

NYSSA FFA BOYS RECEIVE AWARDS AT FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Two Nyssa FFA members received awards at the Forty-third Annual State FFA Convention held in Bend March 24-27. Brent Richesin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richesin of Nyssa was awarded the degree of State Farmer, an award limited to only 2% of the State's membership. The degree is awarded to those who have the most outstanding Supervised Farming Programs, keep complete and accurate records on their farming programs and have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability in their local chapters. Brent also served as chairman of the Dairy and Poultry Proficiency award committee while at the convention. This committee was responsible for selecting the boy on the state level to receive the \$100.00 award for the most outstanding Dairy project in the State and the boy with the most outstanding Poultry project in the State.

Lurelle Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norville Robbins of Nyssa, was awarded a \$400.00 Union Pacific Scholarship to be used at Oregon State University this coming year where he will major in the field of Agriculture economics. Lurelle also received a Crops District Proficiency award plaque. Bill Holmes of Nyssa accepted a District Home and Farm Improvement Award plaque for Mark Hartley of Nyssa who was unable to attend the convention.

The Nyssa FFA Chapter received a superior rating award for activities and contests participated in this past year.

Others from the Nyssa Chapter attending the convention were Bill Holmes, David Robbins, Duane Ulrey and Scott Goodell. Bill served on the committee that selected this year's Star Farmer of Oregon, a highlight of the convention. This year's Star Farmer is Elwayne Henderson of the Wallowa Chapter who has ownership of 70 head of cattle, a New Holland Bale Wagon and other miscellaneous items for a total networth of just over \$25,000.00. David Robbins served on the Livestock Proficiency Award Committee that selected Elwayne Henderson as the State's top Livestock Proficiency Award Winner. Duane Ulrey served on the Treasure Book award committee and took pictures at the convention for the Nyssa Chapter. Scott Goodell served on the program of work committee at the state convention.

Other highlights of the convention included addresses from John McCulley, National FFA Secretary from Oregon, Lee Pitts, California FFA Association State President and David Thurston, State President of the Washington Association, State Creed Speaking, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure contests, awarding of many scholarships and other awards and the selection of the 1971-72 State FFA Officers of which Marvin Harada from Vale was elected to the office of State Vice President.

OSU To Host FHA Members

Accompanying their supervisor Mrs. Charles Steffens, and Mrs. Larry Saito, Jeanine Saito, State Secretary, Norma Rodriguez current president of the Nyssa High School FHA Chapter, and Sharon Kurtz, local FHA vice president, will travel by bus to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Future Homemakers of America.

Jeanine will be in charge of the Saturday morning meeting. A high school principal, a psychologist, a television personality and a minister will provide highlights of the program for the annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Future Homemakers of America at Oregon State University April 2 and 3.

Some 450 high school girls and their home economics teacher-advisers are expected to attend the meeting, devoted this year to the theme, "The Answer is Blowin' in the Wind." Following registration and the opening luncheon Friday, the first general session will include a panel presentation on "Communications of Peers and Partners" moderated by Glenn Brostrom, principal of the Nellie Muir elementary school at Woodburn. Panel members will include Mrs. Christy Nathman, Amity high school homemaker teacher; Linda Bayless and Zena Kunze, OSU students and past state FHA officers, and Craig Latham, president of the Future Farmers of America.

Speaker at the Friday evening banquet will be Dr. Sterling Ellsworth, clinical-counseling psychologist of Eugene. His subject will be "Self-Understanding: Key to Honest Communication."

Kirby Brumfield, farm director and special events hosts of KATU-TV, Portland, and an honorary member of the FHA, will keynote the Saturday session with his presentation "Who Will Answer?"

Speaking at the concluding luncheon Saturday will be The Rev. James Hulett of the Vermont Hills Methodist Church, Portland. His topic will be "Have We a Usable Future?" Oregon's 93 local high school FHA chapters are part of a national organization with a membership of 600,000 in all 50 states, with affiliated chapters in American schools in Germany, Japan, Iran and the Canal Zone. Overall goal of the FHA is to help individuals improve personal, family and community living.



Speech development is an integral part of the program at the Easter Seal Society's pre-school speech and hearing clinic in Grants Pass, and little Edie Kelsey is really trying as she engages in an exercise directed by Janeen Johnson, speech therapist. The school attracted over 55 youngsters this year for individual speech therapy, speech and hearing evaluation and language development. The school is financed by the sale of Easter Seals.

Wheat Acreage Up In Oregon

Acreage of wheat planted and to be planted in Oregon for the 1971 crop is expected to be 6 percent more than in 1970, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Results of the March 1 survey to measure farmers' intentions indicate the planted acreage of what will be 839,000, compared with 795,000 acres planted in 1970. The estimate of acreage seeded to winter wheat is 751,000 acres, the same as in 1970, but prospective acreage of spring wheat is 88,000 acres, twice the 44,000 acres seeded in 1970.

As of March 1, farmers' intentions to plant crops in Oregon were as follows: barley 462,000 acres, up 5 percent from last year; oats 150,000, down 5 percent; drypeas 14,000, a 12 percent decrease; sugar beets 17,000, down 21 percent; potatoes 56,000, down 3 percent; hay 1,095,000, down 3 percent.

Soil moisture during fall seeding was relatively short in many districts, but germination was normal. Winter precipitation was heavy and soil moisture is in good supply. Crops wintered well with very little damage.

The purpose of this intentions report is to assist growers in making such further changes in their acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreage actually planted in 1971 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions, the agricultural program, and the effect of this report itself upon the farmer's actions.



If you haven't got a food freezer or a refrigerator-freezer combination, poultry and meat should be used within one to seven days (depending on the kind of food and design of refrigerator). Store them in the coldest part of your refrigerator and, if possible, keep them just below freezing.

OREGON PUC APPROVES INTERIM RATE INCREASE CASCADE NATURAL GAS

The Oregon Public Utility Commissioner has approved an interim rate increase requested by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to cover the increased wholesale cost of gas to Cascade. The increase amounts to \$197,000.

Rate relief was sought by Cascade following an increase, granted by the Federal Power Commission, to El Paso Natural Gas Company which will affect the price Cascade must pay for its gas. Increases granted by independent gas producers had prompted El Paso, Cascade's supplier, to seek and get offsetting rates.

Provision is made by the Public Utility Commissioner for utilities to apply for rate relief to offset such increased

costs. The El Paso increase goes into effect April 1; the size of the needed offsetting amount indicates Cascade will need rate relief at that time. The increase will merely enable the company to maintain, not improve, its present level of earnings.

The effect of the increase on a customer's bill will depend on the volume of gas being used and the rate schedule which applies to that particular customer. The new charges are also contingent on subsequent actions by the Federal Power Commission which has reserved the right to rescind the rate increase to El Paso. Were the Commission to take such action, the increases passed on by Cascade to its customers would be refunded.

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- BIRDS EAT AND EAT AND EAT - Gans

Nyssa High School Senior Girls Attend Young American Session

Nyssa has reason again, to be proud of two of their young citizens. Mary Haburchak and Nancy Wilson, two Nyssa High School seniors, spent their school spring vacation learning government procedure in Washington D.C.

Applications were available to seniors (preferably) in high schools all over the United States to enable young Americans to attend a Presidential Classroom. Mary and Nancy applied to go, were approved by the high school faculty, and with the State's final decision were able to attend this session.

They were two of the 320 high school seniors from 48 states and military bases in Germany, who took advantage of this opportunity to study functions of the government and to acquaint themselves with national and world-wide issues.

Nyssa can send a student next year." Nancy also mentioned that she visited Karlene Sasser, the daughter of Foy Sasser of Nyssa, who is a secretary for Senator Church of Idaho.

Mary Haburchak said, "It was really a good opportunity to meet and talk to high school seniors from the entire nation. Differences were small; such as accents and city life versus small town life, while the likenesses were enormous. I received insight on Washington D.C. as a city and our capital. The speakers showed how many views our nations must consider before making policy decisions."

House Speaker Recommends Referral On 18-Year Vote

House Speaker Robert F. Smith said Friday that Republican House members believe the people of Oregon should be given an opportunity to vote on the question of lowering the voting age.

Smith said the Republican House Caucus has endorsed SJR 7, which would place the issue of lowering the voting age on the May primary ballot next year.

If the voters approve the referral, the question of ratification would be moot, Smith said. Passage would lower the voting age to 18 for national and local elections.

If the referral is denied by the voters, the 1973 Legislature would have specific direction from the people on the question of ratification of a national Constitutional amendment.

"Notwithstanding the merits or demerits of lowering the voting age, Republicans believe that the people of Oregon should not be denied the opportunity

to pass judgment on this question," Smith said.

"The Legislature is charged with the responsibility of accurately reflecting the views of a majority of our citizens," Smith said.

"The people of Oregon spoke on this subject less than one year ago," Smith said. "Action by this Legislature to lower the voting age would seem to be contradictory to the will of the people as expressed in that election."

Smith said, "Because this is a new ball game, in effect, we believe that the people should once again be asked to express their views on this subject, and to provide specific direction to their Legislature."

Some of the nation's finest "old growth" forests now cover mountainsides that were blackened by natural forest fires in over-ripe timber during the time of early Western settlers.

NEWELL HEIGHTS ITEMS

NEWELL HEIGHTS - Mr. and Mrs. Burton Barnes made a trip to Medford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Barnes were Sunday dinner guests of her sister Betty Samer in Big Bend.

Thursday dinner guests in the Alfred Simpson home were Mrs. Raymond Simpson, Judy and Buddy of Gresham, Mrs. Patty Mechem of McCall and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker, Sr., of Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gossard of Adrian were Friday visitors in the Alfred Simpson home.

Ray Simpson was a Saturday dinner guest; and Marvin Elston and Trudy of Hazelton were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson.

Mrs. Bill Webb and Mrs. Margaret Payne went to Portland Friday. They took a pickup load of things to the children of grandma Butler.

Hank Moore, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Marie Moore, returned Sunday to his teaching duties at Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Marie Moore received word that her granddaughter, Sig Linda Jacobson of Chester, Calif., has been accepted by the university system to study in Germany next year. She will attend George August University at Goettingen, Germany.

Rudy Zimmerman and Gilbert Deffenbaugh were Sunday callers in the Alfred Simpson home.

Mrs. Alfred Simpson called on Mrs. Ruth Collester at the

Al Salders home in Boise Saturday afternoon.

Alene Simpson spent the past week in Ontario visiting her sister Selma.

Mrs. Sally Judd, Tom, Dan and Mark of Ontario were guests Monday for a birthday dinner for Maurice Judd, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox were callers of Mrs. Frankie Worden Sunday evening, March 21.

Mrs. Jean Hardman and daughters went to Seattle Thursday and visited their grandfather, Chancy E. Harlow, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys of La Grande and Mr. and Mrs. George Schiemer were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ward of Caldwell were Saturday dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill. Terri returned home with them for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price were Saturday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Spellman were guests at a family get together celebrating the 75th birthday of their uncle Norval Shelton of Council. It was held in the grange hall in Cambridge.

Mrs. Carl Fenn, Mrs. Rollo Fenn, Jimmie Fenn and David Phelps were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simpson. Mrs. Jeanie Fenn and girls of Ontario were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wenke spent the weekend of March 20 visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Utecht and Steve at Coos Bay, Oregon.

Mrs. Dave Savage and girls were Sunday afternoon visitors of her mother, Mrs. Carl Fenn.

L.C. McDermott celebrated his 83rd birthday Thursday. He was taken to a Caldwell hospital Friday to receive care and treatment.

Mrs. Gertie Jones of Adrian was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Dale Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Corn called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krieger Thursday evening.

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