

FROM THE GROUND UP

By BART BARTLETT

The harvest period for many this area's economic crops is over.

There remains, however, instances where some growers have certain late maturing crops of both fruits and vegetables that are and will be ready for consumers for several days. This produce is of excellent quality and should be utilized by everyone as long as it is available.

The county farm, no doubt, produced an abundant crop of the same items and in this instance will reduce the market demand for the items that were produced by the tax-paying private growers.

This is a good time of year to make repairs that once made will make the winter season more comfortable, or in the case of rentals, less troublesome. A few dollars spent now on a leaky roof will probably save a ceiling repair to the house. In this regard, gutters, and down-spouts should be inspected and if necessary, replaced before the occurrence of winter rains.

Check Equipment

Where and when it is possible due to free time, farm equipment should be winterized. This operation largely consists of draining certain items of equipment such as pumps and pipelines of water. In other instances it means putting anti-freeze into radiators to prevent damage from freezing. In certain cases, it is necessary to insulate pipes and plumbing so fresh water supplies for domestic use will not be jeopardized by freezing.

This is a good time to either remove or mark trees that should be removed from orchards. Once the leaves have fallen and pruning starts, it may

Crater FFA To Lead Group Enroute To National Meeting

Pat Neal, Oregon FFA president from Crater High school, will lead the state delegation to Kansas City, Mo., to participate in the 35th anniversary convention of the National Future Farmers of America, according to Leonard Kunsman, supervisor of agricultural education in the state department of education.

The delegation represents 57 Oregon FFA chapters.

It is difficult to identify the non-productive trees which should be pulled and replaced. The irrigation districts are closing off all water deliveries. There is some residual water in most of their canals. This is a good time to get everything well wetted as it may be a long dry fall and winter.

In regards to the coming election on the question of the state budget and the tax measure that is supposed to raise the funds to pay the bills—it seems that as in the case of most of the items of human existence that fall into political hands, the issue is more political and realistic.

The present tax bill should be voted down for three sound reasons:

The state can operate more economically if forced to do so. A tax-payer's revolt is in order to get the tax base broadened. Once we submit to this bill and levy it will never be taken from the books. A check of tax measures that have once gone into effect and their later history will prove this. Taxes once collected as a law of the state or land are never repealed. The only change that occurs is that additional and/or new taxes may be levied.

Our state is noted for its many services. We should get off this platform and provide only those services essential to the people's welfare. The political bureaucracy is dedicated to the propagation and multiplication of its system. This tide must be stemmed or we will all be working for and serving the state.

The national convention which runs from Oct. 9-11 is expected to attract 10,000 FFA members and guests from Puerto Rico and all states but Alaska.

Bray To Compete

Other Crater chapter members attending are Ron Stith and Jim Caldwell. Jeff Keefe, Eagle Point FFA chapter president, and Mike Charley, chapter vice president, are also en route to the convention. Alan Bray, Crater FFA, will compete in the national speech contest.

Russ Bowman, state FFA vice president from La Grande will serve as Oregon's other official delegate. Two delegates from each state in the union from the convention's voting body.

Four of Oregon's students expected to receive the American Farmer degree, highest degree of achievement offered by the FFA. The degree, which is limited so that only one member in a thousand may attain it, is given for outstanding achievement in farming and rural leadership.

Oregon's candidates are Perry M. Johnston, Wallowa; Richard and Thomas Cline, Milton-Freewater; and Merl Allen Miller, Moro.

Each American Farmer receives a gold key, a certificate, and a \$100 check from the National FFA Foundation.

Four state Future Farmers will participate in the FFA's "mail order" national band. Chris Brown from Heppner and Frank Rutschman from Dayton will play third cornet. Richard Miller from Enterprise and John Zentner from Dayton will play baritone in the 118-piece national band.

The FFA band, which will include boys from 37 states, got its "mail order" tag from the fact that membership is recruited by correspondence, with the leader never hearing the boys play until they arrive in Kansas City for the practice sessions. They have 2 1/2 days to be molded into a smoothly

performing musical unit before their first public appearance.

Two Oregon FFA chapters have entries in the National Chapter Award program, and will send representatives to Kansas City to hear the results of their effort. The Enterprise chapter will send a delegation of five. They are: Chuck Wilcox, Jim Kooch, Terry Emmons, John Butler, and Kerry Searles. Central-Linn FFA chapter members attending will be Jim Matheny and Lee Sawyer.

Darrell Ward, supervisor of agriculture education in the State Department of Education, will head the delegation. Chaperones traveling with Oregon's students will be vocational agriculture instructors George Gentemann, Estacada; Bill Sawyer, St. Helens; Charles Portifly, Redmond; and Leonard Kokes, Marshfield.

253 Cattle Sold At Midway Yard; Market Active

A total of 253 cattle were sold on a fairly active market and received much lower prices at the Midway Auction yard during the regular Friday, Oct. 4 sale.

Good to choice steer calves, 310 to 400 pounds, sold for \$25 to \$26. Calves weighing 400 to 475 pounds sold for \$24 to \$25.40. Steer calves weighing 500 to 550 pounds brought \$22 to \$23.60. Good heifer calves sold for \$21 to \$22.75. Heifers weighing 450 to 500 pounds brought \$20 to \$22.75.

Yearling steers, 550 to 600 pounds, went out at \$12.50 to \$23. Steers weighing 625 to 700 pounds sold for \$20 to \$22.60. Those weighing 700 to 800 pounds went out at \$18.50 to \$21.50.

Yearling heifers sold for \$18 to \$20.10.

Holsteins
Holstein steer calves earned \$18 to \$19.50. Yearling Holstein steers brought \$17 to \$18.10.

Fat cows netted \$15 to \$16.10. Utility cows earned \$13.50 to \$14.75. Cutters brought \$11 to \$12.60. Canners went out at \$8 to \$10.50.

"We are holding our next feeder sale on Oct. 25," Bill Bray, auction yard owner-manager said. "Cooler weather and some rain will surely improve this market."

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Official Quotas Received by Dairymen In Market Area Number 1, State Notes

SALEM—Approximately 1,400 milk producers selling in Market Area No. 1 must now know their official quotas under the market pool provision of the milk stabilization law by this week. This area is the entire state except Malheur, Harney and Curry counties.

Mailing of quotas will be completed Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. Issuance of quotas came on the heels of adoption late last week of regulations to guide the program enacted by the last legislature.

About 240 of the producers—just under 18 per cent—assigned quotas operate in Washington but sell on the Oregon market. Less than half a dozen are Californians selling milk to Oregon distributors.

K. W. Sawyer, chief of the milk stabilization program for the State Department of Agriculture, said all handlers (distributors) will also be notified of the quota allocation to each producer delivering milk to them.

Quota Base

Quotas are based on the individual producer production and sales during the four months of January through April, this year. They will prevail until next March 1 when quotas will be restudied and new allocations made where necessary.

Quota represents the individual producer's share of the fluid

milk market under the equalization program which becomes effective Oct. 1 in Market Area No. 1. It says with the producer regardless of where he sells his milk.

Just how many out-of-state producers actually come under the quota assigned to them is still undetermined. Under the regulations, out-of-state producers need to enter into voluntary contract with their Oregon handlers before they may exercise their quota.

This arrangement, proposed by Sawyer when the hearing on regulations was held in August, was introduced to avoid further controversy over whether or not milk coming across state lines is subject to the new Oregon stabilization law.

Robert H. Ely, milk pool supervisor, said total daily quotas allocated reach 1,628,944 pounds.

He said average monthly production in Market Area No. 1 was 58,825,034 pounds in each of the four months on which the initial pool is based. Sales in the same period averaged 42,498,715 pounds per month, for a 72.25 per cent classification of production. Producer-distributors — more often known as jugglers — accounted for slightly under eight per cent of the total sales, Ely reported.

Under the regulations, handlers must report all milk re-

ceived and utilization to the state department of agriculture by the 10th of each month, beginning with November.

On the basis of these reports, the department will advise handlers whether they owe or will receive money from the pool. This equalizing process will then pass on to producers on the basis of their quota or share of the total market, with final October payout to producers due on or before Nov. 24.

Producer prices in area No. 1 were set following June hearings at \$5.30 for 3.5 per cent class 1 milk and \$2.90 for 3.5 per cent class 2 milk. Based on the butterfat differential of 7.3 and 6 cents set for the respective classes, the prices are \$5.66 and \$3.20 on four per cent milk.

Besides the provision for voluntary contractual agreements on out of state milk, the regulations adopted contain only one major change proposed during the public hearing. This prohibits producers from withholding quota milk from their customary handlers unless there is mutual agreement that the handler does not need the milk to meet his class 1 requirements. This provision will prevent quota holders from keeping needed milk at home for diverted use and still drawing equalized payout, a maneuver foreseen by

Apply Spray Now For Peach Blight

Home gardeners should apply a spray for peach blight before Oct. 20.

This fungus disease, also called California Peach blight and coryneum blight, forms cankers on the twigs and branches during the wintertime, while summer infections make shot holes in the leaves and reddish brown spots on the fruits.

When the disease gets out of control small branches and twigs are killed, fruit production is severely reduced and of poor quality.

Spraying with a fixed or neutral copper at the rate of 1/4 pound per three gallons of water not only controls peach blight, but also helps to control peach leaf curl the following season. Add a good spreader sticker

those at the hearing who wanted this loophole closed.

Sawyer said auditors will be in the field during the next two or three weeks to acquaint all handlers fully with details of the reporting forms required under the program.

Copies of the regulations are available from the state department of agriculture, Salem, Ore.

and spray trees thoroughly. Repeating this spray in December or January insures good control of both peach blight and leaf curl the following summer.

MONGHIDORO, Italy (UPI)—Dante Mazzini, 31, was working on top of the local church steeple Monday when a lightning bolt stripped off his clothes and melted his wristwatch but left him uninjured.



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