

Malheur Soil Conservation Annual Meeting Slated at Vale on Feb. 23

A large turnout of Nyssa area farmers is expected to attend the fourth annual meeting at Vale of the District Cooperators of the Malheur Soil Conservation district.

Last minute plans for the meeting in Vale Elementary school are nearly complete, according to Ray Duncan, chairman of the board of supervisors.

Everyone interested is invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a free lunch provided by Vale chamber of commerce, Lions club and Vale Junior chamber of commerce wives. The home economics class of Vale high school will serve the lunch.

Important to County

The Malheur county court in its proclamation designating Feb. 23 as Malheur Conservation Day calls attention to the importance

Tree Seedlings Made Available

A supply of broadleaf tree seedlings, suitable for planting in the eastern part of the state, is now available at the Oregon forest nursery near Corvallis, according to Assistant State Forester Vance L. Morrison. The species include black locust, caragana, Chinese elm, Russian olive and Russian mulberry, Morrison stated.

"Orders must reach the state forester before the end of March," the forester stated, "since it will be necessary to dig all trees by that time in order to prepare the ground for the next crop."

The orders for the various species of conifers has far exceeded that of any previous year, with the result that the supply was exhausted several months ago, Morrison stated.

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of resource conservation to the agricultural economy of Malheur county. It emphasizes the ability of the Malheur Soil Conservation district to speed up the application of conservation measures on the farms and ranches in Malheur county, urging everyone, especially farmers and ranchers, to attend this meeting.

Mr. Duncan will serve as chairman for the meeting and advises that a complete program has been arranged, including entertainment, provided by Clinton Bellows, vocalist, Ontario, and the Vale high school band under the direction of Chester Potuzak.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker will be E. R. Jackman, Oregon State college. William Schroeder, Vale, member of the board of supervisors, will report on district accomplishments during the year. Printed district reports will be distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Townley, chairman of the districts school conservation contests, will announce the winners of the conservation essay and jungle contest. Winners will receive their successful entries.

One district supervisor will be elected at the meeting representing the Harper area. The term of office for Lib Chastain expires Feb. 23.

Finals of the district's conservation speech contest will be conducted at the meeting. Earl Jones is chairman of the contest and will judge the entries.

In addition to the cash prizes which will be awarded first three winners in the contest, a plaque will be awarded to the school of the winner at an assembly program later in the year. The plaque, completely engraved, will become the permanent possession of the three time school winner. Ontario high school won the plaque last year.

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Farm and Barn News and Views

By LeRoy Pulliam

This week is National FFA week. The following article about FFA, written by E. P. Hilson, Director of Agriculture Education in Kentucky, may be of interest:

The Future Farmers of America organization is in its early maturity. It has grown and developed more rapidly than most of us ever dreamed possible. It has glamorized vocational agriculture. Some people have been concerned with its popularity. A few have intimated that the FFA program should be curbed. Rather than be curbed, the FFA program needs to be developed, nurtured and protected. It needs to be used as an effective teaching device. Because of its popularity, attempts may be made to exploit it.

The FFA is an integral part of vocational agriculture. No department of vocational agriculture is complete without a functioning FFA chapter. It motivates and vitalizes teaching and makes a significant contribution toward the aims and objectives of vocational agriculture.

All this is done through chapter activities selected, planned and carried out by the members of the chapter under the direction and supervision of the teacher of vocational agriculture. The building of a chapter program of activities should be an annual affair. Many activities may be continued from year to year; some will be dropped after careful evaluation and others added when need arises. The number and type of activities to be carried out by a chapter should be determined by the need for activities to help in the teaching of agriculture, including training in leadership, cooperation and citizenship. The program should be broad enough to offer every member of the chapter an opportunity to participate. The following questions should be considered in selecting an FFA activity:

A. Will the activity be an aid in teaching?
B. Will it take more time than can be justified?
C. Will enough members be involved to justify the activity?
D. Will the activity, as carried out, appeal to the boys?

The teacher of vocational agriculture has the responsibility for the FFA. It is a part of his program. He should use the FFA to secure good farming programs and to advance boys in farming. Certainly the teacher is responsible for helping the boys select activities that will lead toward

Student Discusses Vocational Agriculture Work

By Wayne Gifford

I am in my second year of vocational agriculture. My project is breeding swine. When I was a freshman in vocational agriculture, I had no project to start with, so I applied for a "chapter chain" swine. I had my swine on our acreage one mile north of town. Then I got a job at Adrean and I took my hog with me. She turned out to be a barren gilt. So I sold the gilt as a fat hog, and the Nyssa FFA chapter gave me another chapter chain gilt. She is a Montana No. 1 hog. She was bred the day before I got her.

She is about eleven months old and has 12 pigs, 9 of which are gilts and 3 are boars. I took her to the Malheur county fair this year. In her class she won a 1st place ribbon. When I took her back to the ring to try for champion of her breed, she brought me back the champion ribbon. Then we went back to try for grand champion over all breeds. We got second place which gave us the reserve grand champion ribbon.

their advancement in farming and farm leadership.

Roy Chapin, Perrydale, president of Oregon FFA, got his start farming with a 1/2-acre garden and two hives of bees on the family 1 1/2-acre lot. As a freshman he won the chapter "speak-off" and came second in the sectional "speak-off." Then he came back in succeeding years to win fifth, second and then first in the state public speaking contest.

"I think it was the public speaking which made me realize that with a little hard work and determination the opportunities in FFA work were really unlimited. So I decided to better my farming program," says Roy.

First he bought three weaned pigs. They were ready for market at 5 months, so he took them to the county fair. One hog took a purple ribbon and went on to become grand champion barrow in the FFA division at Oregon state fair. This just whetted Roy's interest in farming more, so he boosted his hog project to three registered Berkshire sows. As a junior he rented 30 acres of land to raise grain for his hogs and rented additional barn space for the enlarged hog project.

His record has earned him the state farmer degree and the presidency of the Oregon FFA. He's one of the six top FFA public speakers in the United States.

Range Bulls Bring \$394 Average At Ontario Sale

Seventy-two range bulls averaged \$394.58 at the eighth annual Oregon Cattlemen's Association Range Bull sale held at the Fair Grounds in Ontario Feb. 15 and 16 according to Tom McElroy, bull sale committee chairman.

The champion bull, consigned by Charles Chandler of Baker, Ore., was purchased by John Collins of Mitchell, Ore. for \$875. The reserve champion, consigned by Herb Chandler of Baker, went to Stewart and Morrissey of Keating, Ore., for \$570. All Hereford bulls in the sale averaged \$402.42 compared to \$308.33 for the Shorthorns.

Largest Hereford buyer at the sale was Theron Adecock of Oregona, Ida., who bought six. C. L. Anawalt of Jordan Valley purchased most of the Shorthorns, taking three of the six consigned.

BREEDING STUDIED

The USDA scientists are optimistic about the possibility of improving meat tenderness through selective livestock breeding, according to research and experiments they have conducted. In studies with rabbits and a lesser extent with beef cattle, they found that rabbits had a heritability factor of about 53 percent and beef cattle about 41 percent.

URBANITES LIKE MILK

Michigan State University conducted a survey and found that the majority of city people drink milk because they like it. Other reasons were its high food value, importance in restoring health, and the fact that there were children in the home.

OREGON TRAIL CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the Oregon Trail sewing club was held last Wednesday with Carolyn Nakashima leading the flag ceremony.

Nancy Hill gave a demonstration of different types of hems and Daren Smith demonstrated thimbles.

New Sugar Beet Seed Plant Set for Salem

Construction of a major new sugar beet seed processing plant at Salem, Ore., to supply seed to growers in Nyssa and other beet growing areas was announced this week by West Coast Beet Seed Co. of Salem.

Amalgamated Sugar Co., Nyssa, with seven other sugar-producing firms is a part owner of the beet seed company.

R. J. Tingley, president of West Coast, said the \$150,000 plant is scheduled for completion early in July, in time to handle this year's beet seed crop grown in Oregon. The seed is distributed to growers for seven American beet sugar processing companies including Amalgamated Sugar Company in Oregon and a Michigan organization composed of farmers and processors.

Seed goes to farmers in about 14 states from Ohio to California.

Tingley said the new plant will have annual capacity for 2,250,000 pounds of seed, enough to plant 130,000 acres and to produce some 700 million pounds of pure beet sugar for domestic consumption.

West Coast was organized in 1940 to assure a home-grown supply of sugar beet seeds adapted to growing conditions in the United States. Until the early 1930's all beet seed used in this country was imported from Europe.

West Coast seed is grown under contract with local farmers in the Willamette valley near Medford and at Hemet and Tehachapi, Calif. Other beet seed production is at Phoenix, Ariz., through the Western Seed Production Corporation and at St. George, Utah.

Not only is commercial seed produced through the Salem plant, but plant-breeders' stocks of experimental varieties are increased there. Small quantities of newly-developed seed types are sent to Salem where they are planted in special plots and yield on the average about 3,000 pounds of seed for every 15 pounds planted.

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