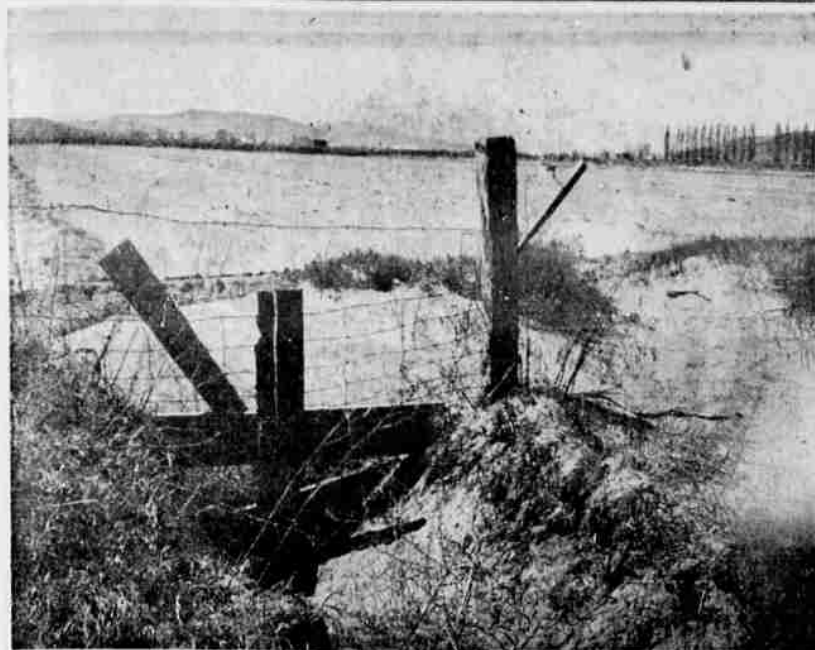
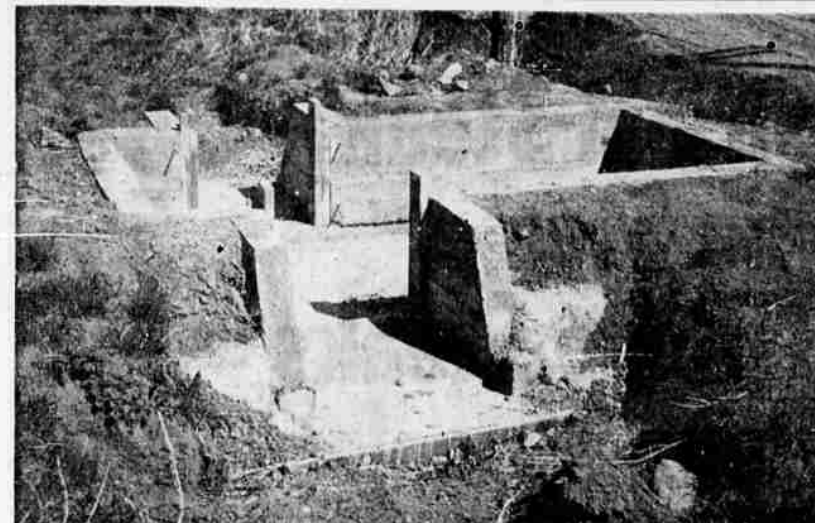




CONSERVATION METHODS would pay off in situations like this one. This field, located northeast of Merrill, shows wind erosion where not only has considerable soil been blown around in the field, but much sand has been deposited in the irrigation ditch in the foreground. Much of this could have been prevented by better farming methods or by use of a field windbreak. —SCS Photo



THIS DIVERSION BOX designed and built by Ed Born on his farm south of the airport aids in the conservation picture by giving him good control of the irrigation water. By means of boxes such as this, good diversion is accomplished with a minimum waste of water. Another example of conservation at work in the Basin. —SCS Photo



USING A LIMITED ACREAGE intensively but without exploitation and achieving excellent balance in a livestock operation won the title of Conservation Ranch of the Year for Dudley and Veva Long, Silver Lake. The plaque Veva holds was presented by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in a nationwide program jointly sponsored by the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. —Photo by Parks

Formation Of Soils District Aid Greatly In Reclaiming Pasture Lands

By EDWIN ESKELIN
District Supervisor

FORT ROCK — In the early days of irrigation in the area, much of the land under irrigation was poorly shaped, having low places where water stood and high places that did not get enough water, resulting in uneven yields throughout the fields. Since the formation of the Soils District, many acres of the old fields have been leveled, effecting a much better water use and greater economy in irrigation and uniformity of crops throughout the fields. New fields are generally well shaped.

Irrigation schools have been held which help enable each individual plan the most efficient pumping plant for his particular place.

New types of grasses have been introduced and foundation seeds have been available to those who wish to raise certified seeds.

The district personnel provided information to the REA officials which aided greatly in obtaining electric energy into the Fort Rock-Silver Lake area.

Fertilizer tests have been made with results and the kinds of fertilizer currently needed for the different types of soils fairly well established.

A soils map of the area shows the types of soil in the different places throughout the district. Also, the areas where the ground water is within economically feasible pumping depth.

Some drainage work has been done where there is too much water.

The district has cooperated with the Bureau of Land Management in improving pastures.

Many activities could be listed such as wind breaks, livestock feeding trials, rodent control, district equipment.

GRANGE NEWS

SUMMER LAKE

Summer Lake grangers were entertained Saturday evening, May 10, at their regular session, with a program sponsored by the Home Economics Club. Mrs. Dean Cannon served as program chairman. Two accordion numbers were played by Mrs. Bill Smith; Mrs. Delmar Hand played a piano solo, and a skit was given by Les Elder, Mrs. Millie Griel, Dean Cannon and Mary Fuller.

During the evening a drawing was held for the H. E. Club doll, whose wardrobe had been furnished by the club members and won by Mary Fuller.

Conservation: Fort Rock, Silver Lake SCD Outlines Plan For "Conservation Compass"

By BUD PARKS
District Supervisor

FORT ROCK — Conservation ranch plans are the keystone of conservation progress within the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil Conservation District. Aptly termed the "conservation compass" these plans point the way to long term soil building as well as recognizing the need for greater immediate returns due to narrowing profit margins in farming operations.

Here, as elsewhere in the nation, such plans start with a basic inventory of the soils of the ranch and build from there according to the desires and skills of the owner.

Arthur S. King, OSC soils man, says that Oregon has more diversified soil types than any other state in the nation. Within this district, which roughly comprises the northern one third of Lake

County, there are also a great many soil types. Often a single 160 acre tract has many different soils. Successful planning must fully use the advantages as well as recognize the limitations of each type. Strong winds, such as we have had this spring season, testify that many of our soils are vulnerable to wind erosion.

To make conservation plans fit the vagaries of soil types and location, climate and the operator's future intentions takes a lot of thought. They are a teamwork endeavor between Soil Conservation Service specialist and the operator, with the operator taking a large part in each step of its development. These individual plans are the solid foundation upon which soil conservation district work is built. They are vital to the rancher and they pay rich dividends to the future of our nation.

Conservation: Wildlife Conservation Programs Presented In Klamath County Schools

By JIM MOHR

Wildlife conservation programs have been presented in Klamath County schools by the Oregon Game Commission for the past seven years. These programs are intended to inform the students of the various facets of the game commission's operations. They include discussions on general conservation, big game management and hunter safety. A 20 minute illustrated talk is followed by a sound, color film.

Information and education representatives presented 21 wildlife programs in nine schools to 1,765 students during the 1957-1958 school year.

Additional wildlife educational programs are given by game commission representatives to the young people of Klamath County in various summer camps. These include 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and various church denominations. The boys and girls are

taken on nature hikes where wild birds and animals or their tracks are identified. The interrelationships of wildlife with soil, water, forests are explained in nature's laboratory. Probably the most popular feature of these programs is the "around the campfire" story hour given after supper by commission personnel.

These wildlife programs are presented in conjunction with the routine conservation education given by the teachers in Klamath County schools. As a result of these combined efforts, the average Klamath County student probably has a better idea of sound conservation principles than his parents.

Conservation: Forest Service Working On Lake Of Woods Camp

U.S. Forest Service representative states that as a step in the expansion planned for public camping facilities at Lake of the Woods, work in the existing forest camps, Rainbow, Aspen Point, and White Pine Picnic Area, will be very nearly completed this summer. The capacity of these camps will be about doubled. The roads within the camps have already been treated with a layer of cinders to reduce the amount of dust in the camps. Additional spaces for the use of house trailers have been constructed.

An entirely new public forest camp is planned for construction on Rainbow Bay. This camp will make an additional one-half mile

of lakeshore available for camping. Expansion of the existing area at Spruce Forest Camp will be planned this year to provide additional camp sites and improvements as funds become available.

New recreation areas will also be surveyed this summer to provide facilities for the greatly expanded recreation use expected in the near future. Some 30 sites will be studied on the national forest land west of Upper Klamath Lake and as far north as the Diamond Lake Highway to provide overnight camping spots, picnic areas, and boat launching sites.

Recreation improvements are a part of the Forest Service's responsibilities for conservation, or wise use, of our forest resources.

Aerial Photography Plays Big Part In Log Operation

Aerial photography plays a part in forest conservation at Weyerhaeuser's Klamath Falls Branch. Much of their timber holdings have been photographed from the air, and the pictures are not just scenic views. They are working photos used to determine types of timber and terrain.

Taken from the air and producing a picture 9" x 9", the area covered depends on the focal length of the camera and the altitude at which it is taken. The pictures can be used stereoscopically, and the third dimension plainly seen. While trees are small in a picture and no practical way has been found to determine an accurate scale of an individual tree, the picture will show types and sometimes the species of timber. It will show hills and valleys, the outcroppings of rock, and even tell those skilled in reading it whether or not soil conditions indicate land suitable for growing trees.

The photographs are an excellent guide used in log work by both foresters and engineers, and accurate maps for various purposes can be made from them.

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BELIEVING IN FEEDING rather than selling forage crops, the Leonard Pitcher ranch constructed a pit silo last year, the first within the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil Conservation District. Jerry Pitcher is shown pressing down forage with a heavy tractor and six yard scraper. —Photo by Parks

4-H NEWS Alfalfa Silage Being Fed In New Experiment In Silver Lake Region

By OWEN PITCHER
District Supervisor

FORT ROCK — During the past year a new kind of experiment has been carried on within the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil Conservation District. That is the harvesting and feeding of alfalfa silage which was carried on by Leonard Pitcher of Fort Rock.

There was approximately 60 tons of hay in the window ready to be baled. Then it started to rain. It rained every day for 10 days. The hay was starting to mold on the bottom; something had to be done. Burton Brown used his equipment and dug a pit. The alfalfa was loaded on a truck, hauled to the pit, then packed with a heavy tractor. Water was applied while it was being packed. Most of the alfalfa was put in the pit long, with part of the hay, later on, being chopped. It does not seem to make any difference whether long or chopped, cattle relish alfalfa silage.

Pitcher says the part he likes most about feeding this alfalfa in the form of silage is that it has eliminated the bloat problem. Come rain or shine he plans to put up silage this season.

NO CLOSURE ON WTC LANDS

There never has been a closure to hunters and fishermen on Weyerhaeuser Timber Company forest lands at Klamath Falls, according to J. B. Bishop, branch manager.

"There is far more protection to the forest," he said, "afforded by cooperation with the true sportsman than could be gained by keeping out the public. Carelessness with fire and vandalism by a small percentage of willful people has steadily declined over the years. Concern by sportsmen and sportsmen's groups and realization of sportsmen's responsibilities have greatly contributed to the improved condition."

RACING CHAMP
SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Mrs. Betty Baker made it by car to Spartanburg General Hospital before giving birth to a five-pound, eight-ounce son. Her chauffeur, now a father for the second time, was Buck Baker — national stock car racing champion.

TOMORROW, VOTE FOR WARREN GILL FOR GOVERNOR



Warren Gill believes that all people are entitled to Fair Play in their relationship with government and each other. He believes that prosperity can be brought to Oregon without increasing taxes. His program for FAIR PLAY AND PROSPERITY IN OREGON received state-wide acclaim when he announced his candidacy for Governor and made this pledge to the Oregon people:

1. I will vote every intelligent man to support sound money.
2. I will vote every able-bodied man to work.
3. I will support an education system that will give every child the best possible education.
4. I will encourage the development of our natural resources.
5. I will support a fair and equitable distribution of income.
6. I will support a low cost of living.
7. I will encourage fair employment practices and development of supervised and safeguarded retirement programs for working people.
8. I will recommend that the \$5 million dollar surplus which the Tax Commission says will be on hand in 1959 be distributed on a fair and equitable basis to the schools and state departments and institutions.
9. I will continue to oppose, and fight with all my strength, the growth of big government which deprives the people of local control of their own affairs.
10. I will attempt to make Oregon attractive to business and industry, and thereby improve the economy of our state, by:
(a) providing an attractive, stable tax climate;
(b) encouraging the development of ample firm electric power;
(c) encouraging the improvement of transportation facilities and reduction in cost of getting Oregon goods to market.