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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Reports from Oregon hog raisers on breeding intentions in the spring of 1953, indicate 13,000 sows to farrow, 8,000 head below a year ago, and the smallest number for spring litters of record. Intentions of Oregon hog raisers are in line with national picture with predictions of a decrease of 13 percent from last year of sows farrowing and down 17 percent below the 10-year average. Even with hog numbers down it might be well to study feed and other costs before jumping into the hog business.

Thirty-seven heifers, forty bulls are consigned to the third annual sale of the Oregon Polled Hereford Association, which will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds on March 1 and 2. The show will be held March 1, the sale on March 2.

Consigners from Morrow County are Kirk and Robinson, and Floyd Worden, Heppner.

Farmers attending the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District, Monday, heard discussion on grasses and legumes adapted to various soil and climatic conditions here. The meeting was held at the Lexington Grange hall. While attendance was low, interest was high.

Dick Adlard, nursery agronomist, Soil Conservation Service, Pullman, Washington, pointed out to those present that while many grasses and legumes appear to be a panacea to all ills, each having their place, fitting into various soil types and climatic conditions. Where one species may do well in a community it may be entirely unsuited in another community, due to soils, elevation or moisture conditions. Tall wheatgrass, for instance, while tolerable to heavy

alkali salts, appearing to produce much, can be unsuited for plantings where alkali is not a problem, and can be outproduced by a grass such as orchard grass.

Mr. Adlard pointed out Pullman nursery is cooperating with experiment stations throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. New strains of grasses and legumes selected or developed there are taken to these stations where observations are made on their adaptability. He cited cases where only one strain out of 360 selections were found suitable when grown under field conditions. Experiment stations in Eastern Oregon cooperating in this grass and legume work are Pendleton, Sherman and Eastern Oregon branch experiment stations.

The film "Richer Range Rewards" brought many comments from the group. It pointed out the necessity for proper range management for higher production, stressing deferred and rotation grazing, proper salting and water facilities. The danger to ranges from early spring grazing was especially well presented. Other films shown here "Wheat Smut Control", "Soil Structure—A Key to Productivity", and "Steel Fingers and Green Thumbs."

Elected to fill the expired term of Oran Wright, was Raymond Lundell, Ione. Wright has served as supervisor for the district since its organization in 1941. Lundell, who will take his place, is highly interested in soil conservation and was instrumental in getting the boundaries of the district extended to take in farms in his community. His term of office will be for three years.

The annual report of the district given to the group revealed that conservation practices are being carried out through district farm plans on 233 farms, covering 598,036 acres. Practices of most significance, in acres involved, are contour and cross slope farming, 96,967 acres; stubble mulching, 104,984 acres; range improvement, 303,150 acres; seeding grass and legumes, 5,219 acres; and land prepared for irrigation, 1,502 acres.

Supervisors for 1953 are W. E. Hughes, John Wightman, Heppner; Charles Carlson, Raymond Lundell, Ione; and O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington. N. C. Anderson serves as secretary to the supervisors.



### BOARDMAN COOKERY III

The Boardman Cookery III club met at the home of our leader, Mrs. George Sicard, Jan. 31. We discussed having a Valentine party with the girls in our club acting as hostesses, inviting the

other 4-H clubs in Boardman. Our recipe for this meeting was combination salad. We had a demonstration of salads by Maxine Sicard.

We are going to make scrapbooks called "It's Fun To Cook." The meeting was then adjourned. Carol Hamilton, reporter

### LUNCHEON CLUB

The 4-H luncheon club held a meeting January 28 at the home of Virginia Gonty. After the business meeting the girls prepared a supper, it was served, ate and enjoyed.

Birthday gifts were presented to JoAnn Keithley and Roberta Hannan. Mrs. Ewin gave each of us a box of 4-H stationery.

The girls are planning a Valentine party. This will be held at Virginia Gonty's who has proven to be a very hospitable hostess. Barbara Warren is party chairman.

Ida Sue Stratton, reporter

### Irrigation Clinic At OSC to Feature Community Programs

Cost studies and legal and technical problems of forming community irrigation programs will be discussed at the opening session of an irrigation clinic at Oregon State college, February 24-25.

Better use of water, application of commercial fertilizer during irrigation, and mechanics of soil moisture will highlight the second day meetings.

Marvin Shearer, OSC extension irrigation specialist, says both sessions should be of interest to farmers and irrigation advisors but second-day meetings will be aimed primarily at irrigation equipment dealers and advisors.

Over appropriation of streams in western Oregon and water rights will be reviewed by Charles Stricklin, Salem, state engineer, Department of agriculture and OSC representatives will offer technical advice on water distribution in a panel conducted by Ralph Besk, assistant director of extension.

F. E. Price, OSC dean of agriculture, will speak on irrigation problems which he observed recently as advisor to the Brazilian government.

David Wied, Jefferson lawyer-farmer will trace legal problems of community developments based on experiences with several local irrigation projects. Farm-size and community dams will be discussed by Phil Bladine, McMinnville newspaperman.

A panel of farmers will report sprinkler irrigation costs and profits to show what individual farmers can afford for water sources. They are Wayne Endicot, Springfield; Albert Jesse, Gales Creek; Hubert Willoughby, Harrisburg; and George Settemeyer, St. Paul. Their records deal with irrigation of pasture, vegetables, and berries.

### AMICITIA CLUB AT CARMICHAEL HOME

The Amicitia club met Tuesday February 3 at the home of Mrs. C. C. Carmichael in Lexington.

Those winning prizes in pinch were Mildred Davidson, Marge Wright, Emma Peck and Juanita Martin.



**MOBILE LAB**—Top, Kettle Field Management Service's mobile soil testing laboratory "on location" in eastern Washington. Center—Agronomist Warren G. Marshall at work in the Kettle laboratory. Lower—Harley Jacquot, noted McGregor Land and Livestock company agronomist; Warren G. Marshall, KFMS agronomist; and Edwin F. Kettle, head of the Walla Walla concern

### MOBILE SOIL TESTING LAB CALLED UNIQUE NEW NORTHWEST SERVICE

WALLA WALLA — Pictured herewith is what might well be termed a dream come true—for farmers as well as scientists. What's more, it is believed by its owners to be the first and only Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory west of the Mississippi. So far as known, Georgia is the only other state which has such a laboratory; and, while Georgia boasts of six of them, they are jointly owned and operated by the State and Federal Governments and not by a private organization as in this case.

Owned and operated by the Kettle Farm Management Service, of Walla Walla, this Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory began serving farm land owners in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Western Montana, shortly after the first of the year and is expected to be a familiar and welcome sight at the Northwest state and county fairs next fall.

Said Edwin F. Kettle, head of the farm management service bearing his name: "This get-up-and-go-where-it's needed laboratory will save towns in the Pacific Northwest thousands of dollars by relieving them of the necessity for installing soil testing laboratories of their own."

"It is an answer to a real and growing need and is in no sense an experimental idea," Mr. Kettle continued. "On the contrary, it is one of the most practical and useful aids to better farming methods that has ever been introduced in the Pacific Northwest. Soil testing can now be used as a guide in making on-the-spot fertilizer recommendations.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the Files of the Gazette Times, February 1, 1923

Theron E. Fell, formerly a resident of this city, and prominent in business circles here, also one of the early representatives of Morrow county in the Oregon legislature, died at his home in Portland on Monday after a brief illness, aged 64 years. He is survived by his widow

Mary D. Fell and one son Melvin D. Fell and three brothers George D. now of Portland, Dr. J. H. of Prairie City, Oregon and Walter P. Fell of Eugene.

Those from Morrow county attending the National Woolgrowers meeting in Spokane January 24, 25 and 26 were Jack and Will Hynd, George Krebs, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, Joe Hayes, Frank Monahan and C. C. Calkins.

Alvin Boyd, president of the H club, announces that the members of this athletic society will give a minstrel show soon to raise money for the association.

Mrs. Mabel Penland left Saturday for her home in Albany after a visit at the home of her son Robert Penland.

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