



JERRY PITCHER, 4-H Club member of Fort Rock, showed his 1,000-pound Hereford grand champion steer at the recent Lake County Fair. —Photo by Parks



RESTING UP at Dog Lake before the last leg of their ride into Lakeview for the Labor Day Roundup are members of the Klamath Sheriff's Posse, standing from left N. B. Drew, Fred Beymer Sr., Fred Beymer Jr., Keith Rice and Dr. J. M. Hillon; Seated same order Bob Colwell, Dale Mattoon, Bev. Thomas and Charlie Read. The Sheriff's Posse participated in the Lakeview Roundup activities.



TIREDFIREFIGHTERS slumped wearily on a log when they came off the Gardiner Peak fire last week, waiting while cook Walt Bickerton got a hot breakfast ready for them. This picture was taken at the Seven Mile Creek fire camp, located at the end of the road and some three and a half miles from the fire.

Farm Leaders To Meet In Chicago September 26-30 To Discuss U.S. Problems

Farm leaders from every state in the union will meet in Chicago, September 26-30 for a critical examination of the issue facing U.S. agriculture. The meeting was called by the American Farm Bureau Federation an organization of more than 1,609,000 farm families. About 150 farm leaders—State Farm Bureau presidents, members of the AFBF Board of Directors, and members of the organization's national commodity advisory committees—will attend the Chicago session in the Sherman Hotel. They will single out the most significant issues farmers have to deal with this year. Then they will help to make certain that these issues are thoroughly discussed by the membership to the end that sound policies are evolved through the organizations policy development process. Farm Bureau is particularly concerned with the price depressing effects of accumulating surpluses of farm commodities. The farm leaders are expected to explore the possibilities for expanding consumption of agricultural products in this country and abroad. They will also discuss plans to adjust total agricultural production to effective demand. Public policy issues are now being

Meat Inspection Program To Kick Off September 19

Target date for start of the pilot meat inspection program authorized by the 1955 legislature has been set for September 19. This announcement comes from J. F. Short, director of agriculture, who says his division of animal industry is completing plans to meet that target date. The first inspections will be carried on in the Salem area where certain plants supplying that market will be under inspection. As now outlined by the department of agriculture, pilot meat inspection will be carried on for about three weeks in this area; then the inspection will be carried on for about three weeks in this area; then the inspection crews will move to another area. By January 1, 1957, the department hopes to cover the entire state in this manner. Planning and execution of the pilot program are in the hands of M. E. Knickerbocker, division chief, and Dr. K. J. Peterson, state veterinarian. Dr. Rolla Sexauer, assistant state veterinarian, will supervise the field work. All lay inspectors who had experience in the meat packing business or in meat inspection or both. On basis of experience, dean of these men will be Alton Kennedy Miller, who comes from Los Angeles after 25 years experience with the federal meat inspection service from which he has just retired. Other lay inspectors are: Leroy George Dean of Redmond, Roy S. Morgan of Beaverton, Francis Emmett Grennan of The Dalles, Leo Anton Fokorny of Salem, and Madison Leroy Millet of Portland. At least 110 meat packing plants in Oregon will be covered before the pilot program is terminated and the department makes its report to the legislature. Only plants exempt from the program are those under a program of voluntary state or approved city meat inspection. Before any area is entered, the inspection crew will give adequate advance notice to packing plants in that area. While a work crew will carry on a program of instruction and education with plant operators and employees in sanitary procedures and conditions of animals and meat carcasses which affect suitability for human consumption. Throughout the pilot inspection

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Swanson were honored at a banquet at the Laurelwood Golf Club in Eugene on the occasion of the completion of 20 years with the New York Life Insurance Company. Swanson was presented with a gold watch and a plaque in commemoration of the event which qualified him for the designation of Senior Nylis. This designation, earned by years of service, carries with it a guaranteed life income. New York Life Insurance Company is "extremely proud of Swanson for his business-like attitude during the entire 20 years." He has qualified for the company clubs and has been a leading producer in the state most of the time. In Klamath Falls two representatives of the company are both qualified Senior Nylis. Paul Winter qualified two years ago.

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State Board Of Forestry Chief Quits

SALEM—State Forester George Spaur submitted his resignation to the Oregon State Board of Forestry at its regular quarterly meeting. He has accepted a position with the International Cooperation Administration and expects to leave for East Pakistan. Spaur's resignation is effective October 1. Spaur, sixth state forester since that office was created in 1911, has held that position since December, 1949. When he succeeded the late Nelson S. Rogers, he joined the state forestry department in 1937, serving as staff forester and later promoted to deputy state forester following his return from World War II. In his new position, Spaur will be adviser to the Minister of Forests for East Pakistan, serve as director of American technicians there and also carry the responsibility of directing the Research Center at Chittagong. The cooperative aid program is carried on under the program set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department. Mr. and Mrs. Spaur will drive to Washington, D.C. early in October for a final briefing there on October 13. They will sail for East Pakistan from New York about November 1. Spaur has played an active part in promoting research on forest lands, aerial seeding, rodent and insect control and increased efficiency in forest protection. He has been especially interested in the timber from the Tillamook burn, over areas. During World War II, Colonel Spaur served as a staff officer with the Ninth Army Corps in the Pacific. During the Japanese occupation, he assisted General MacArthur in making an economic survey of the Japanese Islands. In the Korean emergency, Colonel Spaur commanded the 369th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, served as post commander of Fort Worden, Washington, and was chief of staff at the 1952 atomic bomb tests at Desert Rock, Nevada. He is a graduate of the Roseburg public schools. He received his forestry degree from Oregon State College in 1925 and later was awarded his master's degree. Spaur is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the American Legion, Masons, Xi Sigma Pi, and Chi Phi.

Lake Stock Sale Record Same As '54

LAKEVIEW — Final tabulations of the annual Rotary Club auction of 4-H and FFA livestock held on September 5, shows this year's sale to total \$14,199.70, reports Glenn Gray, general chairman. This is approximately the same as the gross for the 1954 sale. Highest price paid for steers was 88 cents per pound with 56 cents the high for last year. For hogs, this year's highest price was \$1.20 per pound compared to last year's \$1.15. High price paid for this year's lambs was \$1.25 per pound which was under the \$2 paid last year. Fremont Sawmill Company purchased George Manning's FFA grand champion fat lamb for \$120 or \$1.25 per pound. Judy Haven's 4-H grand champion fat lamb sold to Lakeview Sales Company at \$115 for a total of \$128.50. Klamath Livestock, Inc., purchased Phil Dungan's FFA rabbits for \$48 at \$6 a pound and OK Rubber Welders bought Nancy Lantz' 4-H rabbits for \$40 at \$5 a pound. For \$240, Favell-Uiley Realty Company purchased Charlicia Lantz' 4-H grand champion hog, weighing 200 pounds. In the fat steer class, Jerry Pitcher's 4-H grand champion sold to Fremont Sawmill for \$880 at 88 cents a pound and Roy Kerr's FFA grand champion sold to Oregon Food Stores for \$883.60 at 87 cents. R. E. Rhodes, Klamath Falls, served as volunteer auctioneer at the sale. As in the past years, all the market price plus 70 per cent of any amounts paid over the market price went to the 4-H and FFA sellers. The 30 per cent of the premium prices paid is used by the Rotary Club to promote FFA and 4-H livestock programs and youth programs in the county.

GRANGE NEWS

By Mayne Cammock A school of instruction was held Tuesday evening September 6 when the Midland Grange met at the Henley Grange Hall. Plans were also made for Booster Night. On the lecturer's program a reading, "Things to Remember," was given by Floyd Hoover, then a short history and meaning of the word grange, was given by Gerie Huff, and Amy Crapo gave a reading on "The Beauty of Grange Rituals." Intentions of the work were put on by Alice Hoover, Amy and Fred Crapo, Guy Galetti, and Raymond Andrieu. Then questions on grange work for national, state and subordinate were asked by lecturer Mayne Cammock and answered by the group. The drawing was won by Bob Crapo. A no-host dessert luncheon was served by Home Economic Chairman Amy Crapo assisted by Mayne Cammock. The next meeting will be at the Henley Grange Hall September 21 with a 8:30 dinner and Booster Night program. All members are requested to be present at the Henley Grange Hall Wednesday night, September 14, at 8 p.m. for rehearsal.

By Mayne Cammock The Midland Home Economic Club met Tuesday afternoon September 6 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Benoit of Midland. Plans were being in preparing a hamper full of fancy work and linens to be given away in November. The Home Ec Chairman Amy Crapo asked all members to have their fancy work ready for the hamper in the near future. Discussions and plans were made for the dinner and program for the Booster night program.

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KF Businesses Report Thefts

Three breakins of Klamath Falls business firms occurred Thursday night, city police reported today. Eleven dollars in postage stamps was stolen from one firm, an undetermined amount of soda water machine coins was stolen from another and it has not yet been determined whether anything is missing from the third. The coin machines at the Pacific Supply Cooperative at Spring and South Sixth streets were broken open with a sledge hammer after entry was gained by prying open a rear door. The firm's safe was damaged, but the burglars failed to open it. Evidence of entry to the Acme Fast Freight, Inc. office at 119 North Seventh Street where the stamps were stolen was not found. But the filing cabinets in which the stamps were enclosed was pried open with a screwdriver, police said. Apparently looking for the firm's office, burglars entered the Shell Oil Plant at 953 Spring Street, but only disarrangement of oil cans in an oil room were found after a preliminary investigation. After prying open a rear door door to the oil room, the burglars attempted to open another door leading from that room to another oil room — apparently in belief it led to a room with money in it, police reported. An inventory will determine whether anything is missing from the oil room.

Butte Valley Bank Merger Official; Open House Set

"Merging of the Butte Valley State Bank of Dorris and the First Western Bank and Trust Company has been approved by the shareholders of both banks," William G. Hagelstein, president of the Dorris bank said Saturday. "Hence," he said, "the way is now clear for the consolidation and plans have been made for this to take place Friday, September 16. The Butte Valley State Bank will

of First Western's new Butte Valley office would be the occasion of an open house to welcome all friends and customers. Present to greet them will be Henry Verdellin, First Western's president who is coming from San Francisco, Hagelstein, and the other officers and staff of the Dorris office. In addition, it is expected that most of the bank's advisory Board of Directors will be present. The bank at Dorris will continue to be staffed and managed by the personnel now employed by the bank there. Manager of the office will be Fred Fisher, who has been with the bank since 1947 and assistant manager will be Howard R. Hansen. Other members of the management staff will be Irene Milligan and William S. Hagelstein who are to be assistant cashiers. All other employees of the office are to be retained in their present positions. Hagelstein made the following comment on the consolidation of the bank at Dorris and the First Western system: "We believe the merger is a constructive step for the entire Klamath Basin. We will now be able to provide superior banking services to every segment of the area. Our economy will now have a reservoir of resources of one of the largest banks in the nation with facilities state wide in scope. This improved banking service will be good for the community and we are happy about the merger that is to become effective on Friday, September 16. "At this time I extend an invitation to all our friends and customers to come and visit us on our opening day as a unit of First Western Bank. We will be glad to see them and extend a hearty welcome."



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operate until the close of business Thursday, September 15, and will open for business Friday morning as a key unit in First Western's state wide independent banking system. First Western will then have 82 offices throughout the state. First Western's statement of condition as of last June 30, showed it to be the twenty-first largest bank in the country with assets of more than \$820 million dollars. It has expanded further since the end of June. Hagelstein is to become a vice president of First Western and says he plans to devote himself to First Western's affairs throughout the Klamath Basin. He said the day of the opening

Lake School Enrollment 1221

LAKEVIEW — A total of 1,221 students registered in the Lakeview schools on opening day, September 6, according to H. B. Perrin, city school superintendent. This is 54 fewer than enrollment last year. The high school gained 15 students this year but the elementary schools show a decrease of 69 pupils, Perrin said.

Researchers Find Forage Key Answer

A new key for measuring forage performance has been found by range researchers at Oregon State College. Val Valassis and D. W. Hedrick, after studying 10-year-old plantings on an OSC hill pasture nursery, say a forage plant's ability to send its roots deep into shale where a permanent water supply usually exists, may mean the difference between superior and inferior performance. The researchers checked average root depth of plants down to four feet and found most roots in the upper 15 inches of soil. But better varieties also had something else in common — roots had penetrated into rock shale that is underneath the soil. Besides checking root systems of improved forage varieties, the rooting habits of other plants that grow in Willamette Valley foothills were examined. Bracken fern was found to have the greatest volume of roots in the deeper soil layers. And most roots of woody plants, such as oak and poison oak, were within and growing beyond the shale layer. What does this mean? Valassis and Hedrick concluded that deep-rooted, woody plants do not compete seriously with forages for water. It isn't necessary to completely clear oak woodlands for hill pasture. Just open them up enough to let a forage understorey get enough light. With forage roots of better varieties able to penetrate to permanent water supply, the researchers figure this was the reason extremely dry summers have failed to set them back seriously. Some varieties that have stood up well under these dry conditions are Tuatlain oatgrass, bent grass, Alta fescue, burnet and orchard grass. Valassis and Hedrick also noted water competition between perennial and annual grasses — as well as competition for nutrients and light. Where perennials were lush annuals became dwarfed with small seed heads. With lush annuals, perennials suffered.

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