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Potato Growers Annual Meeting Set Next Tuesday At Boulevard Grange

Malheur County Potato Growers association will hold its annual growers meeting next Tuesday at Boulevard Grange hall, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The association will provide luncheon for those attending through arrangement with the home economics committee of the grange.

Association business matters for the coming year and report of activities for the year past will be stressed in the annual meeting program, according to Earl Winegar, association president. Maurice Judd, director from the Adrian district, will report on potato advertising during the past year, and map out for member's approval the advertising plans for the coming year. Dudley Sittin of Willowcreek, an association director and local representative on the Oregon Potato commission, will report on the uses of potato tax funds available to this district. Other local matters to be considered will include wishes of growers in regard to rules under the potato marketing agreement and best means to protect the local industry against continuing increases in freight costs.

Roland Groder of Oregon State college agricultural economics department, will report on price and supply outlook for potatoes for the coming season, in view of information now available on planting intentions in other producing districts of the nation. Ben Davidson, administration of Oregon Potato commission, will report on the general program of the commission, and particularly that agency's activities in regard to freight rates. Turner Bond, local extension agent, will discuss quality and performance of local seed potatoes and irrigation problems that resulted in some loss of quality in the crop last year.

Growers from two districts will elect directors for the potato association, and one director-at-large will be elected. Terms of office of D. H. Christensen, Nyssa district, James Rudd, Oregon Slope district, and Dudley Sittin, director-at-large, will expire with the 1957 meeting.

President Winegar urges all local potato growers to take part in the annual association meeting to help in formulating policies for the coming year. He points out that business during the year is conducted by an elected 7-man board of directors.

Farm Assets Hit All-Time High

This year farmers' assets hit an all-time record value of \$170.1 billion. USDA says this is an increase of \$3.6 billion above the previous year.

Major reason for increase was higher-priced farm land. However, other farm assets, such as household furnishings, machinery and equipment, financial assets also rose.

Farm debts increased, too, but farmers' equity, the difference between assets and debts, hit \$151.3 billion, a near record.



4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

Last Year's Summary

We were talking about the extent of 4-H club work in Malheur county the other day, and several of the folks had no idea as to the size of our club program. Here is a brief summary of our 4-H program in Malheur county during the past year:

There were 102 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 373 boys and 537 girls, or a total of 910 different boys and girls. These youngsters carried 1,244 projects in agriculture, home economics and allied subjects.

On the financial side, the value of the livestock projects alone amounted to \$60,850, with the cost figured at \$52,500. This leaves a profit of \$8,350 for this work. This does not take in the value of garments made in the clothing project, or things made in the cooking, canning, woodworking and other projects; just the value of the livestock projects alone.

In the activities line, there were 466 different exhibits at the 4-H spring show, considerably above any previous year. Over 200 members took part in the demonstration contests, style revue, bread and cake baking contests.

There were 340 exhibits at the county fair, which was a drop from 1955. Biggest decrease was in beef and rabbits, with a slight increase in sheep and poultry, and other divisions about holding their own.

Exhibits at state fair were about the same as the previous year, with a sharp increase in the number of members from here competing in the different contests.

summer school at Oregon State size of the delegations to 4-H summer school at Oregon State College and at 4-H camp at Payette lakes.

District Meetings for 4-H Leaders

The 4-H club leaders have been meeting in the various communities over the county during the past two weeks with either Mr. Hauser or Miss Johnston to discuss new material, 4-H policy and club organization.

The leaders from Juntura, Harper, Vale View, Grove, White Settlement and Vale met Thursday afternoon, Jan. 10 in the city hall in Vale. The leaders from the Lincoln, Cairo and Valley View clubs met Friday, Jan. 11, in the home of Mrs. Neil Hoffman. The Pioneer, Hi Line, Jefferson and Annex communities met Friday afternoon, Jan. 11, in the Pioneer school. The leaders from Adrian, Ridgeview, Owyhee and Big Bend met Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 15, in the Adrian school. Mrs. Stanley Hill was hostess to the leaders from the Oregon Trail leaders Wednesday, Jan. 16. The Arcadia group will meet in the home of Mrs. Orville Hickman, Thursday, Jan. 17, at 1:45. The leaders working in the Ironside, Brogan, Jamieson and Willowcreek communities will meet Friday afternoon, Jan. 18 at 1:45 in the Jamieson community hall. The group working in Ontario will meet Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 29, at 1:45 in the city hall.

State Meetings for Leaders

We mentioned last week in this column that a group of 4-H leaders from Malheur county will attend the state-wide 4-H Leaders Council meeting in Corvallis next week, Jan. 22, 23, 24. Those going are: Mrs. Dyre Roberts, Adrian; Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Pioneer; Mrs. Don Bowers, Arcadia; Mrs. J. B. White, Juntura, and Ross Mills, Adrian. The group will go to Corvallis Monday, Jan. 21, and return Friday, Jan. 24.

Farm and Barn News and Views

By LeRoy Pulliam

The month of January is somewhat like the following story: "An old Negro, driving his wagon along a Tennessee road was hailed by a white planter.

Planter: "Good mornin' uncle. How'd your crop turn out?"

Negro: Boss, I plant cotton, weed it, raise it, bale it—an' den de ducks et it all up."

Planter: The ducks ate it!

Negro: "Yes, suh. It wuz dis way. I sent dem bales to Memphis to be sold. Dey deducks sumpin for de railroads, dey deducks sumpin for handlin it, dey deducks sumpin for sendin' de money back—deducks got all of it!"

At this time of year we are in a position to look forward and backward at the same time. We shall evaluate our work of the past year and find ways in which to do it better. We shall make plans for the future. Maybe you have recently seen some forecasts for the next 20 years. Pretty glowing accounts, aren't they? Economists paint quite a picture for our expanding economy. More cars, more diapers, more houses . . . in fact more of everything seems to be in the works as our population grows and grows.

This past week I have done very little visiting. I have spent more of my time trying to get some annual reports in, and I hope to bring you a compiled report of the project work of the Nyssa Future Farmers next week. One observation I would like to make—if any of you are looking for a hay trailer or any other kind of trailer, drop into the shop and I will show you some. We have under construction at the present time a hay trailer, an implement trailer, stock trailer and a utility trailer. These trailers are not for sale, but if you would like some ideas drop around, we would be glad to show them to you.

Last week we stated that classroom work was not all of our vocational ag. program. One of the phases we have to offer is a program we call "Classes for Adult Farmers." We could offer here at the Nyssa high school about any type of agricultural class that the farmers would want. We would need an enrollment of ten people and could line up a shop class, class in livestock diseases, soils

Beet Growers Sign for Acreage By January 18

The Malheur county ASC committee reminded sugar beet producers of the requirement requested a proportionate share by Jan. 18. The committee stated that approximately 85 percent of the sugar beet producers who had received a proportionate share under the 1956 program have requested a proportionate share for 1957.

The committee emphasized that any farmer who wished to grow beets could file a request. Those producers without a personal record of sugar beet production on land without a previous record of sugar beet production during the base period, 1950 through 1954, are considered as new producers. Shares for new producers will be established from a set-aside of the area allotment. This set-aside is 2 percent of the area allotment, or approximately 341 acres.

Requests for proportionate shares are being accepted at the county ASC office, 63½ South Oregon street, Ontario.

Beef Promotion Chairman Named

Mrs. Tom McElroy, Vale, president of Malheur county Cow Belles and immediate past president of the Oregon Cow Belles, was elected chairman of the national beef promotion committee last week at the annual meeting of the American Cattlemen's association in Phoenix, Ariz.

George Russell, Vale, vice president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association, also attended the Phoenix meeting. He reported that several offices of the ANCA were filled by Oregon delegates at the meeting.

RATS OR BROILERS—WHICH?

Three rats will eat, contaminate or destroy enough feed to grow four broilers every 12 weeks. Feed is your highest cost in producing broilers. Why let the rats have it?

Mrs. Joe Bassett visited one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Ward.

and many, many more. If you are interested, as some have already indicated, contact me.

Agricultural Student Discusses Experiences in Local FFA Chapter

By Stanley Bishop

I have been in agriculture two, going on three years. I've been learning and messing off. But to tell the truth I have learned as much if not more than in most other classes I take.

I enjoy agriculture and through it and the Nyssa Future Farmers of America I am slowly learning to become a farmer and a citizen of our community or so I have been told. Through these organizations I have learned many things, among them public speaking, shop work and other useful projects.

At home I have several projects. My favorite is a Registered Jersey Heifer who just recently calved having a healthy heifer calf. The mother, Brandom Estlin Honeybee is out of the Gridler herds.

Through the Nyssa chapter during my freshman year I received a Duroc Jersey swine chain which cost me more than I made and the last of this line of hogs was just recently sold.

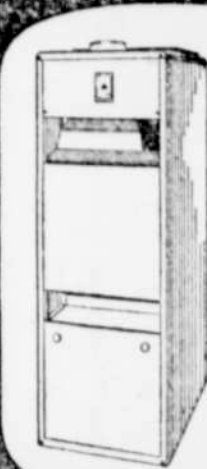
Just this last summer I received another chain from the chapter—a Registered Hampshire gilt. Time alone will tell whether I will make or lose my money on her.

EGGS TRENDS STEADIER

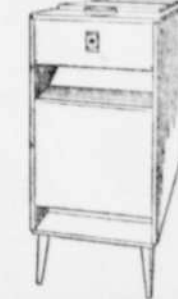
Portland wholesale egg quotations Friday carried a steadier undertone as the reflection of higher Eastern market values and increased army paying prices.

The local live poultry market continued firm for frying chickens and about steady for the moderate hen supply.

Here's freedom from furnace chores—



NEW NARROW-WIDTH UTILITY MODELS
take as little as 3 sq. ft. of floor space; can be tucked away in closet. Complete with automatic controls and whisper-quiet blower.



NEW BASEMENT LOW-BOY
is only 37½ inches high but it's a giant when it comes to producing warm air heating comfort for every room in your house. Available with legs as shown for easier floor cleaning.

AMERICAN-Standard WINTER AIR CONDITIONERS

These compact, modern American-Standard warm air heating units make it easy and inexpensive to replace your old "white elephant" furnace and enjoy winter air conditioning at its best. Efficient design saves you money on fuel. Don't delay—call today!

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These Furnaces Burn Either Natural Gas or Propane
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GENERAL FARM SALE

Friday, January 25 — 1:00 p.m.

HARVEY L. MARTIN, Owner

Farm located 12 miles north of Caldwell on Highway 30, then ½ mile east, or 12 miles southeast of New Plymouth.

31 HEAD OF GUERNSEY DAIRY CATTLE
2 TRACTORS and FARM MACHINERY
HAY — GRAIN — STRAW

Auctioneers: COL. ELLIS WHITE, Ontario 687
COL. FRED HOWELL, Nyssa 5093.
Clerk: L. F. MESLER, Nampa 6-4955.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! DAIRY SALE

We are selling our entire dairy herd of Cows and Heifers, located 9 miles Southwest of Nyssa, Oregon, or 1 mile West of Owyhee Junction and ½ mile North.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Sale Starts at 12:30 P.M. — Terms Cash
Lunch on Grounds

Bred by or Sired by
Malheur Dairy Breeders Association

87—Quality Dairy Cattle—87

15 Mature Holstein Cows 15
12 Mature Guernsey Cows 12
6 Mature Jersey Cows 6
3 Mature Shorthorn Cows 3
49 Heifers 49
Holsteins — Jerseys — Guernseys

The Crockers have built this herd of dairy cows up over the year and they have carried out a very rigid Vaccination program and all younger cattle and mature cows will be vaccinated or will carry a clean bill of health with a Bangs test. A breeding slip will be given with all cows and heifers bred by sale day. A large majority will be sired by Malheur Dairy Breeders bulls and will all carry the service of Malheur Dairy Breeders bulls. You can inspect this herd prior to the sale. Milking times are 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Production and breeding dates will be given in detail sale day.

HAY

60 Ton of 2nd and 3rd Cutting Alfalfa Hay, with wire tied bales.

MISCELLANEOUS

8 Rolls of Snow Fence Cribbing 1—Sparks Oil Heater
800 Board Feet of 1 and 2" Lumber, random lengths

Earl and Melvin Crocker, owners

AUCTIONEERS:

Col. Bob Chenault — Phone Nyssa 2874.

Col. Kenneth Troutt — Phone Middleton 9-5621

CLERK:

A. M. "Art" Roetto — Phone Nampa 6-4995

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