

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

A recent visit with Harold Dobyns, former District Agent with the Fish and Wildlife Service, now retired to his small acreage near Lone, made me realize how fortunate our Morrow County people were in having him close at hand. Harold is making use of his long experience of rodent and predator animal control now in a private predator control service. He is available for all kinds of rodent and predator control work on the farm or what have you.

The best part of this service which is available to our farmers is that Harold is not trying to get rich over night. He will work with you on coyote, field mice,

gophers, rats, and other kinds of predators. Last week he caught a great number of muskrats, some beaver, several raccoons and a mink.

Mr. Dobyns will work with farmers in any program they wish. He will furnish baits and supervise baiting or do all of the job himself. He has several warehouses and buildings under contract now for rat control. The county has hired him, part-time, as coyote hunter and reports on his kills are gratifying.

We don't wish an overload of work for you, Harold, as a result of this news article, for we know you retired to take it easy. However, there are areas that are not so lucky as we are. If our farmers wish to take advantage of this service.

The time of year that will tell whether your farm records were sufficient for income tax returns is drawing near. Several farmers have purchased the New Oregon Farm Record and Farm Inventory Record books which were made available by Oregon State College, this year. The Oregon Farm Record book is a revision of the old record book of that same title, with changes and additions to meet the changing income tax requirements. The Oregon Farm Inventory Record is a seven year record. It sells Oregon Farm Inventory Record book for 30 cents. They are available at the county agents office.

Frank Von Borstel, County

Agent at Large, Oregon State College, who has recently returned from New Zealand is assisting the county agent for a while. Frank spent two years in New Zealand on a Fullbright Scholarship, getting his Masters degree in Sheep Husbandry. He is working this week on 4-H organization and project material and is appearing before several groups to show his colored slides and discuss New Zealand Agriculture.

Feed all the good quality roughage cows will eat—it is cheapest if it's good.

Last year, shortly after Christmas, there were many cases of foot rot in livestock here in Morrow County. Most of the cases started through poorly trimmed feet and muddy corrals.

Prevention is far easier and much less expensive than the cure. Timely foot trimming of both cattle and sheep is the first step. Providing sanitary and dry corrals and sheds with good drainage is the second step. Eighteen inches or two feet of sawdust or shavings in the feed lot or loafing shed will do much toward prevention of foot rot.

4-H News

Another 4-H livestock club has been reorganized to join the fold of active clubs for 1953. It is the

Sandhollow-Buttercreek 4-H Livestock Club, which was organized last Saturday afternoon. The club has most of its members of last year back again, and has added four new members. They are Jack Struthers, Roger Doherty, Danny Brosnan and Donald Craber.

Leaders of the club are John Graves, assisted by Jerry Brosnan, Heppner. Officers are: president, Deane Graves; vice president, Johnny Brosnan; secretary, Ronald Currin and news reporter, Eddie Brosnan. Other members are Russell Dolven, Dennis Doherty, Tom Currin and Jack Monagle.

The club meets the first Sunday of each month with the next meeting to be held at the John Graves ranch on December 7.

Annual report time is here with 4-H club records an important part of the statistics. Each record book is closely analyzed. The agricultural records show that 68 boys and 35 girls enrolled in livestock projects all but one girl and three boys completed the club year. Beef and sheep were most popular projects with 25 members enrolled in each of them. We will make a complete summary later.

THE HAPPY SEW AND SEWS

The Happy Sew and Sews met at the home of Mrs. Ruth Bergstrom on Sat. Dec. 6, 1952. The meeting was called to order by the president and we answered

roll call by naming an article of our sewing kits.

We said the club pledge. Carole Anne and Connie Anderson gave a demonstration on shrinking material. We discussed on who would be on committees. Bonnie and Karen are for the recreation committee, Carolyn McDaniel and Carole Anderson are on the refreshment committee.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Bonnie Hannon and Nancy Harshman served. Karen suggested games until time to go. The next meeting is at Vicki Berger's Dec. 20. A surprise party is planned.

Connie Anderson, reporter.

MODEL CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the model club will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p. m.

There will be several big door

prizes given away. Free membership, this meeting only. Anyone interested in modeling is welcome to come.

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