PROJECT UNDERTAKEN — The Modoc County Farm Bureau has undertaken, as a 1965 promotional project, to install farm bureau member signs at the entrance to private roads of member ranchers. The back of the sign has a red and white stop on it for safety. Pictured above, from left to right, is Jack Tuteur, new president of the bureau, along with past president Ray Callahan.

Modoc County Reports 19,000 Tons Hay Lost

ALTURAS — An estimated loss of 19,000 tons of Modoc County hay, resulting from December floods and heavy rains, has caused concern of a possible winter feed hay shortage in Modoc County according to Loring White, Modoc County agriculture commissioner.

White said that according to replies from Modoc County ranches on a January survey, 75 per cent of the ranchers in the county have suffered abnormal hay losses ranging from two tons to high 450-ton losses on some Surprise Valley ranches. The largest loss has been recorded in the southern part of Surprise Valley where water flooded stack yards up to the second and third bales.

White said that at the present time the possible shortage could run 5,000 tons by spring turn out time. This of course, depends on how quickly our spring feed comes on grazing lands. If the turn out date for stockmen is put off due to extreme weather conditions, the shortage of hay would become acute, White stated. "It takes over 1,000 tons of hay a day to feed the Modoc County animal population and one week delay in spring turn out of stock to pasture would mean an additional hay consumption of 8,000 to 9,000 tons of hay," he said.

The normal summer hay production in Modoc County is 150,000 to 165,000 tons of hay with a low 16,000 to 20,000 tons being sold outside of the county. It is estimated that 130,000 to 140,000 tons of hay is required to give the 112,000 animal units fed in Modoc County, during the 125 day feeding season, adequate nutritional diets.

The hay loss is principally from spoilage in the form of mold which occurs from the over abundance of moisture.

According to Cecil Pierce farm adviser, cattle fed from the stacks of hay stacked in the open, as in Modoc County, always eat some moldy hay which is not generally harmful to cows but is a great danger to sheep and horses. It is known that the moldy hay will cause abortion to pregnant sheep and gives horses the "heaves." Pierce said that as long as the cattle have an adequate balance of good hay, they won't eat too much of the moldy hay. But the danger this year is the lack of good hay to balance the cattle diet caused by the loss of hay and tremendous spoilage. The nutritional value in molded hay is practically nil.

White said that at present there is little hay for sale in Modoc County as ranchers are not selling any due to the loss and fear of shortage.

Two Attend 4-H Club State Meet

Lee Holliday of Fairhaven and Scott Skinner, Henley, were among the more than 70 4-H Club members in Salem, Feb. 7-9 to attend the eighth annual Oregon 4-H Conference.

In announcing the trip, 4-H Leader Francis Skinner said the trip permitted the young delegates to question state officials during the period they studied state government. The conference theme was "Know Your State Government."

Gov. Mark Hatfield was available also for questioning.

Each county is entitled to send two delegates.

Registration was at the Marion Hotel Sunday. During the evening, Sam Haley, legislative counsel, and State Rep. Cornelius C. Bateson, Salem, traced the path of a bill through the legislature.

On Monday delegates attended a committee hearing and sessions of both House and Senate. House Speaker F. F. Montgomery, Eugene, and Sen. President Harry Bolvin, Klamath Falls, explained roles of presiding officers.

A conference with Gov. Hatfield, and a panel discussion on the role of lobbyists at the legislature, were on the Monday afternoon agenda. Mrs. Sam Johnson of Redmond, member of the State Board of Higher Education, spoke at the Monday night banquet on the importance of public affairs education for youth.

Chief Justice William McAllister on the closing day, Tuesday, discussed the role of the judicial branch of government.

Before adjournment, four young people were chosen by a committee to attend the National 4-H Club Conference in Washington, D. C., in April when a week of study of the federal government will be made.

The Sears, Roebuck Foundation supports the state conference by sponsoring the delegates while they are in Salem.

ROLE OF LOBBYIST — Tom Rigby, representing the Oregon School Boards Association, explains the role of a lobbyist in the legislative process to youth participating in the 1965 Oregon 4-H Club Conference on state government at Salem. Shown, from left, Scott Skinner, Klamath Falls; James Crook, Beaverton; Rigby; Jane Cox, North Plains and Lee Holliday, Klamath Falls.

4-H Activities

MERRILL SADDLE TRAMPS

The Merrill Saddle Tramps 4-H Club is led by Bill Hill and Irven Johnson this year. A meeting was held recently at the Merrill Recreation Hall. Visitors at this meeting were Mrs. Glenn Haskins and Mrs. Al Kusler.

The members discussed an upcoming box social for the livestock clubs of Merrill, Malin, Bonanza and Henley. A knot-tying session followed with the bowline and slip knot being tied.

The next meeting will be held at the recreation hall on March 1.

Susan Haskins,
News Reporter.

GINGERBREAD GIRLS

The Gingerbread Girls met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Dale Moore, on Feb. 2. Mrs. Dorothy Fairfield was a visitor to the meeting. Roll call was answered by what members learned at the last meeting.

While waiting for the pudding to cool that Jane Summerfield and Susan Wolfram made, members played a game of Black Magic.

Diane Mathis adjourned the meeting.

Polly Fairfield,
News Reporter.

BUSY BOBBINS

Mrs. Harry Marshall is leader of the Busy Bobbins clothing club. A meeting was held at her home on Jan. 27. Work was done on skirts and scarves were completed.

Paula Pontrelli's name was left out of the last report in the list of officers for the club. She is treasurer for the club. Melanie Huffman and Pamela Tennant were elected sergeants at arm.

Debra Nelson,
News Reporter.

MERRY MAKERS

An active club in Gilchrist is the Merry Makers who are participating in foods and homemaking this year, under the leadership of Mrs. Marie Castro.

Club meetings will be held each Tuesday with alternate days being used for either foods or homemaking. Meetings will be held at various members' homes.

A visitor at this meeting was Mrs. Andrew Sloan Jr. of Gilchrist.

The members made cookies and muffins. They also made drawer dividers and covered them with wallpaper.

Future project work includes sliding trays for drawer dividers and covering them. A mother's tea was planned for Feb. 9 with the Valentine theme.

An original skit given by the older girls in the club is planned for the future and will be given to the primary grades.

Mrs. Marie Castro,
Leader, Merry Mixers.

JUNIOR HORSEMASTERS

The home of Gary Gueck was the scene of a meeting of the Junior Horsemasters that took place on Jan. 30. New uniforms were discussed at this meeting. A centerpiece of two flags will be purchased for future meetings.

New record books were handed out and the proper method of filling them out was explained. Plans for a horse show were also discussed. The date for the show was set for some time in the fall with all proceeds going to the Mentally Retarded Children's fund. Plans were also made for a tour to the Mity Lew ranch in Eugene.

The next meeting of the Junior Horsemasters will be held on Feb. 6 in the covered arena at the fairgrounds. The club will ask Mr. Skinner to show slides on how to keep permanent records.

It was voted by members to give a donation to the IFYE program. A demonstration and talk on the evolution of horses was given by Gary Gueck.

Joy McElfresh,
News Reporter.

Animism is the belief that all things have a spirit.

Chicago Yards Mark Birthday

CHICAGO (UPI) — Chicago's giant stock yards, once billed as the greatest hotel for cattle and hogs, celebrates its 100th birthday this week.

Business is done differently today, but the animals' fate is still the same.

The current celebration honors Feb. 15, 1865, the date the Illinois legislature granted a perpetual charter to the Union Stockyard and Transit Co.

Chicago had been growing as a livestock center since the 1850s when the first rail line connected it with the East and a canal had been dug to Lake Michigan. The Civil War next cut off cattle raisers from important southern markets and the cattle went instead to Chicago.

So, the Chicago Pork Packers Association proposed to combine all the small markets in the area into one large center handy to all rail lines and packers.

Of the ape family, the gorilla, chimpanzee, gibbon and orangutan have no tails.

MODOC HAY LOSS — A winter feed hay shortage may develop in Modoc County if the spring feed on grazing lands doesn't come at its usual time. To date, an estimated 19,000 tons of hay has been lost due to extreme moisture. Shown above is Modoc County Agriculture Commissioner Loring White looking over some of the molded hay.

4-H NEWS

THE DROPSTITCHERS

Mrs. Paula Fletcher and Mrs. Katherine Hager are co-leaders of the Dropstitchers Knitting Club. A meeting was held on Jan. 28 at the home of Mrs. Fletcher. Ruby Clark and Barbara Gehring were present at the meeting.

Business meetings will be held once a month but members will meet each week to knit. Kathy Childers brought refreshments. Some have already finished their projects and already begun on others. The beginners have finished their required projects and have started on their first sweaters.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fletcher at 7 p.m.

Dixie Hager,
News Reporter.

BUSY BAKERS

The Busy Bakers met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Hershel Berry. She is assisted by Mrs. Millard Ward. Members opened the meeting by singing songs and then made muffins and hot cocoa. Different kinds of muffins will be made at the next three meetings.

In the month of January a meeting was held at the home of Patsy Mudder where members had a business meeting and refreshments were served.

Karen Ward,
News Reporter.

VAQUEROS HORSE CLUB

The second meeting of the called to order by Lee Holliday, president.

Each member told what he did at the fall fair. We will think about new uniforms. Susie Roberts gave a demonstration on the different parts of a western bridle.

The club has $17 in its treasury and hopes to buy some books for the members to use.

Members filled out the goals they hoped to complete for the Club Year.

Sharon Johnston will give a demonstration on knot - tying and the uses of the bowline and slip-knot.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jan Holliday,
News Reporter.

OLD WEST

ANTIOCH, Calif. (UPI) — A bit of the Old West in modern dress was enacted here Monday when 100 head of cattle broke through a pasture fence onto a freeway stopping traffic for more than an hour.

Highway patrol and police cars, with sirens howling and red lights blinking, herded the cattle into an open field.

FB Selects J. Tuteur

ALTURAS — Jack Tuteur, Likely rancher, has been named as the new president of the Modoc County Farm Bureau.

The new president has been a state delegate of the Farm Bureau for the past two years and is a three-year member of the Modoc County Board of Directors.

In taking office, Tuteur said that the 1965 membership goat for Modoc County is 415. He said that reapportionment and farm labor are two pressing problems facing the Farm Bureau throughout the state for 1965. He went on record as being opposed to reapportionment because of the drastic loss of representation in the legislature for the remote areas of California. "If reapportionment happens we could find sparsely populated areas such as ours losing control of valuable natural resources, such as water, to the populated areas in the south," he said.

On the labor problem Tuteur explained that the Farm Bureau is interested in seeing California agriculture supplied with an adequate and dependable source of farm labor. "If this cannot be done with domestic workers, outside help may have to be imported."

Other officers in the Modoc County Farm Bureau are Joe Stevenson, Cedarville, vice president; Lawrence Fee, Fort Bidwell, state delegate and retiring president, Ray Callahan, Alturas, alternate state delegate. The county directors are, Jack Bandy, Don Coops, Doris Schadler, Joe Stevenson, Dave Tidwell, and Bill Cockrell, all of Surprise Valley; Cyril Mamoth, Lookout; Garland Cundiff, New Pine Creek, and Dean Neer, Centerville.

4-H NEWS

WOOD RIVER WRANGLERS

Resuming after the summer vacation members of the Wood River Wranglers 4-H Horse Club met in October at the home of the leader, Jim Zeller, at Williamson River.

Officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Linda Stanley, president; Kenneth Scott, vice president; Danny Brown, secretary - treasurer; Debbie Brown, news reporter; Tereasa Nicholson, recreation leader; and our assistant leader is Mr. Edwin Scott.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Rev. Harvey Zeller. Our 4-H group leader makes his home with his parents while employed as instructor at Chiloquin High School.

In addition to members of the horse club, those present included: Mr. Francis Bacchi, Hollis Kizer and Mrs. Daniel G. Brown.

Debbie Brown,
News Reporter

DAIRY SEW 'N' SEWS

The Dairy Sew 'n' Sews is the name of the newly organized sewing club in Dairy. There are eight members and they meet at the home of the leader, Mrs. John Murphy. At the first meeting Julie Murphy, was elected president; Marilee Willis, vice president; Kathy Newlun, secretary and Martha Murphy, reporter.

The leader helped the members make a shears case at the last meeting. Each member will make a shears case as part of her project.

Mrs. Porter Willis and Mrs. Vernon Newlun have been visitors at the meetings.

Martha Murphy,
News Reporter.

Compared with the earth, the planet Saturn is only one-eighth as dense.

Milk Law Workable

Kenneth Sawyer, chief of the Oregon Department of Agriculture's milk audit and stabilization division, told Oregon dairymen recently that collectively they could make Oregon's milk stabilization law work.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Association, Sawyer reminded dairymen that state and federal regulations are tools to be used in helping stabilize the milk market and not cure-alls.

Noting that state regulations will work only to the extent producers and their organizations want them to work for the intended purpose, Sawyer said producers collectively could take this stabilization tool and under the climate created by it make it work, but that it must be a collective effort.

Touching on the matter of imports of fluid milk, he said grade A milk production in the state was at all times sufficient to meet total needs of all handlers for fluid use and for perishable manufactured products.

Planting Guide Suggests Slice

USDA's planting guide for 1965 late crops suggests a seven per cent reduction from 1964 acreage.

A seven per cent reduction is suggested also for late summer. A two per cent reduction is suggested for early summer acreage.

Acreages suggested are: Winter, 18,400; spring, 128,435; summer, 216,430; fall, 904,200.

USDA points out that normal yields from these reduced acreages would produce 257 million CWT and provide an adequate potato supply.

Ten per cent reduction in acreages is suggested for Idaho, Wyoming and California.

An eight per cent reduction is suggested for Oregon.

Repeal Sought On Inspection

A state department of agriculture proposal for a bill in the present session of legislature suggests repeal of laws governing inspection of potatoes, onions, prunes and nuts to eliminate separate accounting for funds derived from fees collected for inspection of these crops.

The department states that modern management tools provide sufficient safeguards to permit adjustment of fees.

Separate accounting was specified in original laws so that fees could be adjusted to cover costs of service and to prevent excessive charges for one commodity at the expense of another.

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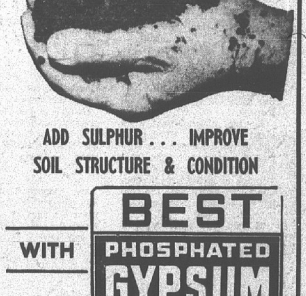

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