

With Farmers And Stockmen Around The Klamath Basin

By JOY HIGGS

Valentine Day brought a new sideline for Lloyd Gift, Langell valley rancher who raises clover seed and livestock. He is now in the chicken business with 14 baby chicks as a starter. Right in the middle of the snow storm on February 14, an old hen came out from under Gift's barn clucking 14 little chicks after her.

Klamath county's housing for farm labor is featured in the "Oregon Farmer," of February 19. The article, by Harry A. Whitten, features buildings on the Bryant Williams farm and the W. M. Kaylor farm with pictures of the different types of housing.

Anyone having the words to the old song or poem about "He holds the lantern while his mother chops the wood," or "Ole Abe Hawkins Kickin' Cow," is requested to please send them in to this column.

Looks like the farmers' vote may be split three ways in the coming election for Klamath county sheriff. There are two farmers, Karl Dehlinger and Dean Hall, on the republican ticket for the office, and Rancher Mike Williams on the democratic ticket.

Dean Beckley shipped 31 head of heifers from the Jack O'Connor feed lots to San Francisco on Tuesday for slaughter. Thursday he loaded cattle at Cottonwood, Calif., for the Dewey Smith Merrill-Malin feed lots for fattening.

Loren Miller and son, Klamath basin cattlemen, are spending several months at Red Bluff taking care of their herds on winter pasture.

M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal industries for the state department of agriculture, was in Klamath Falls this week en route to Medford.

Klamath basin ranchers with pasture or feed to accommodate California cattle herds are requested to contact C. A. Henderson, Klamath county farm agent—phone 8151.

Expected home this week from a trip to Iowa, is Lee McMullen, who with his wife has been visiting his father in Shenandoah. McMullen is secretary-treasurer for Klamath Production Credit association.

Reclamation of 500 acres of farm land on the west side of Upper Klamath lake is under way by Donald Alexander, army veteran of World War II and son of D. E. Alexander. A tow drain has been built along the levee to drain the water off and a center drain will be put in this spring before cultivation can be started. The land, located on the Weyerhaeuser marsh is now under water. Alexander plans to use it for pasture land for Hereford cattle.

Oregon Livestock, Turkey Ranchers Hit Income Peak

PORTLAND, Feb. 26 (AP)—Livestock and turkey ranchers in Oregon had an all-time record income of \$181,248,000 in 1947, the department of agriculture reported today. A January 1 inventory of stock revealed a decline of 2 per cent in "animal units" compared with the year previous, but beef cattle numbers increased.

Niels I. Nielsen, U. S. agriculture statistician, said the 3 per cent gain in beef cattle was a reversal of the national trend. He said this indicated Oregon ranchers were restocking. Total cattle and calf population was 1,077,000, valued at \$129,240,000.

Dairy cattle declined 3 per cent to 243,000 head, smallest number since 1930. Dairy heifers also declined 3 per cent. The number of hogs increased 2 per cent to 164,000, up from last year's 63-year low. Sheep and lambs, totaling 735,000, were at the lowest number since 1874. Hog value was \$6,429,000; sheep, \$12,468,000.

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The 15-month-old youngster shown here was donated to the Future Farmers of America in Tulelake, by the Bank of America, and is being groomed for the Junior Livestock exposition in San Francisco in March. With the Hereford bull are Vern Hemstreet, instructor for FFA and Bob Laird, president of FFA, senior at Tulelake high school. A shelter has been constructed on the tennis court for the bull.

FARM POLICY MEET SLATED IN MARCH

An important hearing on long-range agricultural policies is slated for March 25 in Spokane, Wash., by a subcommittee of the house agricultural committee, it was announced today.

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