



PREPARING MEAL — Margy Stewart, left, and Janet Kerns, members of the Bakers 7, a 4-H food club, are shown making preparations for a dinner which the club served recently to parents and special guests. (County Agent Photo)

4-H NEWS

VAQUEROS HORSE CLUB

The meeting was called to order by Linda Parisotto at the home of our leader, Mrs. Holliday. The minutes of the last meeting were not read because the secretary was absent.

Wayne Scott and his father, Ed Scott, and Jim Zeller came down to show our club how to make braided reins. Mr. Scott and Mr. Zeller are leaders of the Wranglers Horse Club in Fort Klamath.

Refreshments were served by Jan Holliday.

Dave Howard,
News Reporter

HENLEY ROOTERS

The Henley Rooters Swine Club met at the home of Ben Adair on March 29. We discussed possible places to buy our hogs. Several members gave reports on various swine breeds. We planned a skating party which was held the following Sunday, March 31.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Scott Walters,
News Reporter

LANGELL VALLEY CHAMPS

The Langell Valley Champs Swine Club held a food sale on April 13 at Bold's Store in Bonanza. The club raised almost twenty dollars. The money will be added to the club treasury, to be used for club expenses and this year's community project.

There are eight members in the club this year, and every one feels the sale was a huge success.

Lydia Rosandich,
News Reporter

JUNIPER JUMPERS

MALIN—The Malin Juniper Jumpers met at the home of Joyce and Jean Mullanix recently for the fourth meeting of the year. Members voted on the type of shirts to be worn at the spring fair, and it was announced that Byron Johnson had offered a field to club members to use for training.



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Bakers 7 Serve Meal

The Bakers 7, Henley 4-H foods club, held April 2 at the home of Mrs. Virginia Kent, leader. The club served a dinner for parents and special guests at a Lobster Newburg dinner. The dinner was prepared by the club members as a special project in quantity cooking.

In addition to lobster, the menu featured rice, almond-peas, tossed salad, rolls and angel pie.

Members of the club include Connie Cunningham, Mary Drace, Debra Kennedy, Janet Kerns, Margy Stewart and Bonnie Bell.

The dinner was served at the First Methodist Church.

Brush Spray Plans Noted

LAKEVIEW — Spring is here and with it the season for spraying sagebrush. Now is the time to make arrangements to have brush sprayed in May, says Bill Moser, Lake County extension agent.

Several ranchers throughout the county have already started making arrangements to have brush sprayed as a coordinated program. By organizing now and making early arrangements, ranchers are in a favorable position to get the job done at very reasonable costs, Moser emphasizes. Prices this year should be about \$3 per acre for rabbit brush control, and \$2.50 per acre for sagebrush control.

Prices are primarily dependent on the number of acres involved and the topography of the area and the distance the plane will have to travel to the job. However, by making arrangements now and coordinating individual jobs, the price can be kept to a minimum.

Ranchers are urged to contact their Lake County Extension Office for details. This can be an investment that will return up to 40 per cent. Sagebrush spraying pays big dividends.

4-H'ers Placed Local Displays

LAKEVIEW—To help tell the 4-H story during National 4-H Week, seven 4-H clubs in the Lakeview area and one club in the Silver Lake area put some excellent 4-H window displays in local stores, according to John Kiesow, extension agent.

First prize went to the Swivelers Leathercraft Club led by Mrs. Stan Bonkowski. Their display was at the J. C. Penney Store. Second place went to the Thomas Creek Saddlery for a display at Fetsch's. The Saddlery is led by Jim Ogle. Don Hotchkiss, Walt Leemann Jr., Robert Weir Jr., Burton Chambers and Carroll Flick. Third place was awarded to the Kitting Eight for a display at Amos Jewelry. The club is led by Joan Kiesow and Cecyl Colvin.

Prices of \$5, \$3 and \$2 will be awarded to the three winning clubs by the 4-H Leaders Association.

Extra \$246 Million Predicted If State Uses Feed Potential

Oregon has the potential to pick up an extra \$246 million in annual state income — if the cards fall right.

That's the judgment of men who have taken a hard look at Oregon's capacity to boost its grain feeding industries in competition with other areas.

Livestock and poultry feeding in Oregon now generates about \$109 million a year in economic activity. Oregon's grain resources, coupled with West Coast market for meat products, offer the potential for this to jump to \$346 million, according to a report published by Oregon State University.

Much depends upon federally-managed grain programs that have helped create circumstances now restricting opportunity for poultry and livestock feeding in the Pacific Northwest.

Sales of government-held feed stocks in the Midwest and Great Plains at prices below support

levels have tended to subsidize livestock and poultry feeders in that region. At the same time, government export subsidies for Pacific Northwest grains have helped maintain prices in this region above the support level.

Here in the Pacific Northwest the situation presents what appears to be a conflict of interest between grain growers and feeders—at least until the full situation is understood, the OSU report points out.

Grain is a cash crop for some ranchers who want to sell large volumes at "favorable" prices. Feed grains are a cost of doing business for livestock and poultry feeders who want to buy grains at prices "favorable" to them.

Actually, grain growers and feeders in this area have long-run, common interests that can be served by building a sound grain-feeding industry, the OSU study team believes.

Present federal grain programs

now require much of Oregon's grain land to lie idle. Future net returns to local grain growers might be about the same as at present, and even larger under certain conditions, if more acres of grain were planted and "marketed" through livestock and poultry feeding, the report indicates.

OSU staff members in animal and poultry sciences, farm crops, and agricultural economics compiled the report, "Grain Feeding Opportunities and Problems in Oregon." Oregon residents may obtain copies from local county extension offices or from the Bulletin Clerk, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

The report points out the snowballing effect on economic activity that could result from an expanded feeding industry.

For example, cattle feeding in Oregon in 1961 generated about \$33 million in economic activity. Of this amount, an estimated \$3½ million was paid as wages and salaries in meat packing plants.

However, had the cattle feeding industry operated at full potential, it would have generated some \$250 million at retail. Roughly \$16½ million would have been paid in wages and salaries in Oregon packing plants.

Had Oregon's pork industry produced enough meat for local market needs in 1961, it would have generated about \$62 million at retail compared to its actual figure of \$17 million.

Oregon's broiler industry generated an estimated \$14½ million of income at retail in 1961 but could have hit \$23 million had the state's producers supplied the local market demand.

And present opportunities barely scratch the surface of long-range potential, based on expected population increases on the West Coast by 1975, the report explains.

The Pacific Coast is expected to have a deficit of more than two million head of cattle and calves in 1965 and a four and one-half million deficit by 1975. Heavy deficits are also predicted for pork, sheep and lambs, and broilers by 1975.

Those who watch the world price on grain and the subsidy payments can often come up with a tidy profit by simply brokering the grain at the opportune time.

Farm Real Estate Tax To Be Up 6.3 Per Cent

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Farm real estate tax levies in 1961—generally payable in early 1962—totaled \$1,329,500,000, up 6.3 per cent from 1960 levies, according to the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

The levies of 1962 are expected to increase to about 1,409,000,000. This would bring taxes per acre of farmland to \$1.38 compared with \$1.30 in 1961, and an average of about \$1.06 in 1957-59.

ERS said farm real estate tax levies comprised 6 per cent of total production expenses in 1960. In general, the proportion of total production expenses accounted for by farm real estate taxes has been rising since 1944. The 1961 percentage is the largest since 1961. These levies were California, \$150.3 million; Illinois, \$126.5 million; and Iowa, \$107.6 million.

Taxes per acres of farm real estate in 1961 were higher than in 1960 in every state except Rhode Island, which showed a small decrease. The greatest increase, 59 per cent, was found in Alaska. Six other states showed increases of more than 10 per

cent. In 28 states the increase was from 5 to 10 per cent, and in 14 per cent it was less than 5 per cent.

As in recent years, 1961 taxes per acre of farm real estate averaged highest in New Jersey at \$10.16 and lowest in New Mexico at 15 cents. In 16 states the average tax per acre was between \$2 and \$10, and in 21 states it was less than \$1.

Variations among states in average tax per acre reflect differences in the value of farmland and the relative value of improvement, as well as the role given to the property tax in state-local fiscal systems. Thus, in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, where taxes per acre average highest, the property tax occupies a relatively important place in the tax structure.

In addition, agriculture in these states is characterized by small, intensively operated farms having high values per acre and large average investments in improvements.

Export Subsidy Details Explained By Specialist

By SCOTT LAMB

An article by marketing specialist S. C. Marks, Oregon State University, in the Nov. 15 issue of the Oregon Farmer explains in some detail the use of export subsidies by the United States to help other nations subsidize their farmers. Here is how it works according to Marks:

The Japanese government recently raised its guaranteed price to producers for wheat from \$3.02 to \$3.18 per bushel. The Japanese government offsets its losses in buying and selling domestic wheat and barley by making profits on imported wheat.

Marks states an example: Northwestern white wheat now costs the Japanese \$1.62 per bushel at the portland. This includes a U.S. export subsidy of 32 cents, the market price being \$2.14.

With shipping and handling costs added, the Japanese government has a total investment of about \$1.90 per bushel tied up in this wheat. Thus the Japanese government can come out quite well selling the wheat on their bolstered markets.

This reminds us of the cat and rat farm story often used to show

the errors of logic in such an economic program. The farmer raised cats and rats, fed the rats to the cats, skinned the cats and fed the cat carcasses to the rats, realizing a fine profit on the skins (and no overhead).

It should be pointed out in all fairness to Japan that they are not the only country to make money off U.S. export subsidies. It is quite a common practice with individual speculators making a good thing of it also.

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FAMILY OF WINNERS — Modoc County's family of winners at the Junior International Livestock Show at the San Francisco Cow Palace is shown here. Standing, left to right, Beth Baird and Charles Baird. Kneeling, same order, Althea and Bill. Charles is a Herald and News carrier in Alturas.

Family Of Young Showmen Represent Modoc At Show

ALTURAS—Modoc County was well represented at the recent Junior Livestock Show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco by a family of young showmen. The sons and daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Al Baird of Alturas went to the show with their sheep and swine to bring home an impressive array of first place ribbons and championships.

Bill, 15, representing the Alturas FFA group, showed a champion Suffolk sheep and had first place in the heavyweight division and second place with a lightweight Suffolk. He was in the first group with his Berkshire lightweight hog. He also showed a Berkshire hog in the second group.

Charles, 12, had a superior Southdown lamb and superior crossbred lamb. His crossbred lambs were in the first group.

Charles had the reserve champion Berkshire hog and was first place with his heavyweight Berk. He also showed his hog in the second group.

The youngest member of this family of champions, Althea, 11, showed the reserve champion whiteface lamb and was first with her heavyweight Dorset. She had three superior group crossbred lambs and a Berkshire hog in the second group.

The Modoc County team placed third for best group of country

and second in the lightweight and heavyweight Hampshire lambs and first and second in the heavyweight crossbreds. Her hog was in the second group in the Berkshire Lightweights. Beth placed as a qualified sheep showman to round out her group.

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