

Extension Service Aids Growth, Development Of County Agriculture

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles in the Observer farm section dealing with the Extension Service of Oregon State College and its role in the development of agriculture in the state.)

By **BILL BEBOUT**

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In an age of increasing attention on outer space, the American farmer may seem to some to be forgotten man. Only yesterday the U.S. government announced that it is actively engaged in the development of flying saucers.

The farmer cannot hope to snare sensational headlines when he is faced with mighty missiles and flying saucers for competition. But the farmer, whose livelihood depends on the soil of this planet, is far from forgotten. Millions of dollars each year

are devoted for agricultural research. Extension services throughout the nation have one objective — the betterment of American agriculture.

Residents of the rural areas of the nation have come to rely on the Extension agents for advice and information to improve crop and livestock production. The homemaker has learned how to prepare tastier meals for less money and how to save steps while doing a better job in the home.

County Provides Funds

It's the same in Union County as it is elsewhere in the nation. The four agents who work out of the Extension office in the La Grande Post Office travel 40,000 miles per year in the Grande Ronde Valley — to aid farmers, ranchers and homemakers.

In this state, as in most others, Extension programs depend upon the appropriation of funds by the county and the employment of local Extension agents. In Oregon the county provides the funds required for all expenditures of County Extension agents.

State and federal funds are used for payment of the salaries of the Extension service staff in the county. The county court determines the number of agents to be hired and the public through the court must express a desire for the service before the state will take action to obtain agents and establish a program.

State members of the Extension Staff at Oregon State College in Corvallis devote all of their time to making the work of the county agents more effective through research and coordination of activities among the counties.

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Dollar Returns Up

Here in Oregon average of crop-land in farms increased only 10 per cent from 1930, but dollar returns have increased much more. Farm prices in the past few years have declined to around 50 per cent of the value of the 1930 prices, but returns from this land increased more than 60 per cent.

From 1925 on, adjustment of production to available markets has been the heart of the teaching program of the Extension Service.

The major changes accounting for increase in income over 1930, were the establishment of a \$25 million dollar small seeds business; increase in beef production; increase in several Oregon speci-

ties such as holly and bulbs; increases in poultry and turkeys; and a revision of the entire wheat production program in Eastern Oregon. The wheat program revision involved replacement of better yielding varieties of wheat by newly-developed varieties which had been developed by experiment stations in the state.

All of these developments in Oregon agriculture have been included in the teaching program of the Extension Service.

County Extension agents are more than mere specialists in the fields of agriculture and home-making. The Extension agent is also a teacher.

Extension service teaching has developed some methods that are unique in education. The basic method used by the Extension agent is the demonstra-

tion. This involves actually utilizing, under field conditions, the crop or fertilizer suggested; or, if it is a simpler practice, actually performing the practice.

Demand For Service

Field, barn, home and community meetings are held for the purpose of viewing the results of these demonstrations or production processes or methods.

As the demand for the services of the Extension agents increased, the problem of apportionment of time became a critical problem.

Here again, a unique teaching method was developed. Farm and home leaders were called together for discussion of problems. Extension agents, as resource persons, explained how science and technology could help solve the problems. In this way the farm and home leaders themselves determined where and how the Ex-

Extension teacher should spend his time.

This sympathetic and understanding day-by-day association with the individuals in their groups and communities in their farms and in their homes, has made the Extension teaching program more effective.

There are still some people who refuse to cooperate with the extension agents. This is to be expected. Some may be skeptical of the new, and sometimes radical, theory practices and methods suggested by the Extension agents.

Prefers From Advice

But resistance to Extension programs is diminishing as farmers see their neighbors profiting from the advice of trained specialists in agriculture. Union County's Extension agents have high praise for the farmers and ranchers of the Grande Ronde Valley for their willingness to adopt new practices to increase livestock and crop production.

Ed Sidor, chairman of the local Extension office, points out that many valley residents try new methods even before the Union Experiment Station or the Extension office makes final recommendations.

This forward looking attitude on the part of farmers in the valley has resulted in an expanded and more profitable economy for Union County, Sidor explains.

One of the most important phases of Extension work is the 4-H program. Dedicated to aid young people of the county, the 4-H program has more than doubled in number of participants in recent years. The first article in this series will be devoted to an examination of 4-H work in Union County.

Valley Farm-Ranch-Home

Bill Bebout, Editor

Forestry Course Is Planned For Union, Wallowa Counties

The latest in forestry laws, tree culture, water and range practices, timber contracts and other forestry projects will be featured in a six-day school opening Nov. 3 in Union County and Nov. 4 in Wallowa County.

ASC Positions To Be Filled In County Vote

Plans for the election of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation community and county committees for 1960 have been announced by Lloyd German, manager of the local ASC office. German said that the county election board selected committees in each of the six Union County communities who in turn had elected 10 men from each community to be listed on the ballot for election to ASC community committees.

Ballots were mailed to farmers Thursday and voters are to rule on five positions. The first three will be the committeemen and the next two will be alternates.

Community boundaries have changed from earlier years to decrease the number of communities from nine to six in the county. Farmers failing to receive ballots by Nov. 10 can get them from the ASC office in the Sacajawea Annex.

The names of nominees for committee positions are as follows: Alice — John T. Jones, Howard Bingham, Richard Miller, Harlow Speckhart, Reed Taylor, Pete Westenskow, Louis Phillips, Marcel Tromp Volz, Lester Van Bloklund and John Case.

Elgin — Jerry Chandler, Gilbert Weatherspoon, Joe Bechtel, Darrell Rysdam, Dell Parsons, Dell Rysdam, Dale Clark, Lawrence Thompson, Bille Roulet, and Clyde Hardy.

La Grande — William DeLashmuff, Ralph Robinson, Vernon Igo, D. Smutz, Claude Wright, Earl Herrmann, C. W. Ramey, Claude Anson, Fred Knappe and H. N. Woodell.

Nerth Powder — Jack Wilson, Earnest Olsen, Malcom Nice, Don Dondson, Bill Lanman, H. K. Umpleby, Gordon Gorham, Ed Sorson, Buck Henderson and Jim Wilson.

Summerville — Ira Lanman, Lavin Culver, Bill Dobbins, Floyd Fink, Dale Carlson, Carl Clark, Maurice Beck, Emery Oliver, J. C. Patrick and Lawrence Greiner.

Union — Oscar Rollins, Bob Withycombe, Fred Pembrock, Mark Crossland, Lloyd Crossland, Allen Courtright, Ivan Garrett, Royal Elde, Lowell Hutchinson and M. C. Pyatt.

Ballots will be counted on Nov. 13 and the elected chairman from each of the six communities will meet on Dec. 14 to elect an ASC committee for 1960.

The pot-luck meeting at the school. Four-H members provided a fine program, including entertainment. Mike Burchman given his number one horsemanship test, and passed in fine style. The horse was home-made by Don Norton and included head, body and tail. We have a picture to tell the tale.

Mrs. Norton will lead the girls this year, and I'll tell you a secret, she was a leader behind the scenes for Don all year. In all, Innaha has had a fine club program this year.

ments, protection from rodents and insects. In Enterprise Nov. 18.

Nov. 18— Watershed Management and Forest Land Protection. In Enterprise Nov. 19.

Union County farm forestry committee is composed of Bernal Hug, Glen Parsons and Orion Hug, Elgin; Glen McKenzie, Ed Wagoner, and Herb Weden, Summerville; and Hugh Hulse, Jim Voeiz, Wint Curtis, Bruce Morehead and Ted Sidor, La Grande.

The Wallowa County committee members are Chris Wyckoff, Howard Johnson, Bob Jackson, Marion McCrae, Fritz Weinhard, Jim McCrae, Ray Cowan, and Ben Pearson, Wallowa; Tuck Tucker, Enterprise; Kenneth Wolf, Flora; Verne Colvin, Innaha; and Don Miller, Coquille.

The following agenda has been adopted for the school with the Union County date first.

Nov. 3, Forestry Taxes: Recent legislation that affects the timber producers as far as taxes are concerned. This session will include discussion of how to handle monies obtained from timber lands as far as state and federal income tax is concerned and also local tax problems. This session will be held Nov. 4 in Enterprise.

Nov. 4—Forestry Management: Both pre-commercial and commercial stands. Set for Enterprise on Nov. 5.

Nov. 5—Simple Methods of Inventorying Farm Forest Stands: This session will include a discussion of volume, growth and stocking. To be held Nov. 11 in Enterprise.

Nov. 17—Forestry Protection: Laws that apply, slash require-



FARM BUREAU ELECTS—The Union County Farm Bureau has named officers for the coming year. From left are Floyd Richards, alternate voting delegate; Bill Dobbins, vice president; Grant Henderson, president; Mrs. Frank Council, women's chairman; Ralph Robinson, voting delegate; Mrs. Ed Council, secretary; and Gene Stockoff, outgoing president.

Union County 4-H Leaders Given Special Recognition At Banquet

Union County 4-H leaders, junior leaders and their guests gathered at the Farm Bureau Hall in Island City Wednesday night for the annual "recognition banquet" sponsored by the Farm Bureau.

Gene Lear, state Extension agent, was the featured speaker. Lear praised Union County 4-H leaders for their effective work in promoting club projects in the county.

Mrs. Vance Pumphrey, Union president of the leader's association, presided.

Special feature of the program was the presentation of leadership pins by John Sullivan, manager of the La Grande branch of the U. S. National Bank of Oregon. Pins were awarded to the following 4-H leaders:

First Year—Mrs. Henry Bates, Mrs. Dave Baum, Mrs. Hazel Bondurant, Mrs. Bob Becker, Mrs. Claude Baker, Mrs. Charles Blanchard, Mrs. Jesse Berry, Howard Bingham, Mrs. Burl Courtney, Mrs. Ken Chatwood, Stuart Croghan, Mrs. Hugh Coffin, Mrs. Ivan Dillman, Dolores Duns, Doyle Blasinger and Mrs. Warren Evans.

Fourth year cards went to Reid Bailey, Karen Keltz and Warren Stewart.

Third year pins were given to Jan Blackman, Linda Bond, Rodney Case, David Dahlstrom, Yolanda Jones, Georgia Hoppe, Martha Kunz, Charlene Lyons and Frances Peterson.

The following 4-H club members were awarded second year cards: Terry Abell, Lloyd Baker, Rance Bates, Kathy Beeman, Tommy Beeman, Walter Blackman, Randy Blackman, Sandra Brown, Mary Ellen Case, Dean Draper, Gal Fuller, Mark Halsey, Richard Herrmann, Barbara Hyde, Steven Leonard, Dorothy Petersen and Bobby Smith.

Pins for first year in 4-H work went to Ricky Brown, Ronnie Emmons, Anita Keltz, Emery Leonard, Correne Lyons, Alfred Marshall, Dale Marshall, Carol Masterton, Randy Parrish, Susie Peron and Frankie Slyter.

The following clubs had a 100 per cent record of completion for the past year: Mrs. Lyl Crouser, health club; Mrs. Wayne Jones, sewing club; Mrs. Stanley Lyons, cooking club; Ronald Lovely, leathercraft; Mrs. Homer Peterson, cooking; Mrs. Homer Case, sewing; and Mrs. Ernest Keltz, sewing.

Lovely, Mrs. Max McGowan, Larbin Murr, Mrs. Alfred Perrico, Henry Peterson, Vance Pumphrey, Mrs. George Pule, Mrs. Charles Reynolds and Margaret Preston.

Second Year—Ernest Adams, Mrs. Ralph Beck, Cliff Babbitt, Mrs. Lee Bolen, Mrs. E. A. Bloom, Mrs. Randall Black, Mrs. Allen Courtright, Mrs. Lyle Crouser, Charles Croghan, Mrs. Douglas Eastace, Mrs. Pat Fitzgerald, Mrs. Bill Fife, Mrs. Tom Grant, Mrs. Don Galy, Burton Hill, Mrs. Ernest Keltz, Mrs. Stanley Lyons, Mrs. Walter Obendorf, Mary Pyatt, Mrs. Sylvan Rasmussen, Rich and Roneis, Mrs. Harold Speckhart, Eldridge Taneris, and Mrs. Gilbert Woodworth.

Third Year—Randall Black, Mrs. Lloyd Briggs, Mrs. Forrest Bowman, Mrs. John Bernhard, Mrs. Laven Culver, Dick Fuller, Mrs. Lawrence Grayner, Bernard Hug Jr., Mrs. Clifford Iudis, Mrs. Charles Isaac, Mrs. Lee Miles, Mrs. T. R. Ploes, Mrs. Henry Peterson, Mrs. Vernon Randell, Mrs. Evelyn Sudbrook, Mrs. Walter Tarter, Virgil Weir, and Mrs. Virgil Weir.

Fourth Year—Harvey Carter, Mrs. Hazel Elliott, Anna Mae Flower, Mrs. Richard Overton and Cecil DeLong.

Fifth Year—Mrs. Elvin Berry, Mrs. Will Brown, Mrs. Homer Case, Mrs. Elsie McLaughlin, Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mrs. Buntshub Mose, Walter Obendorf, Mrs. Gene Perry, Mrs. Marvin Vawter, Mrs. Towell Weimer and Mrs. Wren Case.

Sixth Year—Joe Herzog, Mrs. Harold Blanchard, Allen Courtright, Mrs. I. H. Hoxie, Mrs. Bernal Hug Jr., Fay Huvell and William Peacock and Mrs. Virginia DeLamp.

Following junior leaders received awards: First Year—Bob Peacock, Sharon Bauer, Bob Becker, Maureen Beck, Nancy Chandler, Dale Case, Charlotte Coffin, Mike Campbell, Larry Courtright, Larry Campbell, Sharon Dougherty, Nova Elliott, Ed Friss, Westley Kirby, John LaVerdure, Maurson Miller, Shirley Miller, Sony Michel, Aedlin Prescott, Andy Ransell, Beverly Starr, Mary Virginia Speckhart, Marilyn Teeter, Steve Walter, Linda Yates, Kay Flower and Judy Isaac.

Second Year—Terry Bowman, Robert Childers, Terry Croghan, Kay Griffith, Ruth Hoxie, Nancy Jones, Linda Karrels, Janice Ploes, Pat Stoner, Wanda Schauben, Sharon Schauben, Rita Tarter, Kris Tomjack and Lynne Campbell.

Third Year—Carolyn Fowler, Gayle Jackson, Bruce Rynearson, Irwin Smutz and Jean Wick.

Fourth Year—Judith Clark and Leah Rasmussen.

Fifth Year—JoAnn Berryman, Bernal Hug Jr., Fay Huvell, Tom Bowman, Lena Giltow and Cecil DeLong.



MRS. BRUCE HOOFNAGLE
10 Years A 4-H Leader



MRS. R. W. SCHAAD RECEIVES
10 Year Award From John Sullivan

WALLOWA COUNTY VIEWPOINTS

4-H Leaders Are Honored At Annual Award Banquet

By **JOHN KJESOW**
Wallowa 4-H Agent

Wallowa County 4-H leaders enjoyed an excellent banquet Saturday night, planned and conducted by the 4-H Empire Builders, assisted by the club agent.

A fine turkey dinner was served by the Legion Auxiliary to 68 4-H leaders and friends.

The local branch of the Pacific Power and Light Company has sponsored the annual event for many years.

Rodney Potter, Joseph 4-H member, was master of ceremonies and kept the program very lively.

Speakers included Elgin Cornell, county Extension agent; Cecil Root, Pacific Power and Light Company sales trainer; and Tom Keenan, assistant director for the Power company in Oregon.

Pins Are Given

J. J. Sullivan, manager of the U.S. National Bank, La Grande, presented the 4-H leaders pins according to years of service.

Slides of all the major 4-H activities and many club meetings were shown to the leaders by the 4-H agent.

Several 4-H Empire Builders helped with the program. Mary Ellen Wilson gave the invocation; Denny Voss led the pledges and assisted Eldon Foster on decorations; and JoAnne Jordan and Nancy Wilson arranged for entertainment.

Leaders' pins and seals were presented as follows: First year—Mrs. Cleve Coppin, Miss Maxine Johnson, Don Norton, Robert Peterson, Cliff Robinson, Mrs. Lillie Robinson, Mrs. Myma Ward, Noel Wright and Gladys Yost. Second year—Joe Beach, Mrs. Lillian Beach, and Kenneth Keeler. Third year—Mrs. Elinor Kennedy, Mrs. John Kiesow, Mrs. Winifred Levensen, C. M. Lozier, and Mrs. Katie Lyman. Fourth year—Wayne Hawkins, Mrs. Ann Overson, Mrs. Zana Peterson and Paul Yost. Fifth year—Mrs. Lucille Jordan and Mrs. Seville Lozier. Sixth year—Mrs. Josephine Farris. Seventh year—Mrs. Cecilia Evans, Lawrence Potter and Mrs. Bline Pocker. Tenth year—

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Achievement Awards Given 4-H Members

ISLAND CITY (Special) — La Moine Brant received a card for her seven years of work in 4-H at an Island City 4-H achievement program recently.

Sponsored by the Island City P.T.A., the event was attended by 75 4-H club members, parents and leaders.

Pins were presented by Merle Beckett, manager of the La Grande branch of the First National Bank of Oregon. Beckett gave a talk to the group on youth activities in the county.

Wilbur Osterloh, county superintendent of schools, awarded achievement cards to the club members.

Receiving fifth year pins were Martha Bergeron, Sally Bond and Jerry Keffer.

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