

4-H Livestock Club Has New Officers

Stanley Sisson was elected president of the Richland 4-H livestock club at a reorganization meeting Dec. 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson.

Other officers are Nellie Vander Oord, vice president; Dolores Van Zelf, secretary; Sherrill Sisson, news reporter, and Mrs. Harold Sisson, local leader. Other members are Frank Parr, Helen and Dick Winter, Peter Ray Vander Oord, Betty Van Zelf, Dean Sisson and Tommy Jayo.

A chili feed was prepared by Harold Sisson and a tour of the sugar factory was made by the members in the afternoon.

The club plans to meet once a month until summer.

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PROBABLY long ago prepared to grace someone's Christmas Day dinner table, the two turkey gobblers being held by Hugh Tobler, left, above and Warren Farmer were among the last of 7,000 turks to be sent to market recently by the Nyssa growers.—Photo by Dick Yost.

Tobler-Farmer Enterprises Markets 6500 Turkeys; Claim Conditions Ideal Here

By DICK YOST

Another of Nyssa's 1952 crops has been marketed—one that has probably escaped the public eye more than any other because of its classification as a specialty for this area.

The marketing of this crop consisted of the shipping of 6,500 turkeys by Hugh Tobler and Warren Farmer, partners in the growing venture. First birds were sent to market before Thanksgiving and the last on Dec. 12.

Almost evenly divided as between toms and hens, the crop averaged 27-34 pounds each for the toms and 16-34 for the hens. Total of birds marketed represented 92 percent of the number of poults they started with in the spring, according to the partners.

Location of the Tobler-Farmer turkey farm was 20 acres of unbroken land on the A. H. Keck ranch on the south side of the Owyhee river at its confluence with the Snake river.

This location, the partners de-

clared, was ideal for a turkey farm as it gave them many of the desired requisites, such as plenty of water, protection from predatory animals, sandy and well-drained land and, as in this instance, plenty of grass and brush as forage for the young turks.

Normal Losses
Of the eight percent loss little, if any, could be attributed to predatory animals, Tobler said. An unexpected loss, though minor, came as result of the half-grown turks trying their wings against a strong west wind during the summer and being blown by it into the Snake river.

Principal causes of loss were represented by brooder house mortality and hazards of the range, such as cannibalism and the usual turkey diseases.

To cut these losses to a minimum, Frank Land was hired to tend the turkeys from the time they were turned loose on the range the first of June. His seven-month-long "vacation" was one of "luxurious" living in a small tent on the bank of the Snake, but one that required a 24-hour vigilance over his charges. Start With Day-Old Poults

Details of the turk growing venture were more on the routine side. Tobler and Farmer purchased 7,000 day-old poults of the broad-breasted bronze variety on May 1 and nurtured them in brooder houses for four weeks.

When the four-week-old turks were moved to the range on the Keck ranch, the routine then settled into one of vigilance and feeding.

Feeding Program Important
This feeding program was one of great importance, it was pointed out by the partners.

To begin with the poults were fed on a complete ration for their first ten weeks, then put on wheat and checkers until they were marketed. According to their feeding records, to make 22 pounds of turkey meat it required 101 pounds of wheat and commercial concentrates during 27 weeks of growth.

Tobler and Farmer were enthusiastic about the commercial possibilities of turkey raising in the Nyssa area, pointing out that the climate, range and forage feeding conditions approach the ideal. Marketing facilities are also favorable.

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LOCAL NEWS

tained a group of friends for mid-night luncheon after attending mid-night mass at St. Hubert's church Christmas eve.

Mrs. Hilda Tensen returned Sunday evening after spending 10 days visiting her two daughters at Woodland Hills, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morrison, Sr. and Bill returned Sunday after spending the Christmas holiday with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. March of Metairie, La., returned Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. March's father, M. L. March, of Caldwell, who will remain in Washington until February.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chandler spent Christmas eve at the home of Mrs. Chandler's mother, Mrs. Dorothy B. Boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Clossers of Madras, Ore., spent part of the holiday week-end at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brover, and the remainder in Burley, Ida.

Mrs. E. D. Pixton of Salt Lake City is visiting for a week at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gannon of Madras, Ore., left Monday for their home after spending a week at the parental homes of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrison and family of Klamath Falls left for their home Sunday morning after spending three to four days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison. Their daughter, Carolyn, remained an additional week at her grandparents' home before returning to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis of Nampa have bought the John Goddard home.

Mrs. Lulu Hoxie spent Christmas at the home of her brother and sister-in-law of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Thomsen.

Guests over the holiday at the Tom Johnson home were their daughter and son-in-law of Quincy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Graham. Monday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McGee and daughter of Riley.

Mrs. Clyde McLaughlin of Homedale visited at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Evans Christmas eve.

Miss Eva Boydell plans to spend New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Nedry of Boise.

Guests for a week at the H. H. Kingrey home are their daughters and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Steward and daughter, Donna, and Mrs. Lucille Steward of Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McIntire moved to Kennewick, Wash., two days before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Storm and

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Bobby of Moses Lake spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. Storm's parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Capper and other relatives and returned to their home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff and children returned Monday evening from Wallawa where they had been houseguests of Mr. Wyckoff's parents since Thursday evening. They also attended the wedding of Mr. Wyckoff's step-sister, Miss Elaine Shirley of Wallawa and Tommy Williams of LaGrande, Sunday afternoon at the Wallawa Methodist church. Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff was vocalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bybee and son, Kim, of Spokane, were week-end guests of Mrs. Bybee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Raymond and family of Ordinance spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peterson,

Arven and Joy returned Monday from Provo where they spent six days over Christmas with the Petersons' daughters and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lavonne Gifford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson.

Bonnie Rust, who is attending school at Portland, is spending Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller and family of Hermiston arrived by train Sunday evening for a several days' visit at the home of Mr. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller.

Walter Reeves of Burns was home over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Storm and Bobby of Moses Lake visited relatives and friends in Nyssa and vicinity from Wednesday evening until Sunday.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Smith were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and Janice of John Day.

Mrs. Mary Harris left Tuesday to return to her home at Seattle after visiting at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith since Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Nolen, Shirley and Don arrived home Monday from a six-day trip to California which included visiting their son, Mel, and family at Los Angeles and a visit with other relatives at Long Beach.

The illness of her daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Armstrong, called Mrs. Art Baker to San Francisco, Calif., Saturday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett received word from Fulton, Kans., of the death of Mr. Barnett's uncle, Dave Gilmore, who died Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Day of Adrian and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robbins and daughters of Nyssa were New Year dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Scott of Boise.

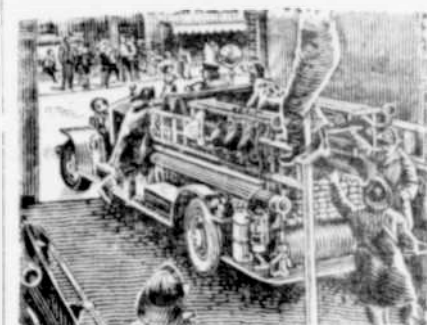
New Year's eve guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bowns were Mr. and Mrs. George Folkman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simpson. Guests Dec.

28 were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scoville and Carol Ann of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bowns of Logan, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Bowns were also overnight guests at the C. Bowns home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Calkins of Caldwell spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Burningham of Salt Lake City spent the holidays at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burningham.

A potluck dinner was served on New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Willis of Ontario for guests Mr. and Mrs. Don Courtney of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Orth and Mr. and Mrs. Cindell, all of Ontario.



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