News From C. A. Office

Dates to Remember: Friday afternoon, December 19, Insect and Predatory Animal Control subcommittee, county agent's office; Monday afternoon, Dec. 22, Morrow County Fair Board meeting, county agent's office; January 8, 9, 10, Oregon Wool Growers' annual meeting, Portland.

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While much is being said about the grain saving program that our secretary of agriculture has asked for, not enough is being said about one of the greatest losses of grain and feed stuffs. This is the damage done by rats on our farms. They never take a vacation and last year destroyed or damaged 200 million bushels of grain, besides being carriers of many deadly diseases. They may raise six or more litters per year with from six to twenty-two in a litter. The progeny from one pair of rats could exceed 350,000,000 in three years.

From this you can see that rat control is a big job and should be a continuous job for everyone. First, rats cannot be eliminated if they have a place to hide. Clean up piles of rubbish, stacks of lumber, and replace wooden floors close to the ground with concrete or metal floors. Make food difficult for rats to find by storing feeds properly and keeping garbage and scraps in rat-proof containers.

In poisoning rats, red squill is is the safest bait for use by the general public. Antu is also good, but must be kept away from dogs and other domestic animals. All poisons are only as effective as the bait with which they are mixed. Use fresh bait; bread crumbs, back fat, hamburger and fish are good baits. Pick up uneaten bait each morning. Use the same bait, poisoned, when rats come regularly to baited places.

Red squill poison is available at this office.

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The Oregon State college nutritionists report that less irritation of digestive organs is suffered if sweets are accompanied by generous drafts of water or similar beverages. The custom of overeating sweets for Christmas sometimes dampens the holiday season by producing an "out of sorts" feeling. If sweets are eaten, taking a moderate amount at the end of each meal is recommended. If sweets are eaten between meals, thy are less irritating if diluted in the digestive system by drinking water with them.

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That friendly symbol of the Yuletide season, the Christmas tree, can be a real, ever-present fire hazard in the home, warns Charles R. Ross, O.S.C. extension service forester, who adds some safety tips.

Christmas, the time for sleighbells, neighborly visits and good cheer, is also a time of many home fires, Ross states. During past years a good many homes have been burned to the ground due to fires which started in the Christmas tree, spread to nearby curtains or furniture, then enveloped the home.

Here are a few timely suggestions from Ross for persons who will have Christmas trees in their homes this year:

1. Make certain your Christmas tree light electrical system is in good forking order.
2. Do not use combustible tree decorations.
3. Choose a spot in the room to place the tree where it will not ignite nearby curtains or furniture if it should catch fire.
4. Place the tree where its accidental burning cannot trap occupants of a room. This is especially important in churches or schools where large crowds will be gathering.
5. Do not use lighted wax candles on the tree.
6. Take care that presents placed under the tree which are combustible or are wrapped in inflammable wrappings are free from lighted tree decorations and electrical circuits.

A simple home formula is available for fireproofing fabric materials, Ross adds. Mix seven ounces of borax with three ounces of boric acid in two quarts of water until the solid material is dissolved. Fireproofing can then be done by dipping or sprinkling fabrics. The best job, Ross says, is accomplished by thorough saturation. After drying, fabrics may be ironed.

OUR DEMOCRACY——by Mat

4-H Club News

Breeding livestock projects are becoming more popular with 4-H club members and are being encouraged by the county agent. A short time ago a news item listed the 4-H club members who are carrying breeding projects. Added to this list recently is Eddie Brosnan and Sally Palmer who have each purchased two registered Hampshire ewes from the C. M. Hubbard & Sons Hampshire flock at Monroe. These were selected by the county agent last week while attending annual conference in Corvallis. The Hubbard flock is one of the outstanding Hampshire flocks in the country and Eddie and Sally are off to a good start in the project they have chosen.

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Two 4-H clubs, one a health club, the other a hobby club, organized last month at the Hardman school, with Mrs. Cleo Robinson and Mrs. Walter Wright as leaders, have received their literature and began the project work.

Both of these leaders led clubs with 100 per cent completion the past year and have this goal in mind with these clubs.

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The annual extension conference held at Oregon State college, attended by the county agent, was devoted largely to 4-H club work. Four-H club discussions were held continuously through the week. With the addition of two new assistant leaders, the 4-H state club staff is now five persons. They will be able to carry on a better program by giving more assistance to agents in counties.

Of particular interest was the two-day school for agents, on 4-Hshowmanship and judging. Swine, sheep, dairy, beef and saddle horse practice judging as well as proper showmanship of these animals were studied.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Everett and their son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Jack Everettt left Sunday for Los Angeles after spending the week end here with their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Bucknum. Saturday evening Mrs. Fay Bucknum entertained with a dinner for the visitors. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bucknum and Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Jr. Lt. Everett, who has been stationed in Texas, will report to a station in Florida at the termination of his leave.

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