

FARMER OF THE WEEK



FARMER OF THE WEEK SANTFORD JONES and his dog Bruce together work a 1300 acre sheep ranch in Langell Valley. Jones, who says he cannot do without the dog, has developed the ranch by constructing extensive drainage ditches and leveling about 700 acres. Bruce, a Border Collie, works the sheep without a sound, using his eyes and sometimes his teeth to control the animals. Jones says that Bruce, now 12 years old, is not as fast as he used to be, but is still one of the best dogs in Klamath County. Jones has another dog who will soon be able to take over for Bruce, who in top picture is watching a flock, and, in the bottom photo, is enjoying a bit of rest with his master.

Santford Jones Turns Bog Into Fine Sheep Pasturage

By DICK HUBBELL. A dog named Bruce, Farmer of the Week Santford Jones operates a 1,300 acre sheep ranch about five miles from Bonanza on the Lorella Road. Jones admits that he thinks Bruce, a fullbred Border Collie, is the finest in the county, and says that he could not operate the ranch without him. "There are lots of things that the dog can do that a man cannot," he said. "A man cannot run as fast as the dog. And the sheep will mind the dog when they won't a man. "And, besides, the sheep aren't as dumb as they look. No sheep ever heard of a man biting a sheep, but a dog can and will bite. "The Jones ranch consists of about 700 acres of irrigated flat land surrounded by another 600 acres of low hills. "Drainage is the secret of this place," he said. "There wouldn't be anything here at all if it weren't for the drainage." To prove his point, he shows off the approximately 15 miles of drainage ditches which run through his property. He has built them all. He said that the property was badly run down when he took it over in 1934, and that, due to the lack of drainage, the lowlands were almost a swamp. "The average level of the (low-land) is about six feet above the level of the Lost River, which runs right through the place," he said. "That makes drainage highly necessary. Also, we're lucky to have the river so handy as it gives us a good outlet for the drainage. "One of his main drain canals is frequently mistaken for visitors as part of a government project, he says. Another phase of the irrigation system is the extensive leveling which he has carried on. This year, he completed the leveling to grade of all of the 700 acres of irrigated land on the property. He generally plants about 95 acres of land in potatoes, 95 in peas and 125 in alfalfa, with the rest of the land as permanent pasturage. The land in potatoes, peas and alfalfa is rotated, and the potato land is re-leveled after the spuds are dug to make sure that there are no mounds created by the digging operation. The pasturage, when it is fully grown, will support about 2,000 ewes, he said. He is now running about 800 ewes of Suffolk sheep. This breed, he said, is still about half wild. Originating on the Scotch-English border, the breed represents a cross breeding of several varieties of native wild sheep, including some horned varieties. One of the "leftovers" from the parent breeds is the black face of the Suffolk breed. Occasionally, one will be born all black. However, the more frequent throwback is the occasional horned lamb which is born. He gets from four to five of these each year, he said. Born and raised in Indiana, Jones went to Kansas at 16. In 1921, he set up a grocery store in Klamath Falls. This store grew to a chain of three, with the branches in Malin and Merrill. The grocery business, Santford and Company, was one of the first grocers in Klamath Falls to advertise in the old Herald, a predecessor to the Herald and News, Jones said. When the depression hit in 1932, Jones folded the grocery chain and two years later purchased the ranch. At that time, he said the place was badly run down. The largest level area, he said, was about 120 acres. Since that time, he has built up the property to what it is now, and modernized the house, which now has all the latest facilities, including a television set. Also, he has built two smaller houses for two of his four full-time employees. The other two, he said, live off the property. Bruce, the dog, is, like the sheep he herds, a product of the English-Scotch border. A mixture of several breeds, the dogs are called Border Collies to distinguish them from the familiar English Collie. Highly intelligent, the dogs work the sheep without making a sound. According to Jones, they use their eyes, directing the sheep by staring at them. Also they will occasionally nip at their charges, but Jones says that Bruce now more than 12 years old, hardly ever breaks the wool. Jones takes care of the dog, which, he says, is not allowed to run wild. He attributes the dog's long, useful life to the care which he has given the dog. He said he was once offered \$500 for the dog, but turned it down because he "couldn't get along without him."

ALLEGATIONS SYDNEY, Australia (UP)—The suburban village of Banksea was shocked today by allegations that children in the area have been cutting the tails off cats to make "coonskin" Davy Crockett hats.

Compulsory Meat Inspection Program Begins Monday

A three-weeks program of compulsory meat inspection in Klamath, Lake and part of Grant county will get under way Monday, according to word from the state department of agriculture in Salem. This operation is the pilot meat program on compulsory meat inspection authorized by the 1955 legislature, according to M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the department's division of animal industry. In this section of the state, two packing plants in Lake County, four in Klamath County and one in Grant County will be under continuous ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection during the three-weeks pilot study. All animals slaughtered which are passed as fit for human consumption will be stamped in purple with the state "inspected and passed" shield stamp. Two inspection teams, each headed by a veterinary meat inspector and including three lay inspectors, will be in this area. The legislature asked the department to establish the pilot program to provide the 1957 session with answers to two main questions about statewide compulsory meat inspection. These questions are: Is compulsory meat inspection needed in Oregon? and, if compulsory meat inspection is needed, what will it cost on a state-wide basis? The legislature appropriated the \$75,000 outright for the pilot program and doubled some meat industry licenses to provide another \$50,000 to \$75,000 to carry on this survey work. Under the pilot program, the department of agriculture goes into a different area of the state every three weeks and conducts a program of inspection of animals both before and after they are killed. This area is the third one entered since the program got under way in the Salem district last September 26. From Salem, the inspection teams moved into the Portland area. Under the law setting up this operation, all slaughter plants and meat processing plants are notified one week in advance that the inspection teams will enter the area.

Flood Control Hearing Held

RENO (UP)—A House Irrigation and Reclamation Subcommittee headed by Rep. Wayne Aspinall (D-Colo.), held a public hearing today on the \$43,600,000 Washoe project which calls for flood control, power and irrigation development on the Little Truckee and Carson rivers. Among the subcommittee members attending the hearing is Rep. Clifton Young, Nevada Republican. Attending as an observer is Rep. Clair Engle, California Democrat who is chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. More than a score of persons were scheduled to testify in favor of the project on behalf of various organizations, water user groups, the cities of Reno and Sparks, Washoe County and the State of Nevada. Californians appearing at the hearing included Leslie C. Johnson, principal hydraulic engineer of the California Department of Public Works; Robert M. Paul, counsel for the California Fish and Game Commission, and Col. A. M. Barton, chairman of the Lake Tahoe Interstate Conference Committee and spokesman for the California Reclamation Board. Subcommittee members will make a flight over the Western Nevada and Northern California area embraced by the project if their schedule permits Sunday morning. They are to hold a hearing at Fresno, Calif., Monday.

OSC Sorority Chooses Malin Girl As Member

OREGON STATE COLLEGE Susan Schofield, Malin junior at Oregon State College, has been chosen for membership in the OSC chapter of Phi Chi Theta, national honor society for women in business. The honorary is a service club to the school of business and sponsors weekly radio shorthand contests for high school students. Miss Schofield is majoring in business and technology at OSC.

Wool Growers Hold Meeting

PORTLAND (UP)—The Oregon Wool Growers Assn., holding its annual meeting here, was told Friday that government subsidies for the wool industry apparently are here to stay. John Withers of Paisley, president of the organization, said that subsidized agriculture was inevitable unless "we can get adequate protection (through tariffs) for our domestic market." Some of the factors which have made subsidies necessary, according to Withers, are: cheaper ways of producing meat, competition from synthetic fibers, a trend toward "bigness" in all segments of the economy and "free trade" policies. John H. Breckenridge of Twin Falls, Idaho, president of the National Wool Growers Assn., reported that wool and lamb use had been promoted by the two million dollar fund raised through deductions from government incentive payments. The convention continued Saturday.



SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Lake County Stock Growers Association are shown with the carcass which was later converted into the barbecue that they ate at the recent Stockgrowers Day at Oregon Technical Institute. In the front row are Lee Hansen (left), Lakeview 4-H Club agent; Perry Ashcraft, Lakeview rancher; Dorman Turner, agricultural field representative of the First National Bank in Lakeview; A. B. Claggett of the state game commission and Cecil Lake, agriculture instructor at OTI.



AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS at Oregon Technical Institute are shown some of the techniques of butchering during the recent Stockgrowers' Day at OTI by Al Geiss, chairman of the school of Agricultural Technology. In the front row are Kenneth Walker (left) of Oroville, California, Art Decker of Kent, Charles Mead of Washougal, Washington, Cornelius Jassen of Swan Lake and Geiss.

National Spud Estimate Made

The national potato production for the current season was estimated at 383.7 million bushels by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in its November 10 crop report. Walt Jendrzejewski of the Klamath County agents office reported today. The estimate is 3.6 million bushels under the estimate made in October. Production of the 29 late states is estimated at 303.5 bushels, down 3.6 million from last month. The entire early production is already in, which makes the total and late change figures the same. In the West, the estimate for Oregon remained unchanged, although estimates for Idaho, Washington were both raised. The Idaho estimate is 50 million bushels, an increase of 800,000 bushels, while the Washington estimate was raised 365,000 bushels to 16,365,000. The estimate for Oregon is 14.3 million. The estimate for Maine was reduced 2.4 million bushels to 65.8 million.

DEPOSIT ONLY

PASADENA, Calif. (UP)—Two gunmen intercepted a loan company messenger enroute to a bank and escaped with a quarter of a million dollars in checks. But they can't cash them. James Farrell of the Pasadena Savings and Loan Co. said all the checks were marked "for deposit only."

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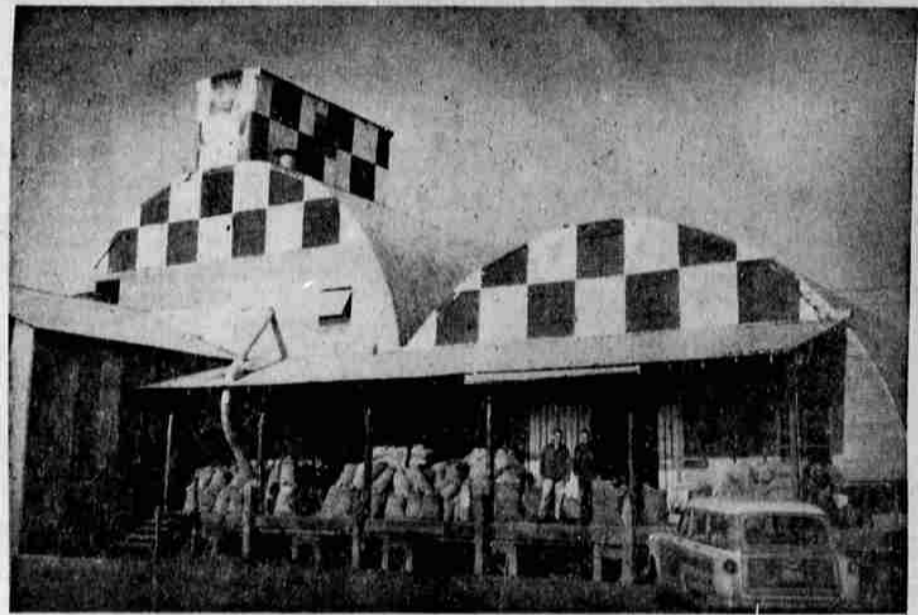
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