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## Purebred Rams Imported By Clatskanie Sheepman

Dick Magruder, Clatskanie, looks over one of two purebred Lincoln rams recently imported from New Zealand for the purpose of adding a broader genetic background to his breeding flock. This is the first importation of Lincoln sheep into the United States since 1905 except for some small numbers that have moved back and forth between U. S. and Canadian breeders.

Lincoln sheep are a long-wooled breed originating in the county of Lincoln and adjoining counties on the eastern coast of England. Early records of the breed go back as far as 1749. They were recognized as a fixed breed in England in 1862. Extensive exporting was done in 1905 and 1906 with the Lincoln sheep going primarily to the U. S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand, South America, and South Africa. The two states of Oregon and Idaho have had the greatest number of this breed in the United States. Lincoln bloodlines were used as part of the genetic background in forming the Corriedale breed.

Magruder's two rams moved by ship from Cape Norte to

Hawaii where they were in quarantine for 30 days. They were then flown to the United States. The rams were part of a shipment of Lincolns, Romney, and Corriedale brought into the U. S. by Morris Culber of Curtin, Oregon for himself, Magruder, and a Washington breeder.

Magruder noted that the conformation and characteristics of the imported rams is somewhat different than those of local stock, but he feels that out-crossing with the two rams will be a valuable genetic addition to existing U. S. genetic bank of Lincoln stock.

## Enchanted Toy Shop on Bill

Holiday on Ice always presents something special for the kiddies; and, the 26th edition of the famed skating spectacular is no exception. This time, "The Enchanted Toy Shop" is the production that mesmerizes everyone with its captivating enchantment.

"The Enchanted Toy Shop" is one of six beautiful skating episodes that will be seen when Holiday on Ice comes to the Portland Memorial Coliseum Wednesday, December 9 through Sunday, December 13. The Wednesday, December 9 performance will be a benefit for the Oregon Lions Sight Foundation.

Carol Johnson, a dainty ballerina from San Diego, California is featured as the Porcelain Doll who leads the Parade of the Wooden Soldiers through their intricate drills. She also dances with the famed toys and story book characters of childhood.

The Raggedy Ann dolls, the Jack-in-the-Boxes, the Owl and the Pussycat, the friendly Teddy Bear, the amiable Mr. Skunk, are some of the characters portrayed by the outstanding skaters in the Ice-Squires skating chorus. The Glamour-Icers present an intricate and military-like pattern in their precision perfection during their drill as a platoon of Wooden Soldiers.

"The Enchanted Toy Shop" also introduces the famous skating family, the Cooks, all five of them; Kim, aged 11, the twins, Kris and Kelly, now 9 years old; mother Dori; and father Cal whose a dagio presentation on still skates is a hair raising exhibition of skating skill.

Tickets are \$4.50, \$4, \$3.50 and \$3 and will be on sale at the Memorial Coliseum, Stevens & Son, Lloyd Center and in Salem and at Meier & Frank's down town store in Portland.

## Board of Commissioners

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in regular session October 26 with Chairman N. W. Barmeier presiding, Commissioners Glosenger and Minkoff, Assistant Bob Vance, and secretary Gloria Salvey present.

At the request of the board, the elected officials, including Roy Wilburn, Corene Carlstrom Roy Nelson, Robert Lucas and Frank LeMont, met with them to discuss the current status of union negotiations and the recall petitions which were filed and are being circulated.

Notice of acceptance of appointment was received from Don Walrod, as member of the planning commission.

Commissioner Minkoff advised that Frank Pitra had requested a letter be sent him by the board regarding the petition and request he had made relative to the Ira Parcher road.

A letter was received from the Columbia County Organization of Governments, advising that the St. Helens-Columbia City planning commissions had requested the opening of Fourth street between St. Helens and Columbia City.

A letter was received from the city of Vernonia relative to dog control services for the summer months.

A letter was received from the state highway department enclosing a manual for maintenance and inspection of bridges built under FAS projects. This was referred to the roadmaster.

A letter was received from the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation districts advising of the annual convention to be held November 11-13.

A letter was received from the United States Department of Labor requesting a copy of the current union contract. The minutes of the fair board meeting of September 8 were received.

Commissioner Glosenger moved and Commissioner Minkoff seconded the performance bond of Mel Harper on remodeling of the old courthouse building be released. Motion carried.

A check in the amount of \$1,635.87 was received from the Oregon State Public Welfare, as reimbursement on surplus funds.

Orville Gilkey met with the board regarding the condition of the Benson road from the mill to the yacht club, requesting that it be graded. It was agreed that for a cost of \$15 the road would be graded after which Gilkey and other citizens would place gravel on the road.

An order surrendering jurisdiction of Nehalem street within the city limits of Clatskanie was signed, in favor of the City of Clatskanie.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Glosenger seconded recommendations for liquor license renewals be granted for the following: Bear Tavern, Bridgeview Tobacco Shop, and Sunnyside Service. Motion carried.

At 2 p.m. a public hearing was held regarding the vacation of county road "1". There being no objections, Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Glosenger seconded the road be vacated, and the district attorney be requested to prepare the necessary order. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nora Jordan and Mrs. Mary Whittier met with the board regarding condition of portions of the Smith road. The board, together with George Mann, roadmaster, agreed to meet with them at 10 a.m. November 5, to view the road.

Dale Heimuller met with the board requesting information as to anticipated completion date of the Heimuller road construction. He was advised that this would probably be done in about two weeks. Heimuller also advised that he and other bidders, had not been notified as to which bids had been accepted for rock supplies.

## Orchard Ills Told in Book

Visual symptoms may be the first warning of nutritional disorders in an orchard and a new Pacific Northwest Cooperative Extension Bulletin is aimed at helping orchardists identify such disorders.

However, the bulletin adds, orchardists should confirm their visual diagnosis with either soil tests or tissue tests before applying nutrients or taking other steps to correct a disorder.

The new bulletin, illustrated with color photos, is available in Oregon through the Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Copies of "Nutrient Disorders in Tree Fruits," may be obtained from county extension offices or from the OSU Bulletin Clerk, Corvallis 97331.

As the holiday bills come pouring in we'll have to do more—more doing without.

## Telephones Play Important Part in Forest Fire Fight

The acrid haze of a fiery four weeks in August and September still shrouds the valleys, but the blazes which blackened the once green forests above Entiat and Chelan are finally out.

Some 8,500 lung-choked fire fighters battled what have been described as the worst series of fires in the history of the Wenatchee National Forest. Set off by lightning storms, more than 60 fires were going at one time and more than 110,000 acres were burned in all.

Effort on the line to control the flames made headlines for week. Not so well known, however, was the logistical support provided by men and women working behind the scenes seven days a week. It was their job to see that the men on the line received the mountains of food needed to feed them; the them; and the tools needed to fight the raging flames.

Information on what was needed flowed from base camps on the line to a supply center in downtown Wenatchee. The data moved over an emergency telephone communication network rushed into service by personnel from General Telephone Company's Wenatchee District Office.

"We had 14 major base camps, virtual overnight towns, set up just behind the fire lines. Many had instant populations of 1,000 to 2,000 men who had to be supplied with food, water and the means and manner to bring the fires under control.

Without logistical support, our efforts would have been as ineffective as trying to stop a speeding train with your bare hands," said E. W. Gano, Wenatchee National Forest administrative officer who coordinated the support effort from the Wenatchee center.

Gano and Pat Int-Hout, staff fire control officer who acted as a liaison man between the fire line and the control center, each cited telephone communications as a key element in seeing that men and material got to the right spots at the right time.

Said Int-Hout, "You begin thinking about communications the minute you begin thinking about fighting the fire. And the telephone is the best means of communications we've found in these situations. You can do the job with radio, but then you run into problems of relays, repeated messages and the like. But with the telephone, you've got a tool that's instantaneous and direct."

During the emergency, General Telephone crews handled more than 100 individual requests for service installations or changes of telephone locations. Twelve technicians were dedicated to working with the Forest Service personnel in quickly establishing whatever communications channels were required.

In addition to their men on the line, the telephone company assigned supervisory and customer representatives to coordinate efforts back in Wenatchee.

A total of 37 miles of temporary telephone lines were strung to base camps along the fire line.

Among the installations handled by phone company personnel was the stringing of some 12 miles of line over rugged terrain to a base camp lo-

ated at Brief. The company went to suppliers in California for the wire and was able to have the channels engineered, installed and working within half a day, according to Gene Erickson, District Manager of General Telephone.

At Brief, rural lines also were rearranged so that the Forest Service fire fighters would have a single party service for the emergency.

Similar efforts were required in establishing communications to camps at 25 Mile Creek, the entire Ranger Station, and the town of Ardenvoir. Extra facilities also were installed at Forest Service headquarters in Chelan and Wenatchee, and at Wenatchee Valley College which served as a rest and recuperation area.

Lines and telephones were also installed in a mobile flight control tower brought in from Spokane and erected at Wenatchee's Pangborn Field. The tower directed a fleet of fire fighting aircraft which included more than 225 planes and helicopters.

"Bringing these fires under and cooperation. We got both," agreed Gano and Int-Hout.

Erickson added his thanks to the general public which experienced some delays in processing regular service and repair orders. "But we didn't have a major complaint. The people knew that first priority had to go to fighting the fires," he said. The delays, however, were corrected quickly and normal schedules were reinstated as soon as fires began to let up.

Two things we cannot expect to escape paying for are education and experience.

## CFOF to Hold Two-Day Meet

The crises confronting education today have spurred plans for a statewide conference on higher education.

The two-day meeting is sponsored by Colleges for Oregon's Future (CFOF), a statewide citizens' group, and will be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Portland, November 16-17.

CFOF board members, concerned about the future of education in Oregon, decided to call the meeting to spotlight: —Various proposals for the future direction of higher education.

—Positive planning, and the steps being taken.

In announcing the conference, former Gov. Robert Holmes, CFOF chairman, said focus will be on all segments of post-high school education—public colleges and universities, community colleges, independent colleges and universities, and private vocational schools.

He said chief concern is broad involvement of lay citizens from business, industry, labor, the professions, agriculture and other segments.

The program will include national authorities on higher education, as well as several Oregonians. The format is being developed by a steering committee headed by Ursel Narver.

Holmes pointed out that the "aim of Colleges for Oregon's Future from the outset has been drawing people together through improved understanding. Another CFOF board member added that "the need for public understanding is more vital today than at any time in the past."

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