



Hearing Favors New Soil District In Adrian Area

A State Soil Conservation committee hearing held in Adrian last Wednesday favored the formation of a new Soil Conservation district according to Ray Duncan, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Malheur Soil Conservation district.

Robert Baum, administrative officer of the State Soil Conservation committee conducted the hearing in Adrian's American Legion hall.

About 35 land owners were present and stressed engineering for land leveling, drainage and flood control as the major problems needing attention of the proposed Soil Conservation district.

Results of the hearing will be presented to the State Soil Conservation committee by Baum at its Nov. 20th meeting. Voting on such a district will be scheduled for January if the committee decides that a referendum should be held.

Duncan said the proposed district takes in a strip of land about 47 miles long and 12 to 24 wide bordering the Idaho line. It's north boundary is the Owyhee river and Mitchell butte and it runs south to about Sheaville.

Adrian FFA Holds Freshman Initiation

Don Thompson, Reporter
Adrian FFA chapter held their yearly greenhead initiation at the school Tuesday, Nov. 12, with President James McKinley in charge of activities.

Adrian FFA held their initiation on the same evening.

New members were Junior Atagi, Marvin Besendorfer, Dale Borge, Johnny Carroll, Bill Conant, Fred Darden, Fernanda Flores, Jesse Kygar, Larry Mackey, Butch McDonald, Tony Martinez, Harry Packwood, Donnie Reed, Fred Sayre, Donald Scott and James Kinnamon.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cottrell and family spent the holiday week end in Walla Walla at the home of Melvin's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McDowell.

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Farm and Barn News and Views

By LeRoy Pulliam

The Arkansas City Future Farmer chapter, Arkansas City, Kas., is running a complete test on the controlled hog production and marketing program offered to farmers in that Kansas-Oklahoma sector.

This project, proposed by a packing company and a milling firm as the first major contract plan in the swine business in the nation, is drawing keen interest in that area and considerable attention nationally.

But so far it's more watchful interest on the part of many farmers who want to know how the FFA boys come out financially on their ambitious program under contract with the Maurer-Neuer Company, a Kansas City packer who has a plant in the border town.

Basically the plan is this: Staley Milling Company of Kansas City offers what it labels the "Staley Professional Multiple Farrowing Plan" with detailed sketches for alternate building plans for an 8 week farrowing schedule to produce 500 market hogs annually. Staley offers the building plans or its engineering service to help farmers convert present facilities and, quite naturally, hopes to sell feed. The company has no interest in the building sales, and makes no contracts with the farmers beyond its normal feed sales operations.

Maurer-Neuer offers the contract to the hog producers, who agree to provide the facilities and equipment and to maintain breeding stock in sufficient numbers to stay on the full six times a year farrowing and marketing schedule.

First to sign a contract were Howard Walker, vocational agriculture teacher, and his FFA students in July. They are the only contract producer to date to install the full new unit recommended in the Staley plan.

In its five-year contract the packing company agrees to pay 25 cents over the Chicago high-low average for that day for 200-400 pound hogs that grade out meat type on the rail.

Under the contract the producer is required to sell all his hogs to the packing company or face cancellation of the contract. A provision found in more recent contracts specifies that the producer who receives a higher bid from another buyer must give Maurer-Neuer a chance to buy at the highest price. If the firm declines to pay this price, the farmer may sell to the other buyer but his contract is subject to cancellation, if the packing plant so elects.

To set up the ambitious program, the chapter borrowed \$25,000 from the Home National bank of Arkansas City, a move that probably will never be duplicated by any other producer-contractor.

Robert Brown, bank president, and A. B. Maurer, president of

Testing Offered Potato Growers By State College

Malheur potato growers may have their certified seed potatoes tested for virus disease at the Oregon State college greenhouses in Corvallis during the coming winter, according to Turner Bond, County Extension agent.

Disease readings are made from a plot of 200 to 400 potato plants grown from a 100 No. sample of the seed lot, Bond says. Similar tests have been made each winter by OSC since 1951. Growers are charged a fee for the seed tests to cover fuel and labor costs at the greenhouse and transportation of the samples to Corvallis.

December 1st Deadline

All growers wishing uncertified seed potatoes tested under this program should notify the county agent at the Ontario city hall before December 1st. Bond said he will pick up samples of lots to be tested at the place of storage and will make inspection of each lot for any conditions the greenhouse test would not reveal, such as ring rot infection.

Samples will be sent to Corvallis the first week of December, for planting during the rest of December and early January. Six to eight weeks of growth in the greenhouse is necessary before disease readings can be made. Growers will receive test results between mid-February and March 1.

Final Test of Disease

Winter greenhouse testing of seed potatoes originated as part of

the packing company in Kansas City, co-signed the note for a five-year period. Any year the FFA chapter loses money, the two co-signers will share the loss. If the chapter makes money in any of the years, the boys will keep the profits.

The FFA leased 10 acres at the edge of town, with an option to buy at the end of 10 years and purchased the Butler buildings designed for the program. Complete installation costs totaled \$16,000. The unit is built to handle 33 to 36 sows and two boars, but the chapter purchased 28 sows and three boars. Since then the school ordered eight registered Yorkshire gilts. The open gilts were bred to start farrowing in February. The recommended Staley program will be followed exactly—pens of 12 sows every eight weeks.

The FFA chapter started a gilt ring in 1954 when it purchased 10 Hampshire gilts. Boys who received them returned one-third of a litter for distribution to others. Walker, vo-ag instructor, said about 50 percent of the boys in the chapter have hogs. (There are 53 boys in the chapter.)

W. A. Conroy, Arkansas City plant manager, reported about 20 to 25 farmers have signed to go on a schedule of breeding for farrowings every two months on the 500-hog scale.



4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

4-H Club Handbook Available

Many of you leaders and club members were familiar with the old 4-H club project handbook, which we had in the office. We now have a new one which has been revised and lists all of the 4-H club projects available to boys and girls as well as the requirements and a description of each project. If any of you would like to have one of these, please call or come by the county extension office and we'll be happy to give or mail you one.

New Officers Installed

Officers for the 4-H Malheur county leaders council were installed last Thursday evening during the annual 4-H leaders rally. The nominating committee composed of Mrs. Orville Hickman, Arcadia; Mrs. Lester Cleaver, Buena Vista; and Mrs. Dan Bowers, Arcadia, presented their report during the first part of the meeting. Immediately following this election was held and the officers were installed by Mrs. Marion Peterson, Ridgeview, Mrs. Clifford Neilson, Cario, was elected president; Mrs. Frank Hendricks, Grove, was elected

the seed certification program in Oregon, as a final test of disease percentage following field inspections made on the potato seed crops during the growing season. The test program was enlarged to include uncertified seed lots in response to requests for a screening test on seed that had no field inspection, roguing, or other of the seed improving practices required for certification.

Seed potatoes shown by the greenhouse test to carry excessive virus disease cannot be cleaned up in any way, Bond says, but can only be diverted from seed use. He pointed out the chief value of the tests has been to enable growers to discard those lots of potatoes too diseased to produce a commercial crop, and thus avoid losses from crop failure that would far exceed the value of the seed potatoes themselves.

4-H Club Meets At L. Cleaver Home

Marsha Savage, reporter

Twelve members and four mothers of the Stichtettes 4-H Sewing club met with Mrs. Lester Cleaver, Nov. 16 in a regular meeting with President Linda Cleaver presiding.

The schedule for the coming year was planned by the members.

Refreshments were served by Evelyn and Harriett Cleaver at the close of the session.

MALHEUR DAIRY BREEDERS TO HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

The annual meeting of the Malheur Dairy Breeder Association will be held Nov. 25, at the Boulevard Grange hall. A dinner will begin at noon.

A business meeting will follow with Laurel Anderson of Weiser as guest speaker.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Arley Sipes of Homedale and her mother, Mrs. Reuben Haroldson spent Thursday in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Winslow and family of Seattle were guests of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Haburchak over the holiday week end.

vice president and Mrs. Neil Hoffman, Cairo, was elected secretary-treasurer. Tribute was also paid to the officers of last year, Mrs. Dyre Roberts, president, Adrian; Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Pioneer, and Mrs. Clifford Neilson, secretary-treasurer.

Plaques Awarded to Clubs

Two clubs received plaques during the leaders rally this last week for outstanding 4-H club work done during the past year. The club receiving the award given for outstanding club work done by a club with 12 members or less was the Arcadia Clothing club led by Mrs. Orville Hickman. The club having 12 or more members receiving the award was the Willowcreek livestock club led by Grady Romans.

IFYE Program Given

Mrs. Herke Stam, Nyssa, presented information to the junior 4-H club leaders during their regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 12. Mrs. Stam was an International Farm Youth exchange student from Holland to the United States in 1952. The information was to give the group an understanding of this program, its privileges and its responsibilities. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Nellie Vander Oord, Nyssa.

Nyssans Discuss Reclamation Aid At NRC Meeting

Nyssa's representatives at the recent National Reclamation Congress convention in Phoenix report a meeting there with a group of interior and reclamation officials which may result in savings in the Owyhee and Vale projects.

While at the NRC meeting a group of reclamationists from the Columbia River Basin area, including the representatives from the North Board of Control, met with Under Secretary of Interior Elmer Bennett, Assistant Secretary of Interior Fred G. Aardahl, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation Wilbur A. Dexeheimer and a Solicitor of the Department of Interior.

The Columbia basin group and government officials discussed a proposed bill to be introduced in Congress establishing procedures for development of reclamation in the Basin, aided by excess power revenues following payout of power costs plus interest on Federal constructed power projects.

Included in the proposed bill is a provision whereby the older projects, with payout periods exceeding 50 years and not now receiving such assistance, will receive power assistance commensurate with that received by other projects now under construction.

In this area projects which would receive assistance under this proposed program include the Owyhee and Vale projects and the Black Canyon division of the Boise project.

Other topics discussed in the convention meetings of primary interest in this area centered on protection of state water rights and continued development of natural resources. Convention speakers included the Governors of Arizona and Utah, senators from Arizona, Wyoming and New Mexico and representatives of the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and the Corps of Engineers.

L. E. Coles of Prineville was re-elected vice president of NRC and due to the absence of President Guy Jackson of Texas because of illness in the family, Coles was

NYSSANS ATTEND GROWERS MEETING

A group of sugar growers from this area attended a beet growers association meeting held for Nyssa-Nampa growers at Greeley, Colo., recently. Bob Holmes and Eugene Pratt attended from Nyssa.

Visits were made to the Windsor and Eaton factories there and the Holly factory in Tarrington, Wyo.

Girl's League Hears OSC Dean of Women

Art, found in common place scenes or great works, may be the source of much enjoyment if you take the time and have the ability to appreciate it. That ability can be acquired through education. This was the main thought in a speech by Miss Helen Moore, dean of women at Oregon State college, presented to the Girls' League Nov. 14 in the little theater.

Throughout her speech, Miss Moore pointed out the behavior expected of a girl as she matures.

If you become more educated before you marry, that knowledge will help you be a better wife and mother. Most women earn a living for 25 years during their lives and an education will enable you to do work you enjoy, Miss Moore declared.

Payette Thespians Invite NHS Groups

Thespians troupe No. 938 of Nyssa and the Speech club received an invitation this week to view "Room for One More," a two-act comedy, to be presented by Thespians troupe No. 96 of Payette, Idaho, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. in the Payette high school gym.

Members of these two clubs will be admitted free and a party is planned afterwards.

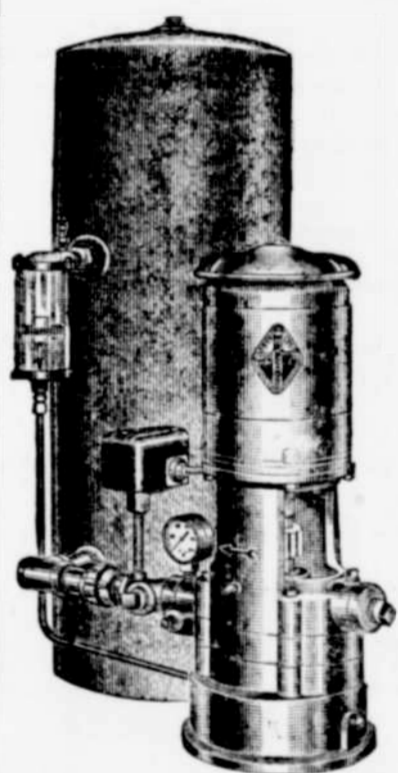
The Twirp Twirl conflicts, so the entire troupe will not attend but some individual members may go.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Brown and Wendy spent the past week end in Twin Falls, Ida., where they visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown.

presiding officer of this year's convention.

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