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## Kids, Take a Bow!

Recently, while checking over the returns from the current March of Dimes drive, it came to our attention how big a part the children of the county played in that campaign. Without their help the drive would have fallen short by one third of its quota.

In checking we found that 11 different groups had a big hand in putting the Morrow county drive over the top, for among them they raised \$960.94 of the slightly more than \$3,000 collected. By way of giving them credit for their efforts we're going to list the various groups and the amounts of their contributions.

Heppner school, \$256.79; Heppner Campfire Girls, \$94.11; Heppner Blue Birds, \$15.08; Heppner

Boy Scouts (Mother's March), \$120.00; Ione grade school basketball game, \$40.35; Boardman schools, \$62.27; Lexington school, \$26.35 and a Lexington school basketball game \$42.00; Lexington Campfire Girls food sale, \$5.70; Lexington Campfire Girls (Mother's March), \$33.29. The county 4-H clubs added \$265 to the fund when Malcolm McKinney donated a pig at the fat stock auction held during last fall's fair and rodeo to be auctioned for the March of Dimes.

There may be others too who have helped put the drive over, but even this list should show most Mothers and Dads that not all of the dimes and quarters they get "bummed" for are spent foolishly. It is a credit to the kids that they realize the importance of such drives and take an active part in them. They deserve congratulations.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

In recent tests conducted at the Eastern Oregon Branch Livestock Experiment, Union, it was demonstrated that satisfactory results may be obtained with feeder lambs by substituting Austrian peas to the extent of 1/3 of the grain ration. In this experiment, conducted by H. G. Avery, Station Superintendent, and Cecil Pierce, one ration consisting of chopped alfalfa, silage, 2/3 wheat, and 1/3 Austrian peas was compared with another ration composed of chopped alfalfa, silage, and wheat alone, the amount of wheat fed being equivalent to the amount of wheat and peas together in the other ration. The average weights of the two lots of lambs were nearly identical at the beginning and also at the end of the 59-day feeding period, with the average daily gain being approximately 4 pounds for both groups of lambs.

Another study initiated at Union this fall was one to test the effects of shearing on lamb performance in the feed lot. The experiment was designed to compare gains of shorn lambs with those of wooled lambs, both in open lots and under shed conditions. Individual weights were taken on 100 shorn and 100 wooled lambs. These were divided into two lots of 50 shorn and 50 wooled each. One lot of 100

lambs were fed under cover, while the lot of 50 shorn and 50 wooled lambs was fed in the open. Individual weights were taken midway through the test and again at the finish. Individual gains were recorded along with average hay and grain consumption. In both instances the shorn lambs out-gained the wooled lambs.

Complete results of these two experiments are to be published in the near future.

An interesting letter was received last week from Bert Mason, former Morrow County rancher, now of Portland. The letter was prompted after an item in this column concerning windbreaks being planted in various communities.

While Mr. Mason's letter was interesting from the standpoint of history of Morrow County, one sentence had a great significance to establishing a windbreak here. It was "Sad to relate, the trees were planted too close together and after a few dry years the trees died off." This is one of the biggest reasons that windbreaks have been slow in taking hold in Morrow County.

Mr. Mason recalls the many timber culture homestead claims where ten acres of trees were planted to "prove up" for a deed. He recalls a ten acre planting, made by J. M. Hamblet, on the farm Lee Beckner has farmed along the Gooseberry road south of Ione. A grove of Lombardy Poplars, planted by Joe Haney, one half mile west of where Denward Bergevin lives, reached a height of more than 30 feet. Riding for stock on Jordan Butte, Mr. Mason recalls the sight of ten acre groves in every direction. A few locust trees growing along the road on Rhea Creek, where Fred Pettyjohn now lives, were started by Mr. Mason in 1887. He

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

To The Editor—

One wonders if the trigger-happy pagan is happy, for the kingfisher which give the school-going boys and girls so much pleasure, is dead. One questions

mentions Ralph Bengé and Erik Bergstrom as men living here now who saw the groves of trees growing over Morrow County hills.

Tree seedlings can be ordered from the State Forestry Nursery until March 15. Order blanks price and additional information on these trees can be obtained at this office.

Representations made by the Oregon Wheat Growers League last year bore fruit in the form of an extension of the old parity formula on basic crops for two more years, and appropriation of \$10,000 by Congress for wheat smut research.

Agricultural chairmen of subordinate and Pomona Granges, meeting at the county agent's office last week, drafted a program that they could concentrate on in 1953. Such meetings are held annually with follow up meetings held during the year with the county agent to gather up-to-date progress in agriculture. Information gathered is used as a basis for agricultural committee reports at Grange meetings.

Projects to be stressed in 1953 through our Granges are: Weed Control, Grub Control Districts, and continued Bangs and T. B. testing.

Attending the meetings were: Oscar Peterson, chairman, State Grange Agricultural Committee, Ione; Clifford Smith, State Extension Agent, Oregon State College; Adrian Becholdt and Elmer Palmer, Rhea Creek Grange; Wm. T. Forthman, Huch Brown and Ralph Skoubo, Greenfield Grange; Norman Nelson, Lexington Grange; Algott Lundell and Donald Heliker, Willows Grange; and Ray Drake, Pomona Grange. They will meet again on March 28.

If the children who tore down the nests of the beautiful cliff swallows last summer, are aware that they are contributing to their children's children seeing these lovely creatures only in museums, still and lifeless? Can these parents be proud of their son's marksmanship in his bragging that he killed two hundred legally protected songsters, or are their hearts touched with fear that a mind must be dark to enjoy the agony of fledglings whose death he so ingeniously devised?

Heppner is fortunate in being a transition zone from mountains to the sands, and her birds are many and varied. The schools are teaching their economic worth in insects, weed, and especially rodent control by hawks and owls, but it would be amiss for a sporting club, or a law enforcement agency of this town to acquaint the young people with bird conservation and protection. Certainly it is the obligation of a father, who gives a new rifle and the privilege of shooting, into the hands of his son, to acquaint the responsibility of how and what to shoot that goes with this privilege!

It would seem that a BB obstacle course should be laid out by one of the above, so that everything that moves, and some window panes that do not, would avoid being in danger of their lives. An orchid to the Heppner father who goes with his son to shoot, and to the boy's mother who encourages him to construct bird feeders. Shame! on those parents who nag about clean ears, but never encourage them to listen to the beauty of the robin's rain song. The old timers have seen prairie chicken here by the thousands. Have you? Will your grandchildren be amongst those to see the fuffed grouse in the Blue mountains, or the beneficial desert hawk in the sands? Not unless you care enough to teach conservation, and practice it.

There are children, who would give much to hear the twinkling chorus of the song sparrow, the whistle of the varied thrush, the hymn of praise of the meadowlark, or the comical course gargle of the kingfisher—but they cannot, for they are deaf. There be children who pray to see the incredible color of the bluebird,

## Value of Windbreaks On Farms Outlined In New Bulletin

The farmstead is the family's small world. A windbreak can improve the climate over all of it, states a bulletin recently released by Oregon State college. The publication, prepared jointly by the Oregon State college extension service, the State College of Washington, and the University of Idaho, is called "Trees Against the Wind."

Windbreaks should never be set closer than 60 feet to the home, other buildings, driveways, or feedlots, advises the bulletin. If snowdrifting is serious, 60 feet may be too close. The recommended minimum distance from the home is 100 feet or more.

Three rows are recommended for the farmstead windbreak—a bushy broadleaf row, a tall tree row, and an evergreen row. However, it may be necessary in dry-land plantings to use from three up to seven rows of trees.

The bulletin stresses the need for proper cultivation of the windbreak, especially when starting the windbreak. Livestock and poultry must be kept out and room allowed for cultivation between the fence and the trees if possible.

Field windbreaks are explained in the publication as tools to help do the following jobs: save topsoil from blowing; protect crops from wind damage; reduce evaporation of irrigation water; protect cattle in the field; and aid pollination of orchards and special crops.

Steep, eroded slopes and areas of shallow soil that must be taken out of cultivation can be retired to tree crops, according to the bulletin. Planting of trees is recommended as a means of controlling gully and stream-

the bright puff of the goldfinch, or the darting flight of the swallow or nighthawk, as they catch millions of insects on the wing—but they cannot—for they be blind. You would do much to help them—but! Is your child to be blind and deaf, psychologically, to the beauty and friendship of the birds? Kay Bisbee

bank erosion. Numerous illustrations and charts which help answer farm windbreak questions are included in the publication. Copies are available from county agents or Oregon State college. NEED Envelopes, Phone 882

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