

Merry Christmas

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AGRICULTURE CENSUS SHOWS FARM TRENDS PREDICTED BY EXPERTS

Most trends revealed by the 1969 Census of Agriculture for Oregon were expected, although the magnitude of some were unexpected, points out Robert Coppedge, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

Information from the census, the first to be taken by mail and the first to include a sample, has just recently been released by the Bureau of the Census.

The Oregon totals from the census reveal a decline in the number of farms from 39,757 in 1964 to 29,063 in 1969. However, the decline was heavily concentrated in part-time, part-retirement operations and "Class 6" farms who reported only \$50 to \$2,499 in farm sales, the economist stresses. Farms in these categories decreased 45 per cent. Actually, larger farms, those with sales of over \$20,000 annually, increased 15 per cent during the same period. On farms where the operator was primarily engaged in agriculture, the decline was only 14 per cent.

The agricultural census, which is taken every five years, has been considered a benchmark which affords better understanding of the world farmers live in, Coppedge notes. It is the only complete description of the agricultural sector of Oregon.

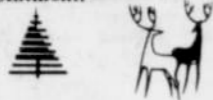
Census data lists 17,003 farms that are not part time, part retirement, abnormal or Class 6. This is only a slight decline from the 17,985 reported in 1964.

"These 17,003 farms accounted for 98 per cent of all farm sales in the census year, but composed only 58 per cent of all farms. More than 1,200 Oregon farms had sales exceeding \$80,000," Coppedge points out.

"These facts illustrate the caution with which averages should be used, particularly when talking about net farm income per farm," the economist cautions.

TVCC COUNSELING SERVICE AVAILABLE

Treasure Valley Community College Director of Counseling, Louis Gasca, urges students to make use of the college's counseling services during the term break. Anyone planning to enroll winter quarter can save time by studying programs and taking care of enrollment, and possibly transfer procedures, while counselor loads are lighter. The Student Affairs Office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 889-6493 ext. 74 for information, or make an appointment.



Eulah McConnell Chosen Teacher Of The Year

Named by the Nyssa Education Association as the 1971-72 Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Eulah McConnell. Mrs. McConnell's entry will be submitted to the Oregon Education Association where she will represent Nyssa teachers in the Oregon Teacher of the Year contest.

Nyssa's teacher of the year is a member of the National Education Association and the Oregon Education Association and has served as both treasurer and secretary of the Nyssa Education Association.

For her educational training, Mrs. McConnell attended colleges in the East and then completed her course work at Eastern Oregon College in La-Grande.

When asked what classes she has taught during her career, Mrs. McConnell replied that although she is presently teaching

first grade, she has instructed grades one through six but mostly has taught second grade. She also stated that she chose to teach primary grades because she is most interested in small children because she enjoys seeing them grow and learn.

As a summary of her occupation Eulah McConnell said, "I feel that children are a very important part of our society, and if I can provide an environment in which they learn their basic skills and develop attitudes that will help them become effective members of our democratic society, I feel I have accomplished a worthwhile goal."

Mrs. Eulah McConnell is married to Ben McConnell of rural Nyssa and has raised two children—a girl who is also a teacher and a son who is currently attending college.

Annual Nursing Home Christmas Party



Santa Claus gave out presents from organizations, friends and relatives to residents of the Malheur Memorial Hospital Nursing Home at the annual party given by the hospital auxiliary members Monday afternoon. Shown in the background are Mrs. Barbara Sarazin, Mrs. Louise Heldt, Mrs. Greta

Broad and Mrs. Margaret Tensen, a few of many auxiliary members who put on the party.

Instead of individual gifts, the auxiliary gave \$100 for a hydraulic lift for a bath tub at the nursing home.

Border Patrol Annual Meeting Set For OSU Open House Takes 41 Aliens County Potato Growers Slated Jan. 22

The U.S. Department of Immigration and the Nyssa Police Department, working together, have taken 41 illegal entrants from the Nyssa area into custody, Police Chief Alvin A. Allen said Thursday.

The series of apprehensions, which began last week, was the result of preliminary investigations by the two agencies, which had been working on the project for some time, Chief Allen said.

Investigation is continuing, he said.



The Malheur County Potato Growers Association will hold their annual meeting on January 17, 1972 instead of January 13 as originally planned.

The meeting location will be the Cairo Grange Hall between Ontario and Cairo Junction.

Warren Henninger, Malheur County Extension agent said the agenda for this one day event is developing rapidly with a host of speakers lined up. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Doyle Burns, executive director of the National Potato Council will review and answer questions on the National Potato Research and Promotion Plan which was authorized by the 91st Congress on January 11, 1971.

A referendum will be held sometime during February on this potato research and promotion plan. Each grower producing potatoes on five acres or more is entitled to vote. Henninger encourages area potato growers to hear this speech so that a wise decision can be made in this referendum.

Another speaker on the program is Walter Purcell of Chicago, director of the Frozen Potato Products Institute, who will make a presentation on the frozen potato products advertising program of the Institute. Approximately 97% of the potatoes grown in Malheur County are processed into frozen potato products, Henninger said.

Again, the Malheur Potato Growers Association's annual meeting will be held Monday, January 17, 1972, at the Boulevard Grange Hall near Ontario.

President Joel Mitchell of Nyssa encourages all potato growers of this area to attend and hear various presentations on production and marketing of potatoes in this area.

BLM Gives Churches Christmas Trees

Local churches were the recipients of Christmas trees for the holiday season through a cooperative effort between the Forest Service district office at John Day and the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management this year. Also benefiting from the joint action were many BLM employees.

G.R. Gurr, district manager, said over 80 trees were cut by BLM and Forest Service crews in one of the thinning areas of the Malheur National Forest near John Day. The Christmas tree cutting was a two-fold benefit - to furnish trees and to thin out trees from an area to provide better growing conditions for trees remaining in the forest. Thinning and cutting operations were hampered somewhat by deep snow conditions.

Permits to cut Christmas trees are available from Forest Service offices in the various national forest, Gurr added.

Hirai Nominated To Service Academy

Congressman Al Ullman announced the selection of 22 young men from the Second Congressional District for nomination to the four service academies. These nominees will now compete for the principal appointments by taking a College Entrance Board examination and a physical examination.

Among those nominated is Lynn Hirai, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hirai, Nyssa. Lynn was nominated for the Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York.

Congressman Ullman said that all applicants were considered on the basis of a competitive Civil Service Commission examination and the recommendations of school officials.

Students Told of Army ROTC

Recently First Lt. James A. Warren spoke to NHS senior boys about Army ROTC and the scholarships available to qualified students.

Mr. Duane Buchtel, guidance counselor has since received a letter from Mr. Warren, informing him of changes that have taken place in the program. Following is a list of the changes:

1. Increase in total amount of scholarships awarded annually from \$5500 to \$6500.
2. Increase in monthly tax-free allowance from \$50 to \$100.
3. Increase in number of colleges and universities participating in the Army ROTC program from 283 to 357.
4. A two-year program designed for transfer students from a 2-year college to a 4-year college.
5. Scholarships pay full tuition, for books and lab fees, plus \$100 per month.
6. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is January 15, 1972.

COUNTY COURT AND BLM WORKING TOGETHER ON GARBAGE DISPOSAL

The Malheur county court and the Vale District's Bureau of Land Management officials are working together to solve the garbage and refuse problems in Malheur county.

Forty-two dump sites have been inventoried in the county at the present time. Under current Environmental standards for sanitary landfills or garbage dumps, those sites located on public lands are not authorized. People are requested to use existing dump sites only and are asked not to dump indiscriminately on public or private lands until the problems of disposing refuse

can be solved. "Dumping along public roads and on public lands is a violation of state law," reminds Malheur County Judge Ellis White, "and stiff penalties may be imposed on those found guilty." The county is authorized by resolution to pay \$100 reward upon conviction, for unauthorized dumping on public land and roads.

BLM District Manager G.R. Gurr stated that "Malheur county is one of the few counties that is looking ahead by trying to identify and solve this serious problem of refuse disposal."

Sen. Hatfield Introduces Fish Importation Bill

A bill empowering the President to prohibit importations of foreign fish products from any country found to be harvesting fish in violation of international agreements was passed by the Senate Commerce Committee on Saturday according to Senator Mark Hatfield.

"This legislation will give the President a useful tool in seeing that treaties governing the preservation and conservation of fish are not broken," he said.

Hatfield pointed out that "more than 60% of the fish we eat is imported and we must not permit other countries to violate fish conservation treaties and then export these very fish products to the U.S."

He said that "preservation of our fishery resource must take place on a world-wide basis."

Carolers Sing

A second bill passing the Commerce Committee Saturday establishes a special fund to provide prompt repayment to owners of U.S. fishing vessels illegally seized by foreign countries," Hatfield said.

"Existing payment procedures are too slow and passage of this bill would help guarantee prompt repayment," he said.

Downtown Thursday

The 4th, 5th and 6th grade choir under the direction of Gary Condon will carol in the business district in downtown Nyssa between the hours of 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. Thursday.

Malheur County ASC Committee Members Named

Farmers recently named to serve as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Malheur County Committee are: Blaine Girvin, Vale community - Chairman; J. P. Bunch Payette - Oregon Slope community - Vice-Chairman; and Elver E. Nielsen, Nyssa community - Regular Member. Effective date of this term of office is January 1, 1972.

Mr. Girvin is serving his second year of a three-year term, Mr. Bunch is serving his first year of a three-year term. Alternates elected were Russell Fullerton, Vale community and Charles Farley, Payette-Oregon Slope community.

The 1972 election was held at a county convention, December 15, 1971, at the Malheur County ASC Office, Ontario, Oregon. Electors were farmers chosen as convention delegates at recent ASC community committee elections throughout the county.

ASC county and community farmer-committees are in charge of local administration of such national farm programs as the Agricultural Conservation Program, the feed grain program, the wheat program, acreage allotments and marketing quotas, the national wool program, the sugar program, commodity price-support loans and storage facility loans.

The ASCS county office, at 1252 S. W. 4th. Ave., Ontario, Oregon is headquarters for the county committee, and serves as the farmers' local contact for business connected with participation in the programs administered by the committees. These programs encourage conservation and increase farm returns by means of price supports and market supply-management, as well as by payments.



Mrs. Eunice McConnell is shown with three of her first grade students, from left, Sharla Froerer, Patrick Pena and Tina Marex. Mrs. McConnell is this year's candidate

for Oregon "Teacher of the Year" when she was selected by her fellow teachers as Nyssa's "Teacher of the Year."

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Dec. 15	36	16	.02
Dec. 16	38	23	
Dec. 17	40	26	
Dec. 18	33	13	
Dec. 19	21	12	
Dec. 20	24	17	
Dec. 21	21		

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
12/20/71 516,140 Acre Feet
12/20/70 573,090 Acre Feet

Happy 102nd Birthday!



George Moore will celebrate his 102nd birthday Friday, December 24. He is a frequent visitor downtown, and often stops in at the Journal office where this picture was taken, coonskin cap and all.

We wish George a Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas.