

Future Farmers Confab Brings Seven Districts Together At OVS Meeting

The two-day Southern Oregon district conference of the Future Farmers of America held last Friday and Saturday at Oregon Vocational school brought out many skills of the members, keen competition and good sportsmanship.

There were 85 boys and instructors present, representing Grants Pass, Lakeview, Madras, Malin, Myrtle Point, Redmond and Roseburg.

Part of a farmer's life is recreation and the boys played a lively basketball tournament Friday evening with Malin making a good showing with the visiting teams.

Tournament scores were Grants Pass 16, Roseburg 9; Lakeview 17, Madras 7; Redmond 18, Myrtle Point 11; Malin bye; Grants Pass 29.

Lakeview 11; Redmond 12, Malin 26; Grants Pass 23, Malin 28. On Malin's lineup were Ted Gordon F. Con McAuliffe F. Don Coleman C. Gorky Ellis G. Carl Rajanus G. Sube were Bob Coleman, Bill Warner, Ted De Merritt, Clifford McKeon, Phil Anderson.

The tournament trophy is sponsored by J. W. Kerns Farm Implement.

Malin retired the large banner award for parliamentary procedure in 1946 by winning it for the third time. Lakeview's name was on the banner for 1947 and Malin's name will go on it for 1948 following the conference. In this competition Malin was first, Redmond second and Grants Pass third. President of the Malin group is Kenneth Ellis, vice president Ted Gordon, secretary Carl Rajanus, treasurer Con McAuliffe, reporter Don Coleman and A. E. Street advisor.

The small banner for public speaking went to Grants Pass with Joe Wright first, Ted DeMerritt of Malin second, Jim Heston of Redmond third.

Ribbon awards were made in the other contests and were presented as follows: First, second and third, rafter cutting, Bob Coleman, Malin; Guy Ross, Lakeview; Duane Hayes, Myrtle Point. Rope work, Darrell Stafford, Grants Pass; Darwin Hammersly, Lakeview; Jim Churchill, Myrtle Point.

Agricultural arithmetic: Bernard Mesman, Grants Pass; Joe Wright, Grants Pass; Jack Kissell, Myrtle Point. Chapter secretary's books: Malin (Carl Rajanus, secretary), Myrtle Point, Grants Pass.

Chapter treasurer's book: Grants Pass, Myrtle Point, Madras. Project books (first year): Jerry Smally, Malin; Ted DeMerritt, Malin; Don Vincent, Lakeview. Project books (advanced): Frank Conklin, Redmond; Sterling Heater, Grants Pass; Jim Swift, Redmond.

Are welding: Darrell Stafford, Frank Conklin, Bert Matejka of Lakeview. Acetylene welding: Bill Waters, Lakeview; David Schuler, Lakeview; Harold Klam, Redmond.

Soldering: Jim Heston, Charles Payton, Myrtle Point; David Handbury, Lakeview.

The state convention of Future Farmers of America will be held at the Oregon Vocational school in April on 7, 8, 9 and 10. Some 800 boys are expected to attend this four-day conference, coming from all over Oregon.

Livestock Men To Meet

Two days of livestock association meetings will be held in Lakeview March 17th and 18th, according to Elgin Cornett, who is secretary of two organizations in Lake county.

The Fremont Sheepmen's association, which is a forest service advisory group, will hold its annual meeting on March 17th. It is possible that Saint Patrick himself may appear on the program. The following day, Thursday, March 18, the Lake County Stock Growers association will hold its annual meeting.

These two associations meeting on consecutive days will be able to draw outside speakers from the state college, forest service, grazing service and the state association secretaries for the sheepmen and cattlemen. Bob Weir Sr., Lakeview, is president of the Sheepmen's association, while W. B. "Buck" Snider, Paisley, is president of the Stock Growers' association.

Time For Pruning Here

The time for pruning most ornamental shrubs is at hand. In general, shrubs may be placed into four groups according to the time and extent of pruning.

The first group includes those which grow slowly and are pruned when the plants are dormant to remove the dead wood only. Examples are flowering almond, flowering quince, pearbush and most broadleaf evergreens.

The second group are plants which grow rapidly and produce blooms on previous year's growth and should be pruned immediately after blooming. Remove one-fifth to one-third of the previous year's growth. Included in this group are barberry, dogwood, winter honeysuckle and beautybush.

Fairly rapidly growing plants make up the third group. They produce blooms on the current season's growth. These may be pruned at any time during the dormant season. Examples are althea, crepe myrtle, privets and honeysuckle (except winter honeysuckle).

The fourth group includes plants that produce blooms on current season's growth and may be pruned anytime during the dormant season. These plants grow very rapidly making it necessary to remove all two-year old and older wood. Examples are butterfly bush, coralberry, hydrangea, vitex and sumac.

Apple Price Slides Down

SEATTLE, Feb. 19 (AP)—The U. S. department of agriculture reported today that average apple and pear prices received by Washington growers slid downward 70 cents and \$1.10 a box, respectively, between mid-December and mid-January.

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Cattle Headed For Poe Valley In Two-Day Drive



Upper left: Buckaroos on the cattle drive moving Don Hunt's herd of Hereford yearling steers from Texam stockyards to Liskey Brothers ranch, are, left to right—"Little Joe the Wrangler," Rudy Muerne, Bob Hunt, Rod McKay, Jack Liskey, "Pinky" Pfiffer and Bill Bafford. Lower left: Cattle are counted into the pasture at Liskeys' (left to right) Bill Bafford, Guy Barton, Cal Hunt. Upper right: Cattle feed in the shadow of Stukel mountain flaunting a lacy mantle of snow in the background. Lower right: The cattle were fed at the Jack Weimer ranch on Lost river and bedded down for the night.

Clouds Of Dust Mark Path Of First Basin Cattle Drive

Smacking of life in the old West, eight yodelin' buckaroos made two drives moving 1600 head of young steers from Texam stockyards to Poe valley last week.

Clouds of dust and moving red backs marked the progress of the slow-moving cattle which had come up from the Crawford ranch in Berred, and Oakdale, Calif., where the unseasonable dry spell had ruined the pasture for a while. The cattle are being put on hay at the Liskey brothers ranch until the middle of April or first of May, when they will be moved to Fort Klamath and Klamath marsh to pasture.

Don Hunt, cattleman, whose home ranch is on the Caledonia marsh, purchased 5251 head of yearling and two-year-old steers in Montana and Texas last fall. They were brought to California for winter pasture. Hunt has 12,700 acres of leased land at Oakdale and 5700 acres at Merced.

During a normal season he can run 5500 head on these acreages. Since the cattle have been moved rains have freshened the pasture and he plans to purchase more animals from the Shuman ranch in Arizona and put them here with the remainder of his fall herd. There are 5200 acres at the home ranch.

The steers marked with the square "C" brand were moved in

two days. They were fed at the Jack Weimer ranch on Lost river the first night out and bedded down. Hunt was assisted in the drive by his brother Bob, Jack Liskey, Guy Barton, Rod McKay, "Pinky" Pfiffer, Bill Bafford, Rudy Muerne and one of Liskey's buckaroos known as "Little Joe the Wrangler."

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Russet Spud Seed Lack Shows

A pretty good guess indicates that there is not nearly enough good potato seed here to plant a very large acreage of russet potatoes this year. Quite a number of growers are purchasing certified and foundation seed from other districts but this supply, combined with good local seed, will not yet be enough to plant more than two-thirds of the potato acreage that will be planted this year.

Quite a number of growers whose seed has met all certification qualifications have reported that there is not too much interest in the purchase of certified seed and that the high prices offered for commercial stock are quite a temptation to those who have good seed to sell commercially and clean up. Several lots have already been disposed of this way.

A thorough bin inspection is just being completed by the county agent's office of Klamath county certified russet seed. In addition, unofficial readings are being made at this time of seed samples planted at Ocean side, as a part of the certification program. While the frost in that area hindered the reading, it is believed that considerable good information will be secured by the end of this week from that source.

Growers who do not yet have their seed provided for should check these seed lots just as soon as possible as good seed is the foundation of a good crop of potatoes. Records of Klamath county seed lots are available at the county agent's office.

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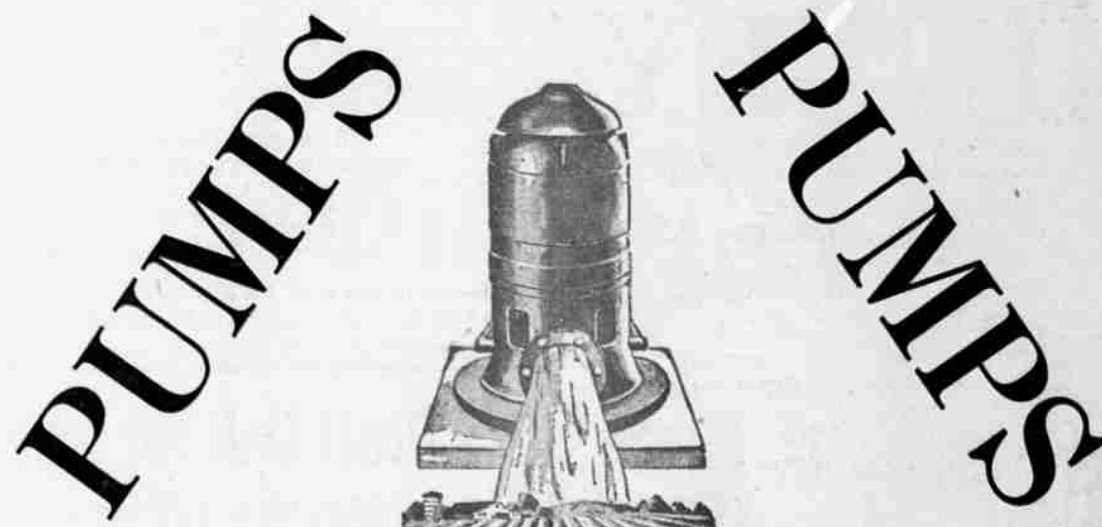
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