

Taxes Main Topic At Farm Bureau

By ERBEE MULKEY
Farm Bureau Reporter

Election of officers, taxes and reports from centers were the highlights of the Jackson County Farm Bureau meeting held in the extension service building, Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Martin S. Grier, Applegate rancher accepted the presidency for another year. Homer A. Conger, Central Point, will serve again as vice - president and membership chairman. Ernest Radomski, Sams Valley, was elected voting delegate.

Mrs. Blaine Johnson, Glendale, women's state vice-chairman announced that Mrs. Grover T. Mulkey has been appointed to the state council of Farm Bureau Women.

The Medford Center which works in conjunction with the Fruit Growers League has elected officers for the coming year. Edwin Gebhard, Gebhard Orchards, president, Ernest Hamilton, Modoc Orchards, vice - president, Robert Minear, fruit grower, voting delegate and Shelby Tuttle, secretary. Applegate and Talent Centers did not have complete reports on officers to date.

Major subject of the evening was taxes. Farm Bureau has long advocated a sales tax. It also recommends cigarette and liquor taxes. Many sides of the tax question were discussed and the discussion was led by Clarence Hunter, president of Talent Center. Bill Bagley, Talent, proposed a resolution by the local bureau to support the recommendation of sales tax by the

Oregon Farm Bureau. The rate would be set at 3 per cent on machinery and equipment used in agriculture. The resolution was passed by Bob Lytle, Ashland, and Dewey Penrod recommended a three cent cigarette tax be formulated and this carried. The voting delegate will present these resolutions at the state meeting in Salem, Nov. 10 through 13 at the Marion Motor Hotel.

Archie Ferns, livestock chairman announced that during a meeting of Farm Bureau Southern Marketing Association in Canyonville Oct. 18, the board of directors agreed to discontinue the association until further notice.

The local state and national Farm Bureaus prepare for a new year in October. Local accomplishments have been helping to promote passage of the dynamite storage bill, participation in the wheat referendum vote, working on the forest-range grazing program, sponsoring 4-H trophies, inviting Future Farmers of America chapters for practice speech contests, working for the bracer program and participating in the Dairy Princess program and help promote county fair.

Many members have appeared on the farm program on KMED-TV and a Farm Bureau news cast is being carried on KRVC Radio Ashland between 6:30 and 6:45 a.m. week days. Farm Bureau is a non-partisan organization interested in all agriculture.

County Pear Men Plan State Meeting

CORVALLIS — Jackson county members are taking an active part in planning the program for the 78th annual meeting of the Oregon Horticultural Society at Oregon State University Nov. 20-22. William E. Volmer Jr., Parkdale, is society president.

Meetings of the society's apple and pear section will begin Wednesday, Nov. 20. Small fruits, vegetable and stone fruits sections will begin on Thursday.

Featured speakers during the meeting include Dr. John Carver, head of the department of horticulture at Michigan State University, general session speaker; Dr. James H. Jensen, OSU president, who will talk at the annual banquet, and Malcolm B. Douglas, manager of the California Strawberry Advisory Board, Santa Clara, who will address the strawberry luncheon.

Paul Culbertson, Medford, a society vice president, is serving as general chairman of the activities committee as well as on the legislative and membership committees. Stephen Nye, Medford, society trustee, is on the membership committee.

David Lowry, Talent, is chairman of the student loan fund committee as well as a member of the resolutions, legislative and stone fruits section committees.

mitties. Robert Minear, Medford, is chairman of the nominating committee.

Don Berry, Medford, is a member of the auditing committee. Lyle Kinney, Medford, is serving on the nominating and stone fruits committee. Dunbar Carpenter, Medford, is on the legislative committee. W. C. Laraway, Medford, membership; Ray Reter, Medford, Hartman Cup; Edwin Gebhard, Central Point, nominating.

Serving as members of the apple and pear section committee are J. Bruce Cyphers, Talent, and Martin Luther Jr., Ernest Hamilton and C. B. Cordy, Jackson county extension agent, all of Medford.

Eagle Point Sets Adult Welding

EAGLE POINT — The Eagle Point high school vocational agriculture department will sponsor an adult welding course starting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, according to Vocational Agriculture Instructor Nat Etzel.

Ed Leaming class instructor since 1957 will teach the 10 week course to be held each Wednesday.

Advance registration is required by calling the high school, 497-3431. The class is limited to 15 students. Tuition is \$15.

Eagle Point Gets Judging Honors

EAGLE POINT — Eagle Point Future Farmers of America chapter judging team placed seventh of 80 teams in the recent livestock judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland, it was reported.

The Eagle Point team consisted of Rick Anderson, Russ Vaughn, and Mike Charley. They competed against teams from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.

The Phoenix FFA team also entered but was not among the top ten winners.

Top 4-H Honors Awarded During Siskiyou Event

By CHARLOTTE DAVIS

SISKIYOU COUNTY — Merrilee Morgan, Big Springs 4-H member, and Carl Hammond, Jr., Etna 4-H member, were accorded top honors at the 1963 Siskiyou County 4-H All-Stars at the achievement day held Saturday, October 19, in Winema Hall at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds in Yreka. Further recognition came to the Big Springs Club when it was named the Outstanding 4-H Club of the county during the ceremonies.

Miss Morgan, 16 - year - old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morgan of Big Springs has been a 4-H member for six years. Carl Hammonds Jr., son of the Carl Hammonds of Etna, is 17 and has been in 4-H club work for 9 years.

Mrs. Dorothy Kitto, president of Business and Professional Women's Club and J. D. Robbins of the Lions Club made the presentations. Roger Zwanziger, county chairman of Farm Bureau, made the Outstanding Club award presentation.

Given Recognition

Ed Foss, Siskiyou Daily News publisher, and the Grenada Dairy Co-op were selected for recognition for their long time support and contributions to the Siskiyou County 4-H program when they were awarded plaques for meritorious service. Marion

Brooks received the plaque for the dairy co-op.

Charles Cooley, assistant manager of Yreka branch of Crocker Anglo Bank, represented the California Banker's Association to present a number of CBA sponsored awards to the assembled 4-H'ers. Cooley congratulated the 4-H leaders for their fine work with the 4-H members and presented pins and certificates to the leaders in recognition of their work. He also presented Star Rank emblems to 76 of the members present, the largest group to ever receive these awards for extra effort in the 4-H program.

Cooley stated "Since agriculture is our largest industry in California, it naturally follows that California Bankers Association recognizes young people in 4-H work."

About 370 4-H members were given achievement pins by Cooley.

Area 4-H Home Advisor Doris Frazier presented a special certificate to the Irwin Warner family of Fort Jones for their contribution to better understanding among peoples of the world by hosting the Spanish International Farm Youth Exchange, Maria di Los Angeles, this summer.

Farm Advisor Bill Ruddiman presented National 4-H Award medals to nearly 60 4-H members for outstanding work in their projects. Ten of the 12 clubs in the county were presented gold seals for their club charters by Farm Advisor Dave West.

Siskiyou Daily News Publisher, Ed Foss, presented news reporter medals to Patty Cook, Kathy Cook, Willow Creek; Chuck Hammond, Greenhorn club and Pat Walters, Table Rock club.

Ruth Mathews of the Etna club and Jim Zedicker, Big Springs, last year's all-stars, were mistress and master of ceremonies. The Grenada club led the large assemblage in singing, "Hootenanny", "Across the Nation" and others.

Joe Eller, president of the 4-H Council, consisting of 135 adult leaders, gave the welcome.

The event started with a luncheon. Table Rock club was responsible for the decorating of the tables and the room in a harvest theme. Grenada club did the serving and coffee making. Etna club took care of the guest table and the six all-star candidates which included the two winners and Doug Andrews, Fort Jones; John Houdeshell, Big Springs; Elizabeth Dudley, Etna and Nancy Kellog, Fort Jones.

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Hearing Called For November 12 On Milk Laws

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Agriculture has called a hearing for Tuesday, November 12, at 2 p.m. to consider the inclusion of a statement of policy on out-of-state milk in recently adopted milk stabilization regulations.

The hearing will be at the agriculture building, Salem.

This hearing was requested by Gerson Goldsmith, attorney for Farmers Dairy Association, Portland, a Darigold affiliate. He wants the statement included that the department will not apply or enforce the stabilization law "to milk produced outside of Oregon and transported into Oregon except as otherwise provided in said regulation."

The regulation on out-of-state milk now reads:

Law Quoted

"An out-of-state producer supplying milk to an Oregon handler may be assigned quota and participate in market-wide pooling and equalization on the same basis as an Oregon producer, providing a voluntary contract exists between the out-of-state producer and his Oregon handler, or in the case of a cooperative handler by resolution of the governing board, which provides that the producer's milk be subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon and share in all the benefits and obligations under all the terms and conditions of ORS, Chapter 442, Oregon Laws 1963 (Milk Stabilization Act). In event of such a contract, milk produced by the out-of-state producer, may be pooled with milk from Oregon producers on the same basis as if it were produced in Oregon.

"In event there is no such voluntary contract between an out-of-state producer, or producers, and an Oregon handler, then the Oregon handler must maintain a separate pool for any out-of-state milk received at his plant. If a handler is maintaining two or more separate pools as provided by this subsection, no greater percentage of Class 1 utilization can be allocated to one pool than to the other unless the milk and all the records relating thereto are kept physically segregated.

"Milk pooled separately as provided in subsection (2) of this section will not be subject to fees as provided by section 9 and 18 of Chapter 442, Oregon Laws 1963."

Agate Dairy Has Top DHIA Rated Herd, Vander Stoel Herd Ranks Steady Second

Agate Dairy, Central Point, had the top dairy herd for two consecutive months, according to figures released by the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, County Agent Earle Jossy reported this week.

(Since the DHIA records are run through a data processing center reports are usually a month or two behind.)

In July Agate Dairy had a butterfat average of 48 per cent and 45 per cent in August. The dairy has 21 cows. Five per cent of the herd was dry in July and none in August. Milking average for July was 1,394 pounds and 1,361 pounds for August.

Jake Vander Stoel, Jacksonville, had the second top herd for the two months. His herd's butterfat percentage for July was 42 per cent and 43 per cent for August.

His herd has 48 cows with 19.08 per cent dry in July and 11.69 per cent in August. Average milk production was 1,100 pounds in July and 1,148 in August.

Dairy men whose herds ranked in the top five for those two months, also, were John O'Brien, Jacksonville, 36 and 39 per cent butterfat; Walter and Helen Herzog, Central Point, 36 per cent butterfat; and Robert Burk, Eagle Point, 35 and 39 per cent butterfat; Victor Birdseye, Medford, 37 per cent.

Many of the same dairy men had top ranking cows for the two months.

Top July Cows

Ten top cows ending the complete lactation period in July were:

No. 102, Victor Birdseye, five years old, 10,099 pounds of milk, 612 pounds of butterfat.

Smomeo, Jake Vander Stoel, 8 1/2 years old, 10,364 pounds of milk, 596 pounds of butterfat.

No. 107, Victor Birdseye, 3 1/2 years old, 11,255 pounds of milk, 561 pounds of butterfat.

No. 59B, Gilman's Dairy Farm, Central Point, 5 1/2 years old, 16,265 pounds of milk, 549 pounds of butterfat.

Judy, Jack Caldwell, Eagle Point, five years, 14,909 pounds of milk, 540 pounds of butterfat.

Robbie, C. C. and Sadie Williams, Ashland, six years, 13,833 pounds of milk, 533 pounds of butterfat.

Ox, Ed Hayes, Eagle Point, 5 1/2 years, 16,146 pounds of milk, 531 pounds of butterfat.

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Alice, C. C. and Sadie Williams, 8 1/2 years, 11,009 pounds of milk, 566 pounds of butterfat.

No. 57, Straus Brothers, nine years, 17,405 pounds of milk, 565 pounds of butterfat.

Alice, Jake Vander Stoel, 4 1/2 years, 15,497 pounds of milk, 547 pounds of butterfat.

No. 72, Straus Brothers, four years, 15,891 pounds of milk, 542 pounds of butterfat.

Brindle, Jack Caldwell, six years, 12,220 pounds of milk, 541 pounds of butterfat.

No. 128, Victor Birdseye, 3 1/2 years, 9,534 pounds of milk, 538 pounds of butterfat.

Judy, Jake Vander Stoel, 7 1/2 years, 15,449 pounds of milk, 531 pounds of butterfat.

FROM THE GROUND UP

By BART BARTLETT

The weather pattern for the area has changed along with the departure of daylight saving time.

This past Sunday morning arrived with the lowest temperature and the heaviest frost to be recorded for this fall. The arrival of freezing temperatures and frost means that many locally grown crops such as corn, beans, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, as well as many of the vine crops such as melons, squash and pumpkins will very soon all be gone. Local fruit stands will very likely have good supplies of these crops for sale during the coming week. In case you have some ideas about processing these crops this year, the time for securing supplies is becoming critical.

Home gardeners can keep a few frost susceptible plants going for several days yet if they are carefully covered each cold night. The cover should be removed during the daytime. The plants will need exposure to light, and if kept constantly covered some pests such as slugs may destroy them.

Home fires are an ever present menace during the months when home heating is necessary. Many home fires can be avoided if certain simple precautions are taken by home owners. All stoves and heaters should be cleaned and checked for fire hazards. Repairs should be made when necessary. Chimneys and stove pipes should be made safe. The controls, motors and generators of all heating equipment should be in good working order. In addition to these precautions, the house wiring and fuse boxes should be checked for safety.

Fruit tree pruning can be done any time now. There will be no injurious effects to trees that are pruned before they are fully dormant and have lost most of their leaves. In commercial practice, pruning is done after leaf fall, but this is only desirable so that pruners can readily see what cuts should be made, and make them without undue delays.

An excellent time to burn the summer's accumulation of brush and other rubbish is now. The hazard of an outdoor fire spreading is now over and the brush is not yet so water soaked that it will not burn.

It seems rather clear that the citizens of Oregon desire first of all some economy in state government. This is proven by the polls taken by many of the state's newspapers. In the event the governor and members of the legislature doubt this they should be ready to get out of state politics as their possible expulsion from office will be the next act of Oregon taxpayers.

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