

Now OSU Bulletin Gives Information To Oregon Families on Making Wills

"You can't take it with you" but you can have a personal hand in the disposal of your worldly belongings if you have a bonafide will. Oregon families are offered information on wills as a help in financial planning in a new Oregon State university extension bulletin, "A Will of Your Own."

The bulletin was produced as part of the OSU Extension service program in family finance. It was written by Mrs. Dorothy Sherrill Miller, extension home management specialist, and has the approval of the Oregon State Bar association and its committee on public service.

In 20 pages, families can learn basic information about wills as a means of distributing their estate, become familiar with legal terms commonly used in estate planning and prepare themselves for a visit to a lawyer in the event they wish to have a will of their own.

Only Simple Facts Presented

Information in the bulletin is written to help Oregon families understand simple facts about wills and transfer of property. It is not meant to give legal advice or answer complicated legal questions. These should be handled by a lawyer.

According to the author, almost everyone intends to make a will before he dies, but court records show that only about half of those with good intentions ever make one. For most people, "plain inertia" is probably the reason a will is not made.

When families spend a lifetime working and saving to build an estate, they really should take time to discuss what's going to happen to their property at death. And, points out the author, these decisions are best made while people are young, healthy and not under emotional strain.

Advices Study of Situation

The important thing is to get facts about your own situation and take steps to prepare a will if one is needed, emphasizes Mrs. Miller.

A will is the only guarantee a person has that his property will be distributed exactly as he wishes upon his death. It greatly

simplifies distribution of an estate, hastens settlement for the heirs and often helps people avoid financial and legal tangles.

Anyone who has reached his 21st birthday, is of sound mind and not under duress may make a will. The old idea that wills were something that wealthy old dowagers made upon the deathbed goes out the window in the light of today's financial planning.

A father who earns a moderate income may have a compelling need to plan for transfer of his estate with minimum costs, since he has less money to provide for overall needs of his family, advises the bulletin.

Author Lists 16 Steps

The author lists 16 steps in making a will beginning with what should be done before contacting a lawyer and carrying through to storage of the will and keeping it up to date.

It also discusses property, distinguishes between real and personal and ways of owning properties. Oregonians who have wills made in other states need to check to make sure their will is valid in Oregon. Even though the will may meet legal requirements in this state it is possible that the executor named in the will is not a resident of Oregon and therefore could not serve.

The bulletin also provides space for husband and wife to list information about valuable family records. Many families fail to bring this type of information together, causing inconvenience and sometimes hardship to their survivors.

Oregon residents may obtain a copy of the bulletin free on request at county extension offices or from the OSU bulletin clerk.

Classifieds Bring Results!

Daughter Born To Standerfers Of Apple Valley

By Mrs. Waldo Smalley

APPLE VALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Standerfer are parents of a baby daughter born Sunday, Feb. 24, at Malheur Memorial hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was named Debra Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Newgen of Sunset Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sandy and family were Sunday guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Willis and family at Kuna.

Charles Marvin entered a Boise hospital last Thursday morning where he underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moran were Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Hannah Robinson in Payette.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston left Friday for a weekend in Moscow where they visited their son, Don at University of Idaho.

Ray Reported Improving

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martens of Lovell, Wyo., left Tuesday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Harry Ray and family. Harry Ray, who has been in the hospital for the past two weeks, is reported slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams moved recently into the tenant house on the Bones place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dick of Nampa were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wilson.

Conley Wilson, Larry and Thaniel Botner of Ontario spent a recent weekend fishing in Riggins where they caught one salmon. Mrs. Wilson spent the weekend with Mrs. Botner in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meeks and Janice of Caldwell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Poppe.

Attend Baby Shower

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells attended a shower for Lora Mae Tuttle, born Feb. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Clay Tuttle of Notus. All guests were relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle.

Mrs. George Nedrow, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowman, all of Ashton, and Iris Bowman of Boise were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston.

Mrs. Mabel Fox returned Friday from Oakland, Calif., where she had been working and visiting since the middle of November. She was staying with Mrs. Viva Matthews in Oakland.

Foy Brown, Ernest Fisher and Claude Hoppel of Fruitland spent the weekend fishing at Riggins.

Bobby Hale of Nyssa was a weekend guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gooling.

Guests in Price Home

Mr. and Mrs. Devon Price of Ogden, Utah, were recent house guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Varlo Price were recent Thursday dinner guests and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Dowdle were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pitman and sons of Boise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin and family went to McCall Saturday. They took a picnic lunch with them but found it too cold to eat outside. They made the loop on their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. George Doersch and granddaughter of Marysville, Calif., brought Mrs. Olive Robie back to Idaho on Friday. She had been with them for the winter and will now visit Mr. and Mrs. Archie Doersch for several days before going to her home in Weiser.

WEEKEND GUEST

Mrs. Walt DeBleck of Boise was a weekend guest in the Dwight Smith home. DeBleck visited Sunday with the Smiths and the couple returned that evening to their home.

OSU Reports Value of 1962 Oregon Farm Crops Placed at \$253 Million

Value of 1962 Oregon crops has been placed at nearly \$253 million, about 8 percent higher than in 1961.

Total crop tonnage was estimated at 5.4 million, up about 7 percent, with both higher average prices and higher yields figuring in the increases, report extension agricultural economists at Oregon State university.

In terms of value, wheat led the list. Other leading value crops, in order, were hay, barley, potatoes, snap beans for processing, pears, strawberries, ryegrass seed, cherries and oats.

These 10 crops accounted for nearly three-fourths of Oregon's 1962 crop value, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, OSU extension economist.

The value of field, forage and miscellaneous crops as well as seeds and berries showed an increase, while nuts and vegetable crops declined and tree fruit values remained practically unchanged from the 1961 figures, she added.

Higher Value on Field Crops

Four-fifths of the state's tonnage and three-fifths of the value of all crops came from grain, hay, potatoes, peppermint, sugar beets, dry peas and hops. Tonnage in this group was up 5 percent over 1961 and value was up 14 percent. A higher value was placed on all field crops except barley and corn.

Oregon's seed output was up a fourth and value up better than a fifth, with a small decline in clover and common vetch production more than offset by increases in other seeds, Mrs. Horrell noted.

Oregon growers have taken an increasing share of the nation's grass and legume seed production, producing a third of the U. S. total in 1962 compared with a fourth in 1961 and a fifth as an average for the past 10 years.

Strawberry Growers Benefit

Oregon berry growers in 1962 increased their production to 132 million pounds, up 18 percent, and their crop value to \$16.8 million, up 22 percent over 1961, with most of the increase realized by the state's strawberry growers, pointed out Stephen C. Marks, extension economist.

In 1962, the state's strawberry crop, valued at more than \$11 million, hit 85.2 million pounds, up 26 percent from 1961, with all but four million pounds going for processing. Also sharing the larger output were growers of red raspberries, 12.5 million pounds, and tamar blackberries, 22.8 million pounds. Increases in all three came from larger acreages and heavier yields, Marks explained.

The balance of the state's berry production came from black raspberries, boysen, young and logan berries, cranberries, currants and gooseberries. All but currants and gooseberries recorded less tonnage in 1962 than in 1961, due mainly to lower yields.

Prices to growers for Oregon berries delivered to processors in 1962 averaged a little higher than in 1961, except for tamar blackberries.

Tree Fruit Had Good Year

The past year was one of the better ones for Oregon tree fruit production, but a poor year for tree nuts. Tree fruit output was

up about 29 percent over 1961, but value changed very little, Mrs. Horrell said.

Oregon's sweet cherry orchards yielded 33,000 tons of fruit in 1962, up 7,500 tons from 1961. The sour cherry crop turned out 7,200 tons, up 1,900 tons and largest on record, reports Marks. However, cherries were valued at slightly less than the previous year.

The state's pear orchards were unusually heavy producers in 1962, with a total production of 153,750 tons, some 33,000 more than 1961, he added. The Bartlett crop, which set a new record, was up 18,000 tons, but was worth about 15 percent less. The winter pear crop was 15,000 tons more with a higher value than in 1961.

Peach, Apple Production Up

The 1962 peach crop turned out 470,000 bushels, up 40,000 bushels over 1961. Apple production increased nearly a fifth, but lower prices held value down.

Walnut orchards yielded only 3,400 tons, down 2,900 from 1961, primarily due to poor weather during pollination, Marks said. Oregon filbert production was 7,400 tons, down 3,700 tons from 1961. The value of both walnuts and filberts was also down.

A few more vegetables found their way to fresh markets, but their value tumbled 40 percent from 1961, Mrs. Horrell said, with all fresh vegetable crops but asparagus and carrots sharing in the decline. However, vegetables for processing gained in both tonnage and value, breaking all previous records. Snap beans were the only processing crop that failed to share in the gain.

NHS Students Attend Declaration Tourney SRV Debate Contest

(From the Nyssa High Bulldog)

Meeting in Ontario, the speech classes in the Snake River Valley competed in the Declaration tournament Feb. 16. Chosen by the speech instructor, the best speakers from each school's speech class attended.

Those attending from Nyssa High were announced Feb. 8 by Don Bates, speech instructor. Among the different phases in the tournament were retold story, original and memorized oratorics, original essay, poetry reading, panel discussion, impromptu and extemporaneous speaking, serious and humorous readings and a one-act play.

The Nyssa speech classes did not enter a one-act play or retold story this year because there was not time to rehearse and Bates is starting the direction of the Junior-Senior class play to be presented March 7 and 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baldwin of Hillsboro and Mrs. Mary E. Fischer of Portland are visiting at the home of their brother and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fischer.

JUNIOR STITCHETTES MEET

Sixth meeting of the Junior Stitchettes 4-H club was called to order by Susan Woodell at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The meeting was held at the home of Christine Stephen and some new business was transacted.

Next meeting will be after school March 11 at the home of Joyce Cleaver.

—Shirley Cleaver, Reporter.

BOISE COUPLES VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Hooper and daughters of Boise were Friday overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hooper. Saturday overnight guests in the Hooper home were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bateman.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS LEARN

Happy Helpers and Sewers of the 60's held their Feb. 7 meeting at the home of Mrs. Roy Mecham. Anna Anderson served refreshments.

Mrs. Elvin Ballou answered the girls' questions on knitting and Mrs. Mecham cut out a small dress to show them how to cut out their own dresses. She requested that they have their dresses cut out by the next sewing meeting. A knitting meeting was held last Thursday after school at the home of Mrs. Ballou.

—Carol Greig, Reporter.

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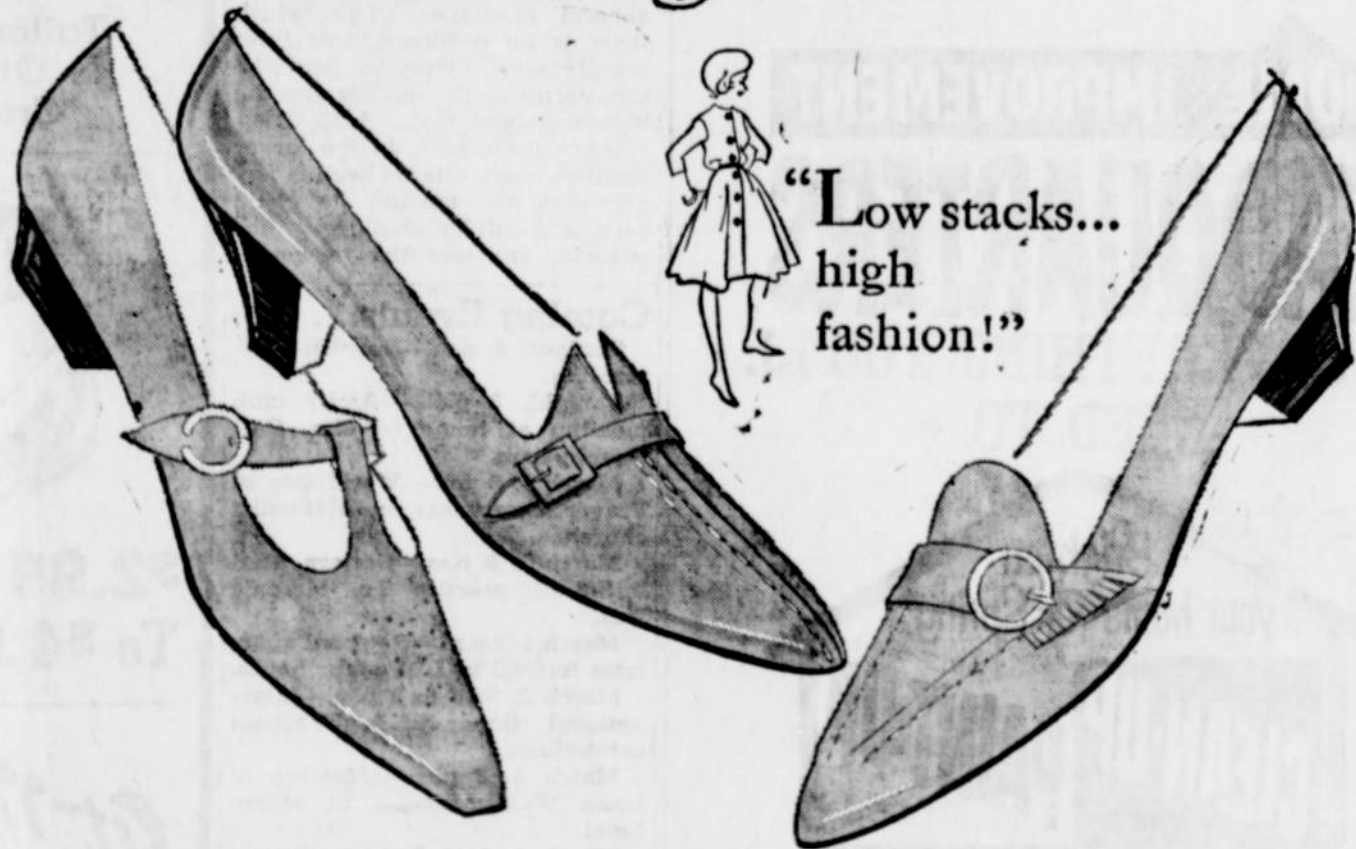
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