

# Griggs' Vo-Ag News Favorably Praised

Eagle Point—"Old Yeller," Oregon Vocational Agriculture Teacher's association newsletter, edited by Ed Griggs, Crater high school vocational agricultural teacher, is one of the outstanding vo-ag teachers' newsletters in the region, if not in the nation, it was remarked at the recent convention in Salt Lake City of the National Vocational Agriculture Teacher's association.

Nat Etzel, Eagle Point vo-ag instructor and vice president of OVATA, returned Sunday from Saturday's meeting of the national association. He said representatives of western states said the newsletter edited by Griggs is possibly the outstanding newsletter of the nation. They wanted to know how it is done, and how it is organized. One of the big problems in getting out such a newsletter is getting out instructors to contribute, he remarked. Vo-ag instructors want to hear what other instructors are doing and learn new ideas but the teacher-trainers and supervisors in the vo-ag program are the only ones who send anything in for publication.

Etzel noted that presidents and vice presidents from all western states except Hawaii were present at the meeting held at the same time that Sen. Lynn Johnson, Texas Democrat and presidential candidate was in town and while J. C. Penney was meeting with chamber of commerce officials.

The association is planning to raise annual dues for the national organization from \$1.50 to \$2. This will enable the organization to hire a full time executive secretary who can keep a close liaison with the various offices and state organizations. The dues raise was unanimously supported by the officers but the general membership may decide later.

## Dairy Events Set By Jersey Club

By MARY MONGOLD Club Reporter

Eagle Point - The annual Spring Junior Dairy Show was discussed in detail at the April meeting of the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club held recently at the Russell Palmer home west of Grants Pass.

This year the show, alternating between counties, will take place at the Josephine County fairgrounds on May 21. Ray Klewer from Oregon State college will judge. There will be showmanship, judging and demonstration contests with awards for the winners in each category. The Rogue River Jersey Cattle club ladies will maintain a food booth. The proceeds of the booth is used for further youth activities.

Plans were formulated for the forthcoming annual picnic in July of the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club which will be held in southern Oregon for the first time and sponsored by the local club.

The next meeting will be held at the W. D. Mongold home near Eagle Point, May 7.

More than 50 per cent of American families take vacation trips each year, according to the California State Automobile Association.

# California Eases Cattle Quarantine

Salem—Considerable relaxation of regulations governing movement of Oregon cattle into California was announced April 12 by the California state department of agriculture.

In a wire to the Oregon department, Dr. J. E. Stuart, chief of the California department's animal division, said treatment will no longer be required on any dairy cattle.

All except five counties, centering around Baker county where scab was found earlier this year on one animal brought in from an adjoining state, beef cattle may be shipped to California without prior permit and scab treatment. The five counties are Baker, Wallowa, Malheur, Grant and Union. No scab has been found in any of the buffer area this order establishes around Baker county.

California still requires a health inspection and official health certificate certifying freedom from scabies for all cattle now permitted to enter that state. The health certificate must be signed by either a federal or state veterinarian or a private veterinarian deputized by the Oregon department of agriculture.

This relaxation of quarantine requirements has come sooner than anticipated, says Dr. A. G. Beagle, in charge of federal veterinarians in Oregon. He says it reflects the confidence California officials have in the prompt action taken to control the scab incident in Oregon.

## President To Miss Primary Election

Washington—(UP)—President Eisenhower is not expected to go to Gettysburg today to vote in Pennsylvania's primary election.

"I think it is extremely unlikely," White House news secretary James C. Hagerty said. "The President regrets it very much but he has a lot of work to do down here."

Eisenhower's schedule today included a farewell visit from French President and Mme. Charles de Gaulle, a conference with Republican congressional leaders, and a meeting with Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell and AFL-CIO President George Meany.

The lava pool resulting from the recent eruptions of Kilauea volcano in Hawaii may take a century to cool.

# --- CHIT CHAT ---

By JOE COWLEY Mail Tribune Farm Editor

We have noticed that people of the West, particularly Oregonians, tend to mistrust anything or anybody from the east. Not so, Sen. John F. Kennedy, presidential candidate from Massachusetts.

From what we saw and questions we asked response to Kennedy was sincerely enthusiastic. The Democratic senator has the kind of "sharp" personality which can strike sparks of enthusiasm. When speaking here Kennedy only touched briefly on the farm problem.

However, during our interview with him he touched on two things which concern the Rogue Valley peargrowers, migrant labor and markets. His reply to our question about the secretary of labor's recently announced policy was a cautious one.

Migratory labor should be treated fairly, they should have a fair wage scale and working conditions, the senator answered. After reading the secretary of labor's proposal to set migratory workers' minimum wages, a prominent Republican peargrower said it was enough to make him a Democrat.

We had hoped that a delegation from the peargrowers would have arranged to show Kennedy at least some of the industry and its problems. Of course, the senator didn't have much time here, but we have observed that when the peargrowers insist on attention from government officials they usually get it.

As we drove back from Ashland Kennedy asked how the pear industry is doing here. We quickly replied not too well. He asked why? Everyone knows a newspaperman is not talking competition to a lawyer. And here our lawyer friend in the car jumped in and by the time he finished we were in Medford. A peargrower might have been able to explain it more forcefully, however.

Speaking of his farm program as a whole, briefly and basically, Kennedy is for anything which will assure the farmer a fair living. The basic plank in his farm platform is a two-price plan for wheat. This, he reminded us, is a plan supported by the national Grange. This consists of a lower price for wheat going into feed rations than for the wheat going into human food such as bread.

But what has been the senator's record in voting on farm measures? He was one of the few early supporters of the Brannan plan. He voted against limiting the maximum support level for wool under direct payments program. He voted to guarantee 90 per cent of parity support to small farmers. In 1958 he voted for the farm price freeze bill which prevented any reduction in farm supports or acreage allotments for basic commodities. He voted against the farm bill in which price supports were not based on parity. In 1959, he supported an amendment to raise price supports on wheat from 75 per cent to 85 per cent of parity.

According to excerpts from his speeches, Kennedy takes a comprehensive, overall view of the farming problem.

"Any farm program should assure our nation's farms a fair share of the national income. . . . We must also consider the prices he pays. . . . We must consider, too, his needs for power, water and small upstream projects. . . . His dependence upon good roads and cheap freight rates. . . . He has made a tremendous capital investment in his farm. . . . and he wants a comparable return on that investment. He puts in a long, hard work-week. . . . he wants comparable wages for his labor."

Oregon livestock men are concerned over the large numbers of sheep and beef being sent into Pacific coast ports from New Zealand, both alive and packaged. Kennedy has introduced legislation to give relief to producers injured by imports and has voted for limiting imports of surplus agricultural commodities. He has voted also to encourage agricultural research.

Kennedy has also been against limiting the terms farmers can serve on county ag committees such as we have in Jackson county. He believes this strengthens the committees. It favors putting dairy farmers in charge of the federal dairy stabilization program. He has voted also for a self-help milk program.

The Massachusetts senator has continually boosted a cooperative movement and opposed placing additional taxes upon farm cooperatives. He favors and protects the Rural Electrification Administration. If this means REA coming into the Rogue Valley would lower our power rates we would be all for it.

Kennedy has also voted for increased use of agricultural products for industrial purposes. However, the experts point out this proposal is ineffective. Usually prices paid for industrial uses of food products are too low to help the farmers. Also, often a synthetic product can be used at lower prices than the food product.

The senator has plugged consistently for the government buying of surplus foods and using them in school lunch programs. The experts say if current surpluses cannot be removed by realistic increases in incomes, lower prices or improved diets, such as school lunch programs, food stamps and food donations will not solve the surplus problem.

Kennedy has voted, also, to expand price support purchases to livestock products. However, the stockmen have opposed this. They want to remain independent of any government market aid. They feel, also, that the only way to sell more beef is to get out and promote it. This is something which they are starting to do.

Apparently farmers who voted in the Wisconsin primary April 5 weren't too impressed with Kennedy's farm program and voting on farm issues. He ran far behind Humphrey's 10,218 with his 6,479 votes according to spot checks of voting in 141 farm townships in 12 Wisconsin counties.

In the 31 townships with good dairy farming Kennedy received 1,768 votes to Humphrey's 2,403 votes. In southwestern Wisconsin with corn-hog and dairy, in 44 farm townships Kennedy received 1,932 votes compared to Humphrey's 2,585. In western Wisconsin, with good dairy farming, in 44 farm townships Kennedy received 2,239 votes, still running behind Humphrey's 3,795. And in northern Wisconsin with a marginal farming area, 22 farm townships checked showed 540 votes to Kennedy and 1,425 votes for Humphrey.

However, Kennedy is all for ousting Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture, who many of the farmers blame for their comparatively low earnings. Both Humphrey and Kennedy got 68 per cent of the vote northwestern Wisconsin where 33 1/3 per cent of the people live on farms. Even those areas traditionally Republican gave a wide margin to the Democratic candidates. This may indicate that the Grand Old Party will be in trouble in the midwestern farm belt.

Those people who observed the Dec. 15 election of a Republican congressman in Iowa's fourth district think this indicates significant voting trends. These, incidentally, might better be called "voting tides." They change about as often as the sea tides. Peace may overcome the farm problem as an issue, according to what was observed in Iowa's fourth district. Small town businessmen are conservative. War hurts their businesses rather than helps them - cutback on civilian goods, etc. All four counties in the fourth district went Republican. Three went Democratic last year.

And to answer a question by a Jackson county female Republican leader - We can write on politics and farm news, too, because there days they seem almost part and parcel.

# County Sheepmen Vote Wool Pool Area Shipments

Jackson county sheepmen at a recent meeting in the county courthouse auditorium voted for a wool pool program this summer, besides the present lamb pool.

During the meeting attended by a large number of sheep growers, 1,400 fleeces were tentatively listed for the pool. The growers agreed to sell the fleeces through the pool at an open rate. Buyers will be contacted and will submit bids to the pool. Bids will be opened on June 1.

A number of growers remarked that youngsters raising sheep in the 4-H program do not have enough to contribute wool to the large pool. It was agreed that they should bring the wool to a centrally located place. There the comparatively small amount of wool will be weighed and sacked and each owner will be credited for the wool he or she ships. Earle Jossy, county extension agent, noted that it takes 25 fleeces to fill a sack.

Those who have wool to ship should contact Earle Jossy or one of the directors. Directors elected were Ray Vogel, Central Point; John Bohner, Central Point; John Dunlap, Delta Waters rd.; Ben Dawson, Ashland and Archie Ferns, Fern Valley.

## Grange Notes

Sams Valley Grange - A special vocal and instrumental musical program was presented at the last meeting of the Sams Valley Grange. Victor Croxton was in charge of entertainment arrangements for the program.

Vocal numbers were sung by a chorus of Sams Valley school youngsters and accordion selections were provided by Frank and Walter Fitzgerald.

The Sams Valley Grange celebrated its 35th anniversary. At this time charter members were honored as well as past masters of the Grange. Emmett Nealon, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Albert Straus, and Elwood Abbott were the four charter members present. S. S. Abbott was not present.

Past masters included Albert Straus, Jerry Fitzgerald, Bill Duggan, Herman Priem, Ralph James, Charles Hocker-smith.

Masters from other Granges were present. They were Benton Boyce of Central Point, Orrie Moore, of Roxy Ann, Ben Fulton of Butte Falls, and Bob Bitterling of Eagle Point, who is also master of Pomona.

Tentative plans to hold a public meeting to discuss zoning in the valley area are slated for May 5 at the Grange hall.

The next regular meeting of the Sams Valley Grange will be held May 14 at 8 p.m.

Parity is a standard established by congress for determining a fair balance between prices farmers receive for products they sell and fair prices they pay for things they buy.

Cattle in shaded feedlots gain faster than animals fed in unshaded lots, reports the United States department of agriculture. Cooling breezes also benefit cattle, says the USDA.

# UMC Plans Tour of Child Care Agencies

The United Medford Crusade campaign organization is planning a tour of child care agencies located in or near Portland, according to Omar A. Bacon, UMC public relations committee chairman.

Bacon explained that ten child care agencies receive children from every county in the state. They are supported mostly through contributions given through united funds. The United Medford Crusade raised \$18,000 for these agencies.

Many of the citizens here know little or nothing about these agencies and questions are often asked as to why we should support them. Bacon said that many children, as well as unwed mothers, from Jackson county are cared for each year by these agencies.

A goal of 30 persons has been set for the tour. If 30 make reservations, a bus will be chartered for a trip beginning early Thursday, May 12 and ending Friday, May 13. Private automobiles will be used if fewer than 30 people go.

Some of the firms having large employee groups are expected to authorize one or two employees to take the tour and underwrite their expenses.

Any citizen who has the time and is interested in making the trip is welcome, Bacon said. The approximate cost for the trip will be \$30 including transportation. United Medford Crusade campaign contributions are not used to underwrite the expense of the trip for anyone.

Two years ago, a similar tour was taken by 15 Medford business men.

# Band Boosters to Sell Memberships To Raise Money

Ashland - A campaign to raise \$3,300 has been launched by the Ashland High School Band Boosters to send the school band and a float to this summer's Portland Rose Festival.

Of the total, \$1,800 is needed to send the band and \$1,500 is required to secure a float.

The band last year was restricted to performance only in the Junior Rose Parade since it did not have a float. To march in the Grand Floral Parade, the Rose Festival association requires that a band must be accompanied by a float.

To raise the funds, Boosters are selling memberships at a minimum price of \$1 each. Purchasers are entitled to attend all band concerts and are allowed one vote each on selection of a float theme for each dollar invested.

A statement issued by the Boosters said they will have "several possibilities" as sponsors for the float.

Float themes on which Booster members may vote are "City of Education," "City of Recreation," "City of Empire Builders," "City of Hospitality" and "City of Culture." Voters also may suggest their own themes.

The Boosters stressed that the band and float could appear in the Grand Floral Parade of each parent of each Ashland school student would purchase one membership each.

## Actor Plans Fifth Try at Marriage

Hollywood—(UP)—Actor Herbert Marshall, 69, took out a marriage license Monday for a fifth try at marriage.

Marshall and Mrs. Dee Anne Kahmann, 38, a department store buyer, went to the county courthouse to obtain the license. But they refused to tell reporters how they met or when they planned to marry.

Miss Kahmann has been divorced twice. Marshall was divorced three times. His fourth wife, Boots Mallory, died in December, 1958.

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