

Herald and News FARM NEWS

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Conservation Directors Release Data On Soil

(Editors Note: This is the second of a series released by the Butte Valley SCD Directors on "Knowing Your Soil Conservation District.")

The Soil Conservation Service, through a memorandum of understanding with the district, has provided technical assistance on conservation practices since the district was first organized. The Soil Conservation Service has compiled interesting field data based on the soil survey of 125,174 acres of land within the SCD which includes a total of 217,670 acres. Approximately 55 per cent of the present and potential crop land acreage has been surveyed.

District lands were classified into land use capability ratings from one through eight. All lands falling into capability ratings one through

four is regarded as cropland suitable for cultivation except for certain limitations applicable to class four land. Land in the class five capability rating is, for the most part, suited for its present use as wet meadow pastureland. Land coming under capability ratings six through eight is not now, or potentially suited, for future cultivation excepting for some few thousands of acres in the center of the valley floor that could be brought under irrigated land use through proper drainage and leaching of alkali salts.

The 125,174 acres mapped show land use capability (soil) ratings as follows: class one land, 1,125 acres; class two land, 25,585 acres; class three land, 29,940 acres and class four land, 9,594 acres for a total of 66,244 acres of land present or potentially suited for cultivated land use. The class five land totals 2,021 acres and is typical of the wet irrigated pasture land found on the "D" ranch east of Dorris.

A total of 55,909 acres has been classified into capability ratings six through eight and is typical of the rough rolling land supporting mostly brush and grass cover best suited for grazing use. The remaining 92,496 acres are not mapped but include mostly forested land. The directors wish to point out that the land classified includes only land within the SCD boundary, and does not include that acreage of class two through five land outside the SCD in the Oklahoma section.

Australia Hit By Earthquakes

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—This capital of South Australia, which becomes host to Queen Elizabeth II on March 18, was shaken today by its second earthquake in three days.

The townspeople got a scare as the tremor rocked houses between the Adelaide hills and the sea, but no damage was reported. A quake Monday, the most violent in this region in 50 years, cost thousands of dollars in toppled masonry, cracked walls and shattered windows.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Butte Valley Soil Conservation District: (l to r) Chairman Walt Robinson; Lewis Parsons, Elmer Kappen, secretary; James Butler, Lee Harrington and Charles Owen.

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KEN BENSEL (left) AND BILL HUSE, Modoc and Siskiyou County agricultural inspectors, place signs on county roads just below the state line.

Million Bushel Grain Storage Bins Approved

New storage facilities for nearly one million bushels of Oregon grain have been approved or recommended by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for guaranteed occupancy, according to Roy Teal, extension seed and grain marketing specialist at Oregon State College.

The occupancy guarantee program is designed to encourage the building of more commercial storage facilities. It provides for payments to warehousemen if use of the new structures should fall below specified levels. Guarantees range up to five years.

Construction of approved storage

at The Dalles, Milton, Helix, North Plains, and Amity would provide 992,000-bushel additional capacity to help ease Oregon's crucial grain storage problem. Another 318,000-bushel storage space in Umatilla County has been recommended for approval under the program.

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Scholarships Offered At Exposition

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Some 1,000 Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members from California, Oregon and Nevada will vie for the prizes April 10 to 15 in the San Francisco-San Mateo Cow Palace.

It is expected the youthful contestants will exhibit more than 2,500 head of beef and dairy cattle, hogs and lambs during their six-day stay at the mammoth arena.

The \$1,800 in scholarships is being offered by the Bank of America, Pillsbury's Best Feeds, Safeway Stores, Inc., and the South San Francisco and Stockton Union Stockyards. The scholarships, numbering ten, will be divided equally between 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers.

The California State Polytechnic College Chapter of Future Farmers of America offers Certificates of Awards to Future Farmer chapters presenting feeding efficiency educational information displays.

The California Wool Growers Association will offer prizes for the first three wins in the sheep shearing school and contest. Various breed associations also offer awards.

Cow Falls Through Shop Ceiling

INVERNESS, Scotland (AP)—Customers in a local vegetable shop broke and ran yesterday when plaster showered from the ceiling, followed by a cow named Sally.

Sally was a refugee from a nearby auction market. She'd climbed a flight of stairs adjoining the shop to elude pursuit, only to have the landing collapse under her weight.

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Pest Reporter

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NOW... You should have seen the baked spud that was served at the Eureka Inn to me. Those fishermen may cook a good oyster, but boy, how they murder a good spud... How about a book of recipes in each bag of spuds?

I NEVER SAW A MAN YET THAT DIDN'T LOVE A GOOD BAKED SPUD WHEN IT WAS WHITE AND MEALY, WITH THE BUTTER MELTING ON IT... Makes your mouth water now to think of them.



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Ken Baggett, Bill Huse, White and Zollner and the other county men of Modoc and Siskiyou must feel very good at the vote of confidence given them at the hearing by farmers, politicians and the state men. Fortunately for us, they aren't the kind who will be hard to live with now. It's a good country, good people, and it takes this kind of deal to remind us.

DORMANT TREE SPRAY... Mervin has that tree spray rig going. As long as the weather holds he will be getting dormant spray on... IF YOU WANT YOUR TREES SPRAYED CALL US.

TIME FOR "TELVAR" W... If you don't want to be hoeing in the heat of the summer, better be getting your "Telvar", see CMU, on now. MATERIALS... OR APPLICATION.

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