

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The county agent is back again after a week spent at Oregon State College attending the annual conference of Extension workers. The week was spent in getting up to date on research and new practices which might be used out in the counties.

The rest of December will be filled with the tribulations of writing an annual report. This is the time of year when an agent wishes he would have taken time to keep a record of what he did during the fast fleeting months gone by.

In order to carry on feed effi-

ciency testing the college has recently made purchases of calves for this purpose.

Five purebred Shorthorn calves from the Millard Eakin ranch, Powell Butte, and 24 Hereford other calves from Irving Stanbro, Prairie City were purchased.

Besides feeding efficiency testing, the calves will be used in a study of the use of hormones in relation to growth and economy of gain, as well as for class instruction.

A lot of discussion has been heard on the large cheese featur-

ed by a Portland store during Na-

tional Cheese week last October. Some facts which might be interesting to readers of this column were only recently uncovered.

The weight of this cheese was 7,507 pounds, it height 4 feet 10 inches, the diameter 5 feet 10 inches and a circumference of 221½ inches. There were 41,250 quarts of milk in this cheese. It took 4,290 cows from 330 farms to produce this amount of milk, and if nose to tail there would be 6½ miles of cows. To graze the cows took 27,700 acres of pasture, 2,640 man milking hours were required to get the milk and 112½ hours of manufacturing time to produce this cheese.

No, I didn't take time to figure this out—it was "lifted" from the "Ayrshire Rambler" the news sheet of the Columbia Valley Ayrshire Association published by Secretary-treasurer Beatrice Daniels, former Ayrshire breeder from Boardman.

Nothing was said about man hours needed in consuming the enormous cheese!

Many livestockmen are asking why they have not been able to get their herds tested for Bangs as requested earlier in the fall. Dr. Blake is doing this testing here and has found that he will not get around to everyone before winter sets in. He has been concentrating on calfhood vaccination and testing of herds that have not had a test during the past two years.

For those who have wondered what the Doctor is doing, the November report of testing and vaccination for Morrow County may be of interest. During the month 30 herds numbering 1518 cattle were tested with 479 calves in 18 herds vaccinated. Since 9 reactors were found in three herds of 363 head this meant these herds had to be run through again for branding of reactors. And by the way this percentage of reactors is something to be proud of—592 per cent.

So those of you who get impatient might be interested in further statistics. Four veterinarians in two neighboring counties tested only six herds of 476 cattle, calfhood vaccinated two herds of 134 calves. They didn't get in a full month but Dr. Blake is also responsible for Umatilla County. Testing was done there in 16 herds totalling 486 cattle, vaccination of 10 herds of 231 calves.

While on the subject of livestock some of you will be interested in some feeding practices that are being used by few and being considered by many in Oregon.

Livestockmen all over the State are somewhat disturbed over the meat and feed situation as it exists at this time. In a great many areas, the hay, grain, and cattle are sold and shipped out of the country and table beef is shipped in. This is somewhat true in Morrow County.

A system that has proven very efficient in other states is suggested by John Landers, Jr. County Agent At large, working in livestock extension at Oregon State College. It is carrying weaner steer calves through the first winter on legume hay or grass and a pound of oil meal, or a combination of hay, silage, and oil meal, or four pounds of grain mixture. Sixteen parts of grain are mixed with one part of oil meal.

Calves wintered on legume or grass hay and meal can be expected to gain approximately a

Monument Family

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Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Musgrave were business visitors in Heppner last Friday.

School will close for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday noon, December 20th. A tree with gifts and candy will be enjoyed.

Clinta Mellor was hostess for a "Stanley Party" last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reade of Spray spent Sunday with Mrs. Reade's uncle, G. E. Joies. They also visited other friends. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chance Wilson.

James Healey, Roy Martin and Jim Gent of Heppner were working in Monument last week.

Red Henderson, Dist. Warden for Oregon State Board of Forestry, of the Sisters, and Chet Brown, Assistant Dist. Warden, spent Wednesday invoicing at the Guard Station in Monument.

Roy Leathers and daughter Isobel and Darlene Capon spent Thursday shopping in John Day. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed of Spray called at the George Stritt last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Round spent Thursday attending to matters of business in John Day and Canyon City.

The M. M. M. Club held its Christmas party last Wednesday at the home of Millie Wilson, with Ida Bleakman as co-hostess.

Those present were Wave Jackson, Grace Stritt, Lola Shank, Goldie Round, Martha Mattesson, Iffie McKinney, Clara Strecker, Lydia Capon, Mary McDaniels, Mattie Stubblefield, Ivy Barnard, Ella Durst, Anna Lesley, Ruby Rickard, Jessie Hoskin, Daisy Simas, Louisa Fleming, and the hostesses, Ida Bleakman, and Millie Wilson. After a business meeting a game was played. Ivy Barnard received high score. The door prize was given to Lydia Capon. Christmas gifts were exchanged after which refreshments of fruit cake and ice cream were served. The next meeting will be at the home of Wave Jackson with Mary McDaniels as co-hostess on Jan. 8th.

When hay, silage, and oil meal or grain and oil meal is used and a one and one half pound gain per day can be expected.

The following spring and summer these cattle can be grazed in improved pastures and then can be expected to gain 200 to 250 pounds per head. To meet the best market these steers can be taken off pasture, the first of August, fed approximately sixty days and then hit a good market. However, if fed grain on pasture after the first of July they will go to market a little quicker and possibly catch a higher market.

From ten to twenty bushels of grain, depending on the size of cattle and the method of wintering will bring these cattle to a grade of good.

The County Agent's office wishes all of our farm friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roy Carter, student at the University of Oregon, Eugene, is here to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson have returned to their home in Mt. Vernon after a recent visit here with their sons, Donald and Creston and their families.

Mrs. Maud Caswell has returned from the annual extension conference in Corvallis. The meeting was held from Dec. 10 to Dec. 14.

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Bluebirds Entertain Their Grandmothers

The Lovely Blue Birds, assisted by their leader and assistant, Mrs. James Thomas and Mrs. Howard Evans, entertained their grandmothers and some other ladies whom they had adopted as grandmothers for the afternoon, at a tea and Christmas program last Friday afternoon, after school.

The program consisted of the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the Blue Bird Wish and Blue Bird songs, recitations, short plays, Christmas songs and a prayer of thanks. Each grandmother was presented with a blue feather, and a small Christmas tree made by the girls from string cones, painted green, and decorated with stars and tinsel.

Guests present were Mesdames Katie Slocum, C. N. Jones, Saphrona Thompson, Harris, Ed Kelly, Emma Evans, Cleo Van Winkle, William Cunningham, Lucy Rodgers, Henry Hapgood, Anna Bayless, Casha Shaw, E. L. Tull, Whitmer Wright, Madge Baker, and Maryette Hughes. Christmas trees and feathers were also taken to the homes of Mesdames L. E. Bisbee, Hilma Anderson and R. B. Rice, who were unable to be present because of illness.

Mothers who assisted by going after some of the guests and taking them home in cars, baking cookies, and helping with the serving were Evelyn Parsons, Gwen Thomas, Mary McGough, Carol Dapuy and Betty Pfeiffer.

Committees were Decorating, Julie Pfeiffer, Bernice Thomson, Janet Thompson and Judy Parsons; Receiving Guests, Mary Evelyn Tucker, Sheryl Harris, Karen Dupuy and Rogena Wagner; Setting the tea table, Julia McGough, Sharon Keithley and Doris Morris; Pouring, Mary Emma Evans and Francine Moyer; Presenting the blue feathers Shirley Van Winkle; presenting the Christmas trees, Sandra Jones, and Mary Slocum.

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Nels Fast returned Tuesday from Silverton. He had been there two weeks conducting a revival service.

Cpl. William Crump of the Air Force arrived home Friday from Tyndall, Florida where he has been stationed for a year. He will be home until January 5, when he will return to his base.

Hep-Hi HI LITES

By Eleanor Rice and Don Blake

Santa Claus, alias Larry Mollahan will read his letter sent to him by the students of H. H. S. Friday afternoon. Santa won't have any presents to deliver this year, however, there will be a program in which each class and the faculty will present a five minute skit.

The sophomores have decorated the tree and the study hall in preparation for the program and classes are being held up by the mistletoe over the door.

The "Fillies" won their first volleyball game from Lexington with a score 42 to 23. Virginia Allstott was the captain for this game and each girl will have her

turn in the future.

The Class of "52" has won the dodge ball games of the intramural sports which put them ahead of the faculty. They now lead by fifty points.

There was a three-way tie after the games between the frosh, juniors and seniors but the class captains decided to play it off instead of just dividing the points. The seniors beat the freshmen and then the juniors in a 3-2 game win.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Payne motored to Pendleton Sunday to spend the day with his mother, Mrs. George N. Perry and Mr. Perry. In Echo, they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Parrish (Fay Bucknum).

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayers made a business trip to Pendleton Thursday.

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To everyone of our patrons: We do hope this will be your Very Nicest Christmas!

Tuesday—Wednesday, December 25-26

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD

Paul Douglas, Janet Leigh, Keenan Wynn, Donna Corcoran. This picture is so far off the beaten track that we're asking you to take our word for it, everybody who believes, or wants to believe, in the brotherhood of man, will love it.

The program on Christmas Day will start at the regular hour of 7:30.