

# Stanley Re-elected Head Of Jackson County Stockmen

CENTRAL POINT — The Jackson County Stockmen's Association re-elected Gordon Stanley, Lake Creek, president during the recent association meeting in the Central Point Grange hall.

Fred Offenbacher, Applegate, was re-elected vice president and Richard Ireland, Ashland, was named treasurer for another year.

The following resolutions were approved and will be taken to the annual convention of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

The Jackson County Livestock Association requests that the Oregon Cattlemen's Association go on record urging all district attorneys to stricter prosecution and judges to levying heavier fines and imposing longer jail and prison sentences to stop the rise in livestock thefts.

Range Course  
County Agent Earle Jossy announced that Millard Gates, Oregon State University range specialist, would conduct a short course on range management here Dec. 17, 18 and 19.

Outgoing president, Mrs. William Bigham, Eagle Point, reported 200 persons attended the January cooking school on beef.

The stockmen's auxiliary has 65 members, not all paid up. Other activities included a picnic at the Double D Herford ranch and a style show.

Medford, as soon as possible. The Cal-Ore Hereford Association will combine its meeting with a buyers' dinner Nov. 19 and will include buyers coming to Ireland's production sale Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Don Nichols, Ashland, sanitation committee, urged the ranchers to check their grub control and noted recent demonstrations showed good results. He noted Leptosporosis is present in the area.

Jossy, chairman of the public relations committee, noted the cattlemen were doing a good job and the public is giving them credit for it.

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Dave Woolfolk, Eagle Point, chairman of the membership committee, said the association is starting out with a large number of members in 1964.

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The Cow Belles have \$560 in their treasury and made \$189.50 from a cake sale at the Midway Auction, Table Rock Road. They plan another at the Rogue Valley Auction in November.

Explains Tax  
In explaining the property tax, County Assessor Thad Hatten noted that 51 per cent of the county land is federally or state owned and of the total assessed valuation, 50 per cent is tax exempt.

The Green Belt zone tax law has both advantages and disadvantages, Hatten said. Land can be appraised as farm land, but if it is used for some other purposes such as subdivision property then the farmer or property owner has 90 days in which to pay the accumulated difference in taxes between agricultural and subdivision property, Hatten said.

Hatten said his office is aware that the value of a ranch which holds substantial grazing permits has a distinct advantage for sale.

The assessor is charged only with establishing equitable values on all properties and has no voice in determining the amount of revenue to be raised, Hatten explained.

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# County Sprayers Exchange Ideas At Weed Meeting

By RAY HUBBELL  
County Weed Supervisor  
Fall is fast approaching. Work loads are generally lightened with bad weather or prospects of bad weather.

One such meeting held annually is the Oregon State Weed Conference. This year it will be held in Klamath Falls, Ore., Nov. 7 and 8, at the Willard Hotel.

A few of the topics to be covered are as follows: "National Weed Problems," "Pesticide Application," "Plant Responses to Chemical Use," "Selecting Chemicals for Plant Control," "Perennial Weed Control," "Weed Control in Irrigation," "Progress in Biological Weed Control," "Rangeland Weeds," "Industrial Weed Control."

If you plan to attend, further information on the time of a given subject can be had by calling the Extension office, 773-8215.

Speakers will be from California, Washington, and Oregon, not to mention J. E. Jernigan, agronomist, from the Federal Extension Service, Washington, D. C.

Another meeting, held in conjunction with the weed conference each year, is the State Association of County Sprayers. This association's purpose is to make available to all county weed control supervisors and road department crews the experiences with chemicals and equipment from other areas of the state.

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ALPINE APPLES — Heavily laden limbs of bright red apples frame the blue artificial lake and green trees on the distant shore at the Casper Meyer farm high up Ramsey Canyon Road. The bright, red, tart Spitzbergs are now coming off the trees to be sold locally. Some of it will be run through a cider press for the golden cider, a favorite with New Englanders this time of year.

# High Mountain Air Results In Tart, Bright Red Apples

By JOE COWLEY  
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

RAMSEY CANYON — Drive down Sams Valley highway past green fields and rows of trees in their gold and red autumn colors, turn to the right onto Ramsey Canyon Road.

Turn into the usual cluttered farmyard and walk up to a small wooden house. Look around the corner of the house and over the rustic root cellar and up the sloping ground to the high hills and mountain.

Climb past the long rows of green strawberry plants and up to the apple trees crowning the hill. The trees with bright red apples extend along the artificial lake. This, the clear mountain air and two blonde, blue-eyed little girls make the setting more authentic than ever.

Casper Meyer, a thin, work-worn man, called to us from high up a ladder hidden by the green leaves and red apples. Quickly he clambered down the ladder and poured the red fruit from his canvass bucket into a box.

"The frost came late this year, the apples didn't color up as soon as I hoped," Meyer explained in his thick Swiss accent. Pointing to some on the ground, he said these would go through his apple-cider press into glass jugs.

The Spitz is also a good all-around apple, especially good for baking in a golden brown, juicy pie, as a baked apple with a marshmallow and cream, or in apple cobbler with thick country cream over it.

Meyer was busy trying to harvest all of the tree-ripened fruit from the heavily laden trees. He has 177 trees, some with yellow Newtowns, a n o t h e r delicious apple. Soon the schoolbus would bring his two husky sons home to help him. The two daughters did women's work in the house.

Meyer seemed generally pleased with his crop. He estimated he would get 9 to 15 boxes per tree. Many of these would go to local markets. Others would be sold at the

Hereford Juniors Plan New Program  
DARREL DOWELL  
Association Reporter

The Rogue Valley Junior Hereford Association held its monthly meeting Sunday at the Seven Oaks Hereford ranch, Central Point.

The meeting started at 1 p. m. with the judging of a class of young heifers and bulls. Don Bradshaw, Seven Oaks, was judge.

During the meeting the association members discussed the program for the coming year. A committee was appointed to obtain transportation to field days at various ranches. A committee will also arrange details for the Rogue Valley Junior Hereford Association tour, possibly to be sponsored by the Cal-Ore Hereford Association.

Don Bradshaw and Howard Hansen answered questions. Bradshaw gave the members some of his extra equipment for fitting.

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When the Swiss family first came to the farm in 1959, Meyer felt he was lucky to get one box of apples per trees. Severe, but careful pruning, application of a balance fertilizer plus a mulch of straw and manure from the family cow brought the trees back to full productive life.

"You know you have to be careful about mentioning spray. That Rachael Carson in her book cause us an awful lot of nuisance," he remarked grimacing. "I wonder, is she married? Is it Miss or Mrs. Carson?"

As related before, Casper Meyer and his family have done with sweat and determination what most people only dream about. They have found a farm with a beautiful setting and have made it pay by producing top quality farm products such as the huge, red, sweet strawberries this summer and the choice apples now coming off the trees. They know quality is the answer.

Meyer is not a farmer by background. He is a former Swiss tax official. But he was determined to farm and felt this country would give him the opportunity.

Upon arriving in the U. S., he worked in sawmills at night and did farm work during the day to save up the money to bring his family over.

Then, the whole family worked and saved until they could pay money down on the small alpine farm. And the family continues to work and save. The two boys, Walter, 16 and Bruno, 17, work before and after school in the fields. The daughters work in the house with their mother. The farm is almost paid for, the father announced proudly.

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# Farm & Garden



FOR CIDER — These apples did not color before they dropped to the ground so will be used for cider. These Spitzbergs make a good, tart cider which is a favorite with people who have once tried it.

# 'Medic Alert' Talk Given Farm Group

By CHARLOTTE DAVIS  
Mail Tribune Correspondent

SISKIYOU COUNTY — The message of "Medic-Alert" by Robert S. King, California Farm Bureau Health Specialist, and a speech on tetanus immunization, by Dr. G. R. Ashcraft, were given to the rural health members of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau at their annual meeting, held at the Tase-T Cafe in Yreka on Oct. 17.

A chuck-wagon dinner preceded the meeting. King led community singing for the group, then spoke briefly on a number of changes to be made in the health insurance program, the non-profit Medic-Alert program, which is endorsed by the AMA and the Farm Bureau. A concentrated state drive is to be held in February of 1964.

King said, "After almost losing his own daughter because nobody knew that she was allergic to a certain serum, Dr. Marion C. Collins devised a silver bracelet with a protective warning engraved on the back."

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MOOSE CHAIRMAN  
SALEM — George Moose, assistant chief of the plant division, Oregon Department of Agriculture, was chairman of the Western States Standardization meeting held in Klamath Falls Thursday, November 7.

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# FARM Woodlot Facts

By DICK OLSON  
State Farm Forester

Act now! Don't wait another year. Put that idle land, whether it be agriculture or woodland back into production. Growing brush will never be profitable. Tree farming is a long term program, and because of this, the government, through the Agricultural Conservation Program will provide assistance.

1. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee sees a bright outlook for Oregon farmers who want to plant trees as a conservation practice on farmland under the 1964 Agricultural Conservation Program.

2. Jackson and Josephine Counties offer tree planting practices to farmers under the ACP. Costs are shared for land preparation, purchasing planting stock, and actual planting. The cost-share rates, and specifications of the practice, are determined by each ASC county committee, based on many local factors, such as total conservation needs of the county, the number of requests received from farmers for the practice, and other technical considerations.

3. Tree seedlings of most species will be available for farm forest plantings under the 1964 ACP. Over 10,000,000 seedlings will be available throughout the state from State, private and industrial nurseries.

4. State and local foresters, extension foresters and county extension agents work closely with the ASC folks to help farmers plan and carry out forestry practices efficiently and with the best known methods.

5. Forests help protect the watersheds. They improve both the quantity and quality of water, and at the same time they protect the soil.

6. The average farmer has limited funds with which to operate. Unless he can see a crop benefit during his lifetime, he may not wish to — or may not be financially able to — invest his money in trees. Under the ACP other citizens share the costs with him, and encourage him to invest his own funds in

planting trees for the future. The benefits usually extend beyond the time of the present owner and contribute to future national prosperity.

7. We are living in a period of tremendous growth and expansion. Greater demand and production, and an exploding population, mean we need to take care of, improve and increase our forest resources of the future, so those who come after us will have the same necessities and enjoy the same abundance we have today.

8. Here are some of the farm-produced, cash crop timber products we use: Saw-logs for timber, pulpwood for paper, fuel wood, piling, poles, posts, and hardwoods for veneer, cooperage and charcoal production.

9. Big timber holdings in the north and west are important. But the future of American forest products appears to be in good stands of rapidly growing timber in small holdings, the same holdings that furnished the timber used to build homes, factories and feed industries in an earlier period of our history.

10. Small woodlands on farms, although now mostly neglected, offer opportunity to landowners and farm operators. Through federal cost-sharing, such as the ACP, these forest acres can be brought back into production while they are conserving soil and water.

Persons owning land in Jackson and Josephine counties in need of reforestation have an excellent opportunity to plant their lands this fall, winter and spring by ordering seedlings from the Oregon State Forestry Department nurseries. Douglas Fir seedlings are priced at \$12 to \$13 per thousand depending on variety. Ponderosa Pine is selling at \$12 per thousand. Other conifer species are selling from \$12 per thousand to \$15 per thousand with varying maximum limits on species. Hardwoods are selling from \$10 to \$12 per thousand with set limits.

Tree order blanks may be obtained from the extension service office on Maple Park Drive in Medford and at the Josephine County Courthouse in Grants Pass, or from your State Forestry Department office in either Grants Pass or Medford.

# Garden Tips

By JOHN W. MCLOUGHLIN  
County Extension Agent  
Crocus Culture

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# Good Planning In Woodlands Set As Speech Topics

By BEN MOUCHETT  
Jackson Soil District

Woodland management in an Oregon soil conservation district was the topic for the annual speech contest sponsored by the Jackson Soil Conservation district in Eagle Point last week.

Contestants were Charlet Jensen, Jeffrey Keefe and Mike Charley, all of Eagle Point.

Recreation in the woodland management program was emphasized by Mike in his talk which won first place. He pointed out in many cases the small woodland owner can receive a good return on his investment in woodland recreation.

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