

County Ramblin's

County Agricultural Agents

By the looks of the smoke rolling off our stubble fields this spring, farmers are a long way from understanding the value of the utilization of crop residues. Past experimental research work and actual field experience has shown the very serious multiple damage by stubble burning. Merrill Oveson, superintendent, Pendleton branch experiment station and former superintendent here, has long voiced the statement that there isn't anything worse than applying heavy rates of nitrogen fertilizer and burning stubble. The Moro area seemed to be the worst of the bunch this year. Fifty or sixty bushel wheat, I guess, still didn't give enough incentive for the purchase or home construction, during the long winter month, of some type of stubble buster. The number one objective I would propose for black fallow farmers is the purchase or construction of some type stubble buster or beater. This equipment can put stubble of any amount in shape so that it can be plowed by moldboard or sweep type implement. A little of the extra profit from application of nitrogen fertilizer can surely be put into this program so some attempt can be made to utilize his crop residue so beneficial to our soil and our FUTURE.

New Light On Our Tricks

Teaching on old dog new tricks seems to be a pretty hard problem. Some, however, have inquisitive minds and want to try something different to improve on the past. These are the type of fellows that are picked as the Conservation men of the year. This year's selection follows along these lines. Mac Hall and Russell Belshee both have that inquisitive mind and have both been looked at for some time as fellows that can meet a situation and adjust accordingly. Personal congratulations go to Mac and Russell for the fine work they have been doing.

Right along the conservation line is the work with youth to put

over the value of some of these new tricks before they become old dogs. May 5, arrangements have been made to hold the annual all county 7th and 8th grade conservation tour. We are looking to these boys and girls to run our county and to maintain our soil in the future. We hope the little ideas we can inject will help them grasp the meaning of conservation and maintenance of our fertility. The tour will include some of the work our farmer operators are doing and trials underway at the Sherman station. The tour is being arranged by Lynn Hampton, county school superintendent; Henry Grabenhorst, soil conservation service; Harold Winegar, Oregon state game commission; The Wasco Woman's club; W. E. Hall, superintendent of the Sherman station; and your Sherman county extension agent, OSC. Marvin Robertson, FFA advisor, is doing a bang up job with his program on soil fertility and soil judging. His team recently won the Columbia basin soil judging title. This type work will help the boys going back to the farm to understand more about our soil and methods to protect and preserve it while in use for some of our children's children.

Bank's Testing

The adoption of a new method to keep the counties and state certified as clean for Bang's is getting underway in the state. The new program is called the Cull and Dry Cow program and will result in savings in operation of the program and will not require farm testing unless reactors or suspects are picked up. To make the program work, farmers will need to understand the procedure and cooperate in the operation. To acquaint Sherman county farmers with the operation of this program, a Sherman cattlemen meetings has been set for the evening of May 12, county courthouse, Moro. State and federal vets will be present to explain the program and how it will effect each cattle operator. All cattlemen are invited and encouraged to attend.

Bank Debits Down

Bank debits for the upper Columbia River area including Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties decreased by 17.2 per cent in February, 1960 and increased by 4.5 per cent a year ago. Debits for February, 1960 totaled \$25,241,591; for January, 1960 the total was \$30,856,357; and for February, 1959, the total amounted to \$24,427,895.



The How-D horse club met April 24 at 3:10 at the Jack Jefferies home, our leader.

We talked about the 4-H camps and if we were going. Mr. Briedwell showed us how to approach a horse.

Then we had refreshments. Our next meeting will be May 8. Jimmy Wilson will bring refreshments. We will have a test in the next meeting.

Terry Eakin, reporter

The Busy Bees sewing club met April 23 at the Grass Valley school house with their leader Mrs. Harry Stark and junior leader Alice Eslinger. We made invitations for our Mothers' Tea.

Jerry Alberty, reporter

The Sew and Sews met at the home of their leader Mrs. Jerry Engberg April 20 at 3:30.

We had a demonstration on how to sew on hooks and eyes by Jean Hockett and our leader showed us different ways to put in a hem.

Pat Coats, reporter

The Busy Bee sewing club met April 11 at the Grass Valley school. The first year girls worked on stuffed animals, the second year girls worked on oven mitts. Barbara brought refreshments. The roll call was answered by our favorite tree.

Jerry Alberty, reporter

On April 5 the Golden Thread 4-H sewing club was held at 3:30 at the Grass Valley school. Roll call was answered by our favorite TV shows.

We had a discussion about our Mother's day party. The girls worked on their dresses and skirts. Randy brought milk and ice cream for refreshments. Nancy will bring refreshments next meeting.

Melva Alberty, reporter

A discussion on the goals for the year was the main topic at the Sweater Girls Knitting Club. Minutes were read and approved. Refreshments were served. Meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Conlee, reporter

The Sew and Sews met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Harold Engberg. The minutes were read, roll call taken, etc. We worked

on aprons and skirts. Jean Hockett and Mary Hockett will have demonstrations for next meeting.

Pat Coats, reporter

Anyone for finger painting? That's what the Child Care club did for entertainment April 4. Mary Griggs and Ann Hall gave a demonstration on mixing up play dough and finger paints from ingredients found around the house. We met at the usual place, Busses, after school.

We discussed volunteer baby sitting and story hour at the library for during the summer months.

Refreshments were served. Next meeting is April 18.

Veé Busse, reporter

4-H NOTICE

Check - Yes or No. "Each Club member's parents attended at least two meetings or events during the year." "The Club held 10 or more regular meetings." These are some of the goals for 4-H Clubs and our President read them at the last meeting of The Handy Girls' Clothing Club held April 4, at the Sherman High School.

The members then discussed their progress towards achieving these goals. We find we have reached several already, but we have a few on which we must work harder.

Carolyn Henrichs, reporter

The Come and Get It cooking club met April 11 at 3:30 at the church. Leaders Milly Ferrell, Gwen Ross and Vada DeMoss were present. We had our meeting, made cookies and played games.

We are going to have a party for the Wasco cooking club next meeting.

Judy Ferrell, reporter

The Moro Livestock Club met at the Lloyd Henrichs home April 11 at 7:30. Visitors were Mr. Gunnels, Mr. Cyphers and Tommy Thompson, all of Moro.

The meeting was called to or-

der by Ann Hall, secretary. Lloyd told us about 4-H summer school and summer camp. Darlene Goch-nauer had a report, but was not present. Tommy passed out things for The Dalles show, and showed us a movie on "Profitable Beef Production."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Henrichs. Next meeting is set for May 7 at Mary Sue Wallace's home at 2:00 p. m.

Kenny Thompson, reporter

The How-D horsemanship club under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jefferies met April 10 at the Jack Jefferies home. A demonstration was given on cleaning tack. Information was given on applications to summer 4-H camps. A new news reporter was elected since Nancy Crews hadn't been able to attend due to unavoidable circumstances.

The next meeting will be April 24 at the Jack Jefferies home. There will be a lecture on the proper way to approach a horse.

All members were told that the horsemanship tests will be given in May so they were to be sure and study the handbooks.

Terry Eakin, reporter

The Kitchen Kookies met at the Wasco Grade School with their leader Reatha Coats and talked about tea for mothers and little ones. Pamela Winnett made a rice Delight.

Our model meeting turned out (awful) alright.

Ann Winegar, reporter

TREASURER ELECTED

by Betty Reckmann
Phyllis Lutje, daughter of Mrs. Eunice Lutje of Wasco, was elected assistant student body treasurer.

In making the nominations the faculty considered the eligibility of students by their GPA, which must be above average; by their understanding of bookkeeping; by their dependability; and by their character.

The seventh meeting of the Kent Livestock club met at the home

of Teresa Bardenhagen April 5. Teresa gave a report on Berkshire hogs, and another one on feeding molasses. Krista Mobley gave a report on Southdown sheep.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bardenhagen.

J. P. Reckmann, reporter

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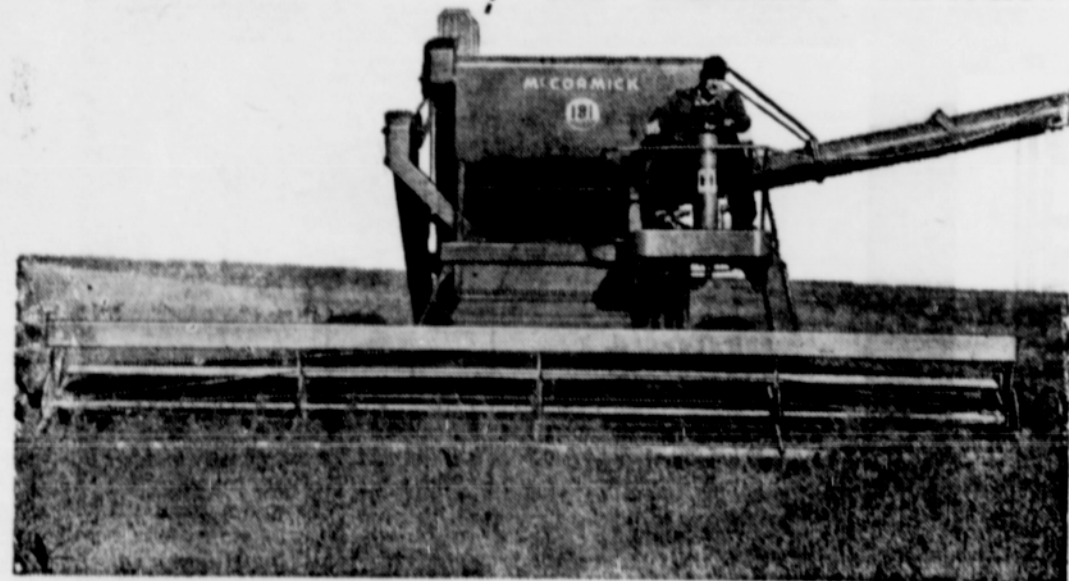
In Mid Columbia

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