

### From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Several Morrow county farmers availed themselves this past week of barley seed from available sources, which were given in this column two weeks ago. It appears now as though we will have a good source of seed for the fall of '54 of Flynn and Meloy. We are still on the look out for winter barley varieties, which are very scarce. All of the Flynn 37 is coming from Sherman county. The Sherman Branch Experiment Station still has about 200 bushels of Meloy available. The Pendleton Branch Experiment Station is sold out.

A newer variety of barley is Spray. It was developed in the Spray country, and is adapted to the higher rainfall, heavier soil area. It is a good hay variety but yields less than Meloy and Flynn 37 under general conditions here. Bill Weatherford of the Buttercreek community is harvesting his Spray barley the beginning of next week. He has no storage space, and will sell it in the field to anyone interested. It has done well for him this year.

Newt O'Harra, Lexington rancher who was chosen this year as "Grassman of the Year", has recently demonstrated why he was selected as Morrow county's first "Grassman of the Year". This week Mr. O'Harra had calves on the Portland market which averaged 490 pounds. These calves are January and February calves of this year. Another lot of later calves averaged 357 pounds. Sold fat off of his excellent pastures, the heavy steers brought 18 cents, the lighter steers, 20 1/2 cents per pound. Mr. O'Harra has quite an advantage over the ordinary range man who will not sell calves until two months later. Many calves are being contracted now for 15 cents. By making such

good gains on these irrigated pastures, Mr. O'Harra has been able to not only sell his heavy calves now as will be sold two months from now, but has gained at least 3 cents a pound in price.

With Fair time less than a month away, there are many odds and ends in completing arrangements before the last minute. During this week premium lists were mailed to all Morrow County farm families, 4-H members and town exhibitors. Anyone who has not received a premium list, can pick up one from this office. Advertising is about completed and out to call the attention of a bigger and better Fair for '53 to everyone. Fair buttons went on sale this week and will be offered to the public between now and fair time. Home and Economics and Agricultural judges have been secured, and last minute touches are being put to the grounds and buildings. We suggest that all of our farm families begin gathering together exhibits that they will make at this year's fair. The grain division has been slack in past years, as has the hay and grasses. Make your selection of an exhibit in these classes now. Poultry, wool, fruit and garden produce can stand some emphasis in '53, also. See you at the Fair!

Recently, while looking through monthly summaries of the U. S. Weather Bureau, some interesting information was noted. September, 1952, was both the warmest and driest September since 1943. Precipitation was confined almost exclusively to light scattered showers with measurable precipitation occurring on an average of only three days during the month. October, 1952 was the warmest October in Oregon since 1907, and the third

### Potato Harvest In Full Swing Near Boardman

By Flossie Coats

The potato harvest is in full swing in this vicinity, with John Partlow finishing last week and Russell and Bob Miller starting. Russell Miller reports a good yield, with his White Rose variety yielding about 350 sacks of number ones per acre. He has approximately 25 acres to dig. The potatoes are dug with an automatic digger, then hauled by truck to town to the sorter. Larry Kummer, Gaston, is here as inspector, and inspects the potatoes as they go through the sort-

er. A/2c Bob Sicard arrived home last week from Korea where he was stationed for seven months. He served as flight mechanic on missions there. Following a 30-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sicard, he will be stationed at Moses Lake, Wash.

Several from this community went to the third annual Boardman Pioneer picnic Sunday at Eagle Creek government park. The affair was started two years ago this summer as a reunion for former residents of Boardman. Going from here were Mr. and Mrs. Nate Macomber, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harwood, Earl Cramer, Mrs. Gladys McLaughlin, Mrs. Margaret Klitz, and Mr. and Mrs. Gib Pettys and son Pat, Pendleton.

Members of Greenfield grange have been invited to attend the third annual picnic Sunday, August 9, at CRC park in Hermiston. The affair is sponsored by the three west-end granges of Umatilla county. It is a potluck, and those attending are asked to bring their own table service. Coffee, punch and ice cream will be furnished by the west-end granges.

The Tillamook club met last week at the home of Mrs. Charles Anderregg with Mrs. Elvin Ely as co-hostess. Plans were made for the dance to be held at Heppner, August 15, for Boardman's princess in the Heppner fair court, Wilma Hug. Music for the affair will be furnished by Siever's Music Box Orchestra, The Dalles. Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Partlow were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martini and three children, Pasadena, Calif. Martini is Mrs. Partlow's uncle.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. George M. Baker are the parents of a daughter born Thursday, July 23, at the military hospital in Hanford. She has been named Hene May. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.

At least one prospective 4-H club member is looking forward to the 1953-54 club year. This prospective club member is Merlyn Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eb Hughes, Buttercreek. Merlyn will be nine in October and will join the club carrying a beef breeding project. His plans are to have his registered Hereford cow bred to the high quality Hereford bull purchased by the Hughes' from the Mann ranch at Adams a couple of years ago. Boys and girls who will become nine by January 1, 1954 are urged and invited to join a 4-H club when clubs are reorganized in late October and November. Boys and girls can carry any kind of a project from poultry and rabbits, all types of livestock, Home Economics, including camp cookery, woodworking, electricity, and many other available projects.

Leaders and parents of 4-H club members began operation of the 4-H club kitchen at the fair pavilion at the "Klek-off Dance" last Saturday evening. The kitchen will be operated by committees during the five princess and rodeo dances that will be held between now and rodeo time. Proceeds from the 4-H club kitchen will be used to further the 4-H club program in Morrow county. It is used for such activities as 4-H Summer School, Summer Camp, and various projects sponsored by the 4-H County Council.

Of interest to many will be the annual sale of the Oregon State college Department of Animal Husbandry that will be held at 1:00 p. m. on August 20, at the college judging live stock pavilion. To be sold will be five registered Hereford bulls of excellent quality, 15 registered Hereford bulls of excellent quality, 15 registered Hereford cows and heifers, 17 purebred rams, and about 130 commercial ewes.

H. L. Griffin, Sacramento, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Baker, of Union, and Mrs. Stella Leach, Victorville, Calif. Great grandparent is Mrs. Maggie Gane, Victorville. The baby weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Miss Mildred Titus stopped over night last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Hug. She was on her way to Tensed, Idaho where she will be in charge of church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wicklander, Portland, visited at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tate last week.

Mrs. Vera Pruter returned home from Portland last week, where she has spent the past two weeks. Friday she was taken by ambulance to the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Earl Cramer reports that the condition of his mother, Mrs. Anna Cramer, is much improved. She is in a rest home in Pendleton.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. John Nelson are spending a couple of weeks in Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Potter and five children, Vancouver, Wash., were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate Thorpe. Potter is Mrs. Thorpe's cousin. Lawrence Potter remained here, and will attend school here next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harwood were shoppers in Walla Walla Saturday.

Mrs. Della Faulkner and grandsons, Martin and Douglas Shattuck left Saturday to attend the church conference at Cannon Beach. Stanley Shattuck took them down. They were accompanied from Portland by Mrs. Lowell Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson and sons Gerald and Ronnie, and Mr. and Mrs. William Garner and daughter Anita spent Sunday at Lehman Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and daughter Eileen drove to Pendle-

ton Sunday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lilly. Their granddaughter, Janet Lilly, La Grande, came home with them for a week's visit.

Earl Cramer returned home on Saturday from a week's stay at Ritter Springs. William Wilson, Hermiston, went with him.

Dick Garner is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Jones, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Mrs. Florence Root visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root, Athena, Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wilbur Lehman, Culver, visited friends here for several days last week, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller and son Jimmie, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller spent the weekend in Portland.

Wanda and Wilda Forthman, Clarkston, Wash., are visiting their father, Dallas Forthman.

Mrs. Olive Atteberry was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner Monday. Mrs. William Garner took her over.

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