered porch opens to

the center-hall entry which leads to all parts of the home and hall space has been kept to a minimum. The living room is separated from the dining-ell by a long planter with storage below. A wall could be located between these two rooms if more privacy is preferred.

All three bedrooms are exceptionally large and offer an unusual amount of wardrobe space. The dressing room, off the master bedroom, has wardrobes on all walls except where a dressing table has been located. A feature of the master bath is twin pullman lavatories.

Complete working drawings of the above plan can be purchased at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set, when ordered at the same time.

Farm Credit Agency Said Dragging Feet In Time of Need

Washington—UPI—A key House Democrat has charged the Farmers Home administration with "dragging its feet" at a time when hard-pressed farmers have the greatest need for low-cost federal credit.

Rep. Jamie L. Whitten (D-Miss.), chairman of a House agriculture appropriations subcommittee, said "It looks to me like somebody is trying to dry up" the farm credit agency.

Whitten's remarks were made public in a transcript of closed-door hearings by his subcommittee into the budget needs of various agriculture department agencies.

The Farmers Home administration helps farmers finance homes, farm land purchases and farm operations.

Its overall loan program budget for next fiscal year, starting July 1, calls for \$203,349,000, compared with a current estimated spending level for this year of \$251,485,000. Congress gave the agency \$279,044,615 last fiscal year.

The department's own statements indicate that farm net income is at the lowest level in 20 years, Whitten said, while interest rates are at about their highest level.

Whitten said that this would indicate to him that the emergency type of farm credit provided by the agency "would probably be looked to more than at any time previously."

The agency is asking for \$25,700,000 for its home loan program as against \$42,900,000 estimated spending this year.

Director Kenneth L. Scott of the Agricultural Credit Services explained the eligibility requirements, liberalized in 1958 "as an anti-recession measure," had been tightened. Whitten contended the program was not intended "to pump-prime," but

to provide farmers similar benefits provided by the Federal Housing Authority for city dwellers.

Testimonies showed the agency seeks \$20,249,000 next year for farm ownership loans, against \$24,300,000 this year. Applications in this field have been dropping for the last two years, Scott said. The soil and water conservation loans budget was set at \$3,000,000, compared to \$3,485,000 this year, and the farm operating loans, largest item in the budget, at \$154,400,000, against \$180,800,000 for the current year.

Whitten reminded Scott that Congress provided \$180,800,000 last year, plus a \$20 million contingency fund, despite the fact that only \$160 million was requested.

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Others named were Robert Stack, television; Rock Hudson, movies; Sammy Kaye, music; Dan Topping, owner of the New York Yankees, sports; Arthur Rubloff, Chicago and New York real estate man; Sportscaster Mel Allen, radio; Brian Aherne, tailor, and Chief Justice Earl Warren, judicial.

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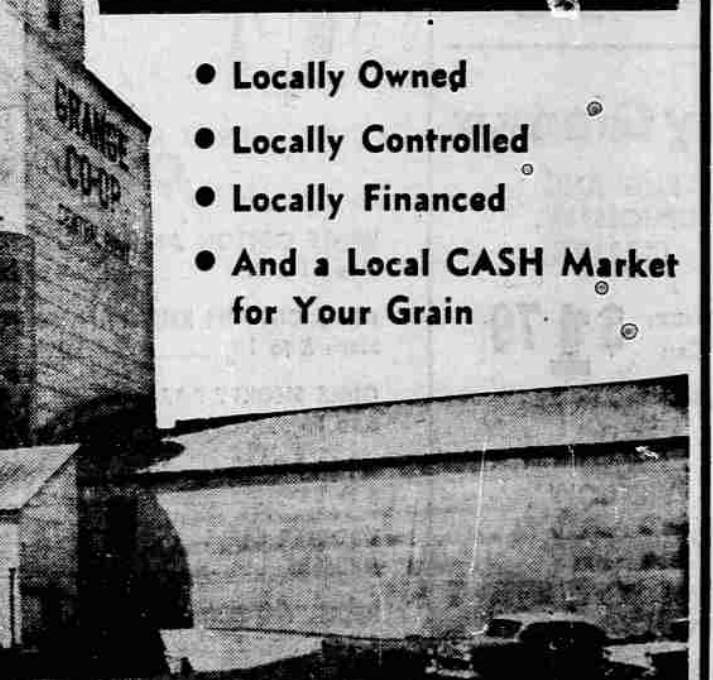
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