



Farm and Barn News and Views

By LeRoy Pulliam

Classroom work is only a small part of our vocational Ag training. As an Ag. teacher covers these various phases of his work, perhaps some of our procedures might be of interest to our readers.

During the Christmas vacation, I spent some time at the Damon Savage farm, helping Dennis Savage, a junior Ag. student, do some wiring. He put in flood lights in the feed yard, loading chute and in the barn. Dennis has a little more work to do then he will be finished, having completely re-wired the yard and sheds; a very worthwhile undertaking.

I also saw during the vacation week, several litters of pigs. Frank Parr Sr. (also a boy I supervise) has a litter he has been watching very closely—a cross-bred litter between Montana and Yorkshire.

At the Harold Sisson farm, I weighed four litters of pigs for Dean and Stanley. Stanley's litter had a total litter weight of 392 pounds, the heaviest litter I weighed.

Also, I weighed a nice litter of

Adrian Meeting For Seed Growers

Alfalfa seed growers of the area are invited to attend a meeting at the American Legion hall in Adrian Thursday (today) at 1:00 p.m., according to Leeds Bailey, county extension agent. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss seed growing problems.

W. P. Stevens, bee specialist at Oregon State College, will report on the importance of the alfalfa bee in pollinating the alfalfa seed crop. The possibility of getting an entomologist into the area to study the protection, moving and other aspects of alfalfa bee problem will be discussed.

Dodder and insect control measures will also receive attention. Various colors from a crossbred sow for John Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peterson. If you like a colored pig, John has it. The colors are any variation of black, red and white and all good healthy pigs.

An interesting observation on my visit to James Wight, a freshman, was a flock of about 40 geese which the Wights are raising for feathers.

Lowry Flake kept the Ag shop pretty busy during vacation constructing gates for the home farm.



4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

Statewide 4-H Leaders' Conference

The theme for the annual state 4-H Leaders' conference will be "Working with the older club member," according to Burton Hutton, state 4-H club leader. This conference is scheduled for Jan. 22, 23, and 24 at Oregon State college.

The conference will be in the nature of a workshop, with discussion groups devoting most of the three days to exploring and developing opportunities for the older boys and girls in 4-H club work.

Efforts are being made to have E. W. Aiton, national director of the 4-H club program and Dr. Glen C. Dildine, head of the citizenship study program of the National 4-H Club foundation, with us for this conference. Dr. Dildine was head of the child development workshop at the University of Maryland for several years before coming with the National 4-H club foundation.

One of the highlights on the entertainment side is an annual banquet. Entertainment numbers by county delegations and presentation of special awards are featured at this affair.

Mrs. Goldie Roberts, president of the Malheur 4-H Leaders' council, Mrs. Zeola Nielsen and Mrs. Geraldine Brown were Malheur leaders attending last year. Leaders who would like to make the trip this year should get in touch with us right away so transportation and housing facilities may be arranged.

In the past, the Ontario branch of the First National Bank, the Ontario Kiwanis club and the Malheur 4-H Leaders' council have donated funds to help defray the expenses of local leaders attending.

Malheur 4-H Leaders' Council
The 4-H Leaders' Council met Wednesday, Jan. 9 in the county extension office in Ontario. Mrs. Dyre Roberts, Adrian, president of the council, presided over the meeting.

The major items of business discussed included the calendar of work for the Leaders' Council during 1957, a progress report by E. M. Hauser, along with a discussion of a series of community meetings during which new 4-H material will be explained. County leaders for clothing, foods, home furnishing, and child care will be appointed. We will have more information concerning this in a column at a later date.

The leaders discussed the possibility of making a long-term plan for 4-H club work in the county. More details concerning this will be given in the 4-H column later.

Lawrence Oden and Jack Teague returned to OSC, Corvallis, Thursday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Oden and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Teague.

Gerald Flinders returned Sunday from a ten day trip visiting friends and relatives in Ogden and Morgan, Utah.

Gerald Cox and Jerry Dority left last Wednesday for Seattle where they will be employed at Boeing Aircraft.

"Gaufre"

The word "gopher" comes from the French "gaufre", meaning a honeycomb or waffle-grid. Connection of the word with the animal that now bears it is an illusion to the maze of tunnels formed by these burrowing species.

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Plan Promises Hog Breeders Aid Says Specialist

A plan to help hog producers develop better meat-type animals is getting underway.

It's called "meat-type certification," according to H. G. Zavoral, University of Minnesota livestock specialist.

The system was developed recently by the United States Department of Agriculture to help breeders locate good meat-type breeding animals and make this stock available to producers.

Hog breed associations have set up five basic rules for certifying meat-type hogs:

1. Only purebred litters can be certified.
2. There must be 8 or more pigs saved per litter. Each litter must be earmarked and the farrowing date must be checked within 4 days.
3. The litter must be weighed about eight weeks of age, and the weight is adjusted to 56-day weights. Gilts must have a minimum litter weight of 275 pounds. Litters from sows must weigh at least 320 pounds at 56 days of age.
4. Pigs must average 200 pounds or more when 180 days old.
5. Two pigs—either barrows or gilts—from each litter will be slaughtered when they weigh 200 pounds or more. To certify the rest of the litter, pigs weighing 200 to 400 pounds must have 1.2-1.6 inches of backfat, at least 3.75 square inches of loin area, and the carcass must be at least 28.5 inches long.

Hogs weighing between 215 and 230 pounds must have at least four square inches of loin area, a 29-inch carcass and 1.3-1.7 inches of backfat.

Purebred litters meeting these standards will then get a meat-hog certification from the breed association. Future litters from the same sow and boar will be listed as "Certified Meat-Type Matings" without any more testing.

MOVE INTO NEW HOME
Mr. and Mrs. Edison Child and sons have moved into their new home four miles from town on Enterprise ave.

Mrs. Fern Runcorn and Mrs. Carl Grunke represented the Nyssa extension unit at the program planning meeting in Ontario Thursday afternoon.

Dinner guests Sunday at the Lamont Fire home were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Browning and Mr. and Mrs. John Gillmore, all of Ontario.

Ontario Livestock Market Report: January 7-8

HOGS—U. S. No. 1 and 2 at \$18.70 to \$19.20; No. 3 \$17.25 to \$18.60. Sows \$12.70 to \$13.20. Weaner pigs \$8.00 to \$15.00 per head. Feeder pigs 60 to 100 lbs. \$16.50 to \$19.00 per head.

SHEEP—Good and Choice 90 to 110 lbs. lambs \$16.10 to \$16.40; heavier kinds up to 130 lbs. \$15.25 to \$15.75. Utility ewes \$2.20 to \$2.60.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE—Standard \$12.90 to \$13.50; Commercial \$11.70 to \$12.70; Utility \$9.20 to \$11.40; Shell down to \$4.25. One lot mixed Good and Choice steers \$18.45. Good \$16.25 to \$18.30; Utility \$11.70 to \$12.80; Cutter down to \$9.70. One lot of Good and Choice heifers \$16.50. Good \$15.80 to \$16.20; Utility \$9.50 to \$11.60; Cutter down to \$8.90. Commercial bulls \$12.70 to \$14.20; Utility \$12.10 to \$12.50; Cutter down to \$8.90. Standard veal calves \$13.25 to \$16.25; Utility \$8.75 to \$12.50.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS—Good and Choice steers over 900 lbs. \$17.50 to \$18.65. 700 to 900 lb. Good and Choice steers \$16.90 to \$17.80; 500 to 700 lb. same grade \$17.20 to \$18.80, with one lot Good steers with horns at \$16.35. Common and Medium steers in all weights \$13.50 to \$16.30. Good and Choice heifers \$14.00 to \$16.00 with heifers 550 to 650 lbs. in most demand. Medium \$10.35 to \$13.90; Common down to \$9.10. Stock cows sold at \$75.00 to \$121.00 per head, depending on age and quality. A few medium cows with calves \$106.00 to \$119.00 per pair. Feeder cows \$6.70 to \$9.10 per cwt. Feeder bulls \$11.10 to \$12.60.

Early Chicks Mean Profits

On the average, chicks placed this month will earn 35-40% more than those started in May. January chicks have the next most potential for profit this season. May is usually the poorest month to place chicks.

They will be in heavy production when egg supplies are smallest. That's usually during September, October and November.

Most of December and January chicks will be through laying Small and Medium-sized eggs by next September.

While the price of Large and Medium eggs closely follows average egg prices, the price advantage for Large eggs is greatest from September through December.

December chicks which start production at midyear and are kept for a year of laying will be culled in mid-1958—at a time when cull hens are usually worth a cent or two more than if sold later in the year.

What I Have Gained In Experience And My Projects in FFA Work

By Charles Klindenberg

When I joined FFA I learned the creed, purposes, colors and other important things about the club. I was initiated greenhand on Oct. 12, 1954 and Chapter farmer on Nov. 15, 1955. I have attended all work days and many other chapter functions.

My project for my freshman year was three acres of alfalfa, seeded with an oat nurse crop. I planted it but my father's pump for the sprinkler irrigation was found to be burned out and I didn't get to water it, so the crop failed and I lost \$14.69 on the project.

My project for my sophomore year was ten colonies of bees. I made all supplies and cared for bees. I received \$10.17 for honey and wax.

My freshman year I learned how the chapter operates and I bought my ag. jacket. I learned about welding and tools in my sophomore year and practiced what I had learned in the shop. I learned to take down receipts and expenses and record them. I learned to record all about my

project and keep a budget inventory, labor record, journal and a long time farming program. I keep these records in a project book.

On our work days we picked potatoes both year and although some kids threw them we made money on both days.

Our banquets are very formal and last year we had Dan Dunham as our guest speaker. He was the National FFA president.

All in all I think I have benefited from the agriculture program and I encourage all of the present 8th graders who are interested in vo. ag. to join the class. Mr. Pulliam is the advisor.

Brown Swiss Bull Bought By Robbins

L. E. Robbins, Nyssa, has recently purchased the registered Brown Swiss bull, V. B. Trius Pavanne, 127358 from Jake Voegel, Monticello, Wisc., according to a report from Fred S. Idtse, Secretary of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association, Beloit, Wisc.

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DAIRY DISPERSAL SALE

Wednesday, January 16, 1957

1:00 p.m. Terms: Cash. Lunch on Grounds.

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Located 2 miles north of Emmett, then 3 1/2 miles west, then 1/2 mile north on Bench Road, or 6 miles northeast of Letha, on Bench or Black Canyon Road.

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Guernseys—Jerseys—Shorthorns

Herd vaccinated and tattooed or blood tested.

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Auctioneers—Col. Ellis White, Ontario 687.

Col. Fred Howell, Nyssa 5093.

Clerk—L. F. Mesler, Nampa 6-4955.

FARM MACHINERY and DAIRY DISPERSAL SALE

Thursday, Jan. 17—11:00 a.m.

Farm of Clifford Faulkner & Larry Neely Located on Roy Wallace Farm, 4 miles south of Ontario to Alameda Drive, then 1 mile east and 1/4 mile south, or 8 miles north of Nyssa to Oregon Avenue, then 1 mile east and 3/4 mile north.

3 Tractors, 1 Truck and Machinery

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60 HEAD QUALITY DAIRY CATTLE

Holsteins—Guernseys—3 Bull Calves

Milking Equipment

Hay—Grain—Ensilage

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PLAN TO ATTEND THIS GENERAL FARM SALE

Due to other business and quitting farming, the following property will be sold at auction located 8 1/2 miles SW of Nyssa or 2 1/4 miles North of Ole's Corner or West on Enterprise Avenue to Lytle Boulevard and 1/2 mile South. Follow the Auction Arrows.

Monday, January 14th, 1957

Sale Starts at 12:30 P. M. Lunch on Grounds
TERMS: CASH

Tractor—Pickup—Power Machinery

Including 1950 Case S.C. Tractor with new rubber, in good shape; 1949 Studebaker Pickup, 3/4-ton with stock rack, and miscellaneous farm machinery.

42-Head Holstein Dairy Cattle—42

Including springers, cows now milking, bred heifers, 11 yearling heifers and 4 Holstein long yearling steers. 13 head consigned by Eugene Cleaver. Herd test, 3.8. All cows will either be vaccinated and tattooed or will have been Bangs tested and will carry a clean bill of health. This will be a dispersion of both herds and should do well for whomever buys them.

DAIRY EQUIPMENT

2-unit DeLaval Milker, complete, electric 10-gallon water heater and 10-gallon milk cans

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Bench grinder, post drill with electric motor, 2-h.p. electric motor, woven wire, sheep bunks, sheep panels and items too numerous to mention.

HAY—GRAIN—STRAW—CORN

830 bales of 1-2-3 cuttings, wire tied of good leafy hay; 450 bales of straw, wire tied; 2 tons of mixed grain; 600 bushels of good ear corn.

HOWARD L DAY, Owner

Auctioneers—Col. Bob Chenault, Phone Nyssa 2374;

Col. Kenneth Troutt, Middleton. Clerk—A. M.

"Art" Roetto, Phone Nampa 6-5994.

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