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J. FAHRENBRUCH WINS TOP FARMER AWARD IN ADRIAN DISTRICT

"All I did was take an average farm and make a good farm of it."

Such is John Fahrenbruch's understatement of conservation activity that earned him the title of "Outstanding Conservation Farmer" of Adrian Soil and Water Conservation District this year.

Fahrenbruch, who had operated an irrigated farm in Montana, bought 80 acres near Adrian in Malheur County, Oregon in 1953. This farm was difficult to irrigate -- and not too productive. Irrigation was a "shovel job" and he had to watch closely to make water go as far as he could. Many small fields made for short irrigation runs. One 10-acre tract was irrigated in seven different directions!

But today, the former owner would have trouble recognizing the place -- so complete is the reorganization.

How did this dramatic change come about?

When Adrian SWCD was formed in 1958, John was one of the first to sign up as a cooperator. With the help of the local USDA Soil Conservation Service technician, John was quick to develop a complete conservation plan -- a plan that is now completely applied to the land.

Fahrenbruch began by leveling a portion of the farm each year and reorganizing the irrigation system to cut down on water losses and improve irrigation efficiency. Now, the entire 80 acres has been leveled -- including the lawn. The irrigation system also has been reorganized from one end to the other.

Some of the leveling was quite drastic -- hills as deep as nine feet and cuts as deep as seven feet. When this much soil is removed, production usually suffers for many years. Not so with this farm. To keep up and improve soil condition and fertility, John made a deal with a local cattle feeder: A trade of hay for manure. Each winter, he hauled about 100 eight-ton loads of manure and spread it on his farm. This counteracted the effects of the drastic leveling.

Other improvements on the farm included: A quarter mile of concrete ditch lining on the upper end where gophers were causing trouble in a dirt ditch.

Eight hundred feet of irrigation pipeline in place of an open delivery ditch. (John's irrigation system is organized so that he can make use of a neighbor's waste water also.) Sixty acres subsided four feet deep to break up a hard pan and increase water penetration.

Nyssa Man Takes Speech Honors; Goes To State

Manuel Silva, a member of the Nyssa chapter of Future Farmers of America, was first place winner in the public speaking contest during the Snake River and Eastern Oregon district competition staged last weekend in Baker.



MANUEL SILVA

His topic was "Save Our Soils", and he is now eligible to compete in the state public speaking contest to be held March 13-18 at Corvallis. Second and third place honors went to youths from Baker and Wallowa.

Silva recently won two plaques and a \$15 cash award in contests sponsored by the Oregon Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Enterprise FFA chapter took first place in the parliamentary procedure contest at the Baker meet, with Halfway taking second place honors and Nyssa placing third.

Taking first place in the FFA Creed contest for Greenhands was Charles Chambers of Baker, with Nyssa's Glen Gibson placing second.

Future Farmers of America are, from Feb. 17-24, observing their "National Week".

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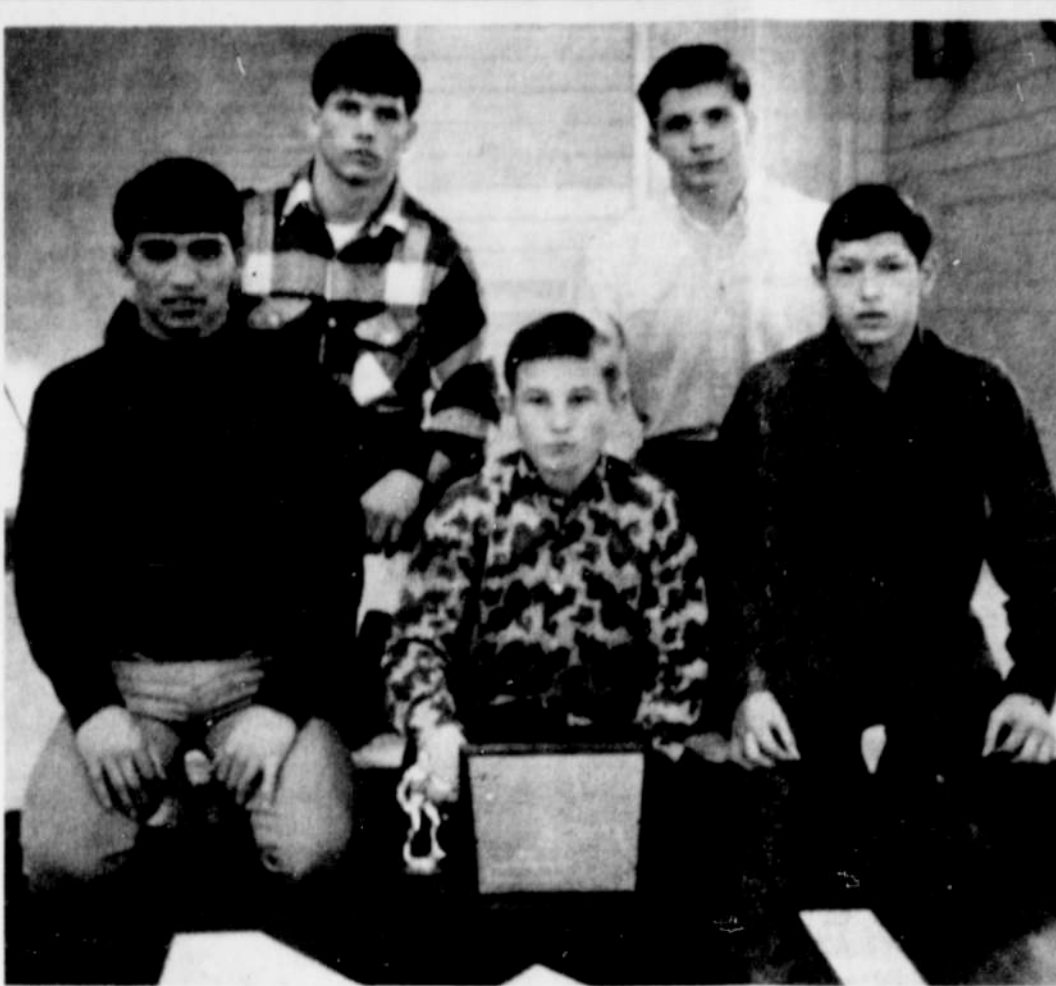
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THE FIVE NYSSA WRESTLERS who are to compete at state this weekend are shown displaying the squad's district 7-A-2 trophy. The matmen are (l to r) Rudy Vendrell, (136); Darr Jensen, (148); Chipper Burningham, (98); and Richard Parra, (115). They will attempt to bring a state trophy home for the Bulldogs. - NHS Bulldog Photo.

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FIVE NHS WRESTLERS ADVANCE TO STATE VIA DISTRICT WINS

Trailing after three sessions, the hosting Nyssa Bulldogs gained 4 wins in the consolation round and 4 victories in the finals to grab the 7-A-2 district wrestling title away from the other 11 participating schools. In winning the district tournament held Feb. 16-17 staged on the NHS mats, the Bulldogs compiled a total of 123 points.

Four Nyssa grapplers won individual championships in the tourney. Richard Parra at 115;

Rudy Vendrell, 136; Darr Jensen, 148 and Fred Esplin wrestling at 157 all won district championships in their respective weight classes.

Following the Bulldog's 123 points was Maupin, with 119 points. Burns was third with 108. The remainder of the teams finished as follows: Vale, fourth, 72; Madras, 57; Stanfield, 33; Sherman, 32; Enterprise, 22; Wahtonka, 18; Elgin, 11; Wallowa, 2; and Culver, 1. - Reid Saito, NHS Bulldog staff.

Nyssa's Chipper Burningham was runner-up in the 98-pound weight class. These five Bulldog wrestlers will compete in the Oregon state tournament to be held next weekend in Corvallis.

In the consolation bracket Nyssa acquired four wins, with Butch Wright wrestling at 130,

with the damage caused to the buildings by ripping out walls and ceilings. He stated that they might have gotten \$15 in the items taken and done \$200 damage to the premises. Carpenter work and wiring jobs would need to be done over in most houses he said.

The Sheriff's office is continuing investigating the thefts.

Colleen Wilks Named Migrant Project Nurse

Malheur County health officials state that they announce with pleasure that Mrs. Colleen Wilks, registered nurse, was hired Feb. 1 as the department's migrant project nurse. She is the wife of Bud Wilks, Ontario jeweler, and is well known through the county.

Mrs. Wilks is a graduate of St. Elizabeth hospital's school of nursing, Baker, and has had wide and varied nursing experience, having practiced her profession in Illinois, Portland, Boise, as well as locally.

She has worked in many positions as a nurse, including considerable supervision and some instruction.

Mrs. Wilks was Malheur County's first migrant nurse. She is instrumental in setting up migrant nursing service at the time the present camps were established. She also did nursing for the prisoner of war camps during World War II.

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THOMAS NISHITANI

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In the above photos, the tiny silver beavers can be seen hanging from ribbons around the necks of the honored men.

Message on the citations reads "This witnesses that Thomas Nishitani - D.A. Erickson, upon the nomination of the Ore-Ida Council and its appreciation by the executive board of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America is hereby awarded the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to boyhood in the territory under jurisdiction of said council.

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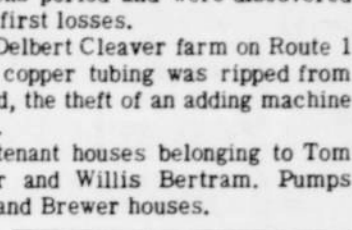
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DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.	
Feb. 14	41	21	.25	
Feb. 15	36	28	--	
Feb. 16	43	32	.03	
Feb. 17	40	34	--	
Feb. 18	42	35	.25	
Feb. 19	50	36	.27	
Feb. 20	61	40	.17	
Feb. 21	--	43	.28	

RESERVOIR STORAGE		
2/19/68	388,010	Acres Feet
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