

### Wide Variety of Methods Used to Dispense County Agricultural News

The annual summary of agricultural work in Morrow county is being completed, this week, in a 150 page report by county extension agent, N. C. Anderson. The report shows that many different methods were used during the year to get messages before the people.

The object of the work, Anderson stated, was to provide farm people with the latest experimental findings, technical advice, and successful methods of farming, and to further equip them with knowledge that will make rural people well informed citizens.

In accomplishing these objectives, 350 farm and home visits were made during the year. There were 3,122 office calls; 3,450 telephone calls by people seeking information or assistance. 279 news stories were published, 127 meetings attended by 6,048 adults and 4-H members were means of getting before the people information which was thought to be of interest and value to them. Twenty-one adult demonstrations, set up to demonstrate the value of some agricultural practice, were conducted. Six hours were held, 8,715 bulletins were distributed and 17,600 miles were driven during the year on various extension projects. In carrying out the extension program, 202 days were spent with adults, and 106 days with 4-H club members. Of this time, 153 days were spent in the office, 155 days in the field. During the 4-H club year, 11 agricultural clubs were organized and carried to completion. Of the 99 4-H club members enrolled in these projects, all finished but 6.

Anderson pointed out that the program of work, as carried out, was formulated in large part

with the help of rural people representing the various commodity interests in Morrow county, which as the report indicates, are quite diversified.

Nearly all of the 457 rural farms, plus several hundred rural non-farm and town homes were estimated to have been reached, either directly or indirectly in some way with the extension program. Highlighting some of the year's activities were programs in the crops, livestock and soil conservation fields. Sponsored by the Morrow County Livestockgrowers association, six grazing-legume trails were established to demonstrate the potentialities of five varieties for dryland pasture. The varieties that were checked were: Nomad, Rhizoma, so called creeping alfalfa, and Sevelra, Ranger and Ladak. Each variety was planted separately in a fifth of a field with a grass to go with them. These were established on the Delbert Emert, Oscar Peterson, Bill Padberg, Kenneth Peck, W. E. Hughes, and Alex Lindsay ranches. They totaled 285 acres.

Grass-legume nurseries located in various communities in Morrow county were continued to compare and demonstrate their adaptability to various climatic and precipitation conditions. Three new ones were established at the Donald Peterson, Kenneth Peck and Roger Campbell ranches. Each include an average of 40 different grasses and legumes being compared.

With results of one fertilizer demonstration plot not being indicative of Morrow County conditions, nine were established in the fall of 1953 in each of the communities in Morrow County. They were established at the Kenneth Batty, Frank Parker,

Frank Anderson, Raymond Lundell, Lloyd Howton, Crum Brothers, Nelson Brothers, Glen Campbell, and Dee Cox ranches. The harvested plot in 1953 at the L. L. Howton ranch showed no increase in wheat yield from the application of the various amounts of Nitrogen, ranging from 16 to 101 pounds N.

Cereal nurseries were again planted at the Rietmann Brothers and Frank Anderson ranches. The two representing the different rainfall and soil conditions here. Elmar was the top yielding established variety at the Eightmile nursery, with a yield of 27 bushels, while Brevor was the top yielder at the North Ione nursery with a yield of 19.8 bushels per acre. Several new crosses looked especially good and the yield a little higher, however, they are not yet available for distribution.

Emphasis on the value of grass plantings for pasture and conservation purposes was given in part through the selection of Newt O'Harra, Lexington, as the "Grassman of the Year" and to Kenneth Peck, Lexington, as "Conservation Man of the Year". The first annual Pasture and Range Tour was held in May, this year, with much interest shown. Livestock producers recognized one of their fellow cattlemen, Steve Thompson, Heppner, as the "Cattlemen of the Year". One of the top qualifications of Mr. Thompson as Cattlemen of the Year was his leadership in the community.

Additional activities with livestock producers included the spring and fall grading of registered Hereford herds at the Frank Anderson and Herbert Ekstrom ranches. These two livestock men are grading and weighing all the calves and yearlings in an attempt to find the more efficient animals for replacement. Working with the Livestock Disease Control Committee of the county livestock association, the Brucellosis test program saw one of its best years in 1953. 10,901 animals were tested with only 1.37% reactors. The annual test conducted since 1949 has resulted in bringing down the percentage of reactors from 8.66% at the beginning of the program.

The agent, as secretary of several committees of the Morrow County Livestock Association, spent much time with these committees and the projects which they undertook. The Game Laws Range and Pasture Improvement, Theft Control, Insect Control, and Marketing Committees were very active. Surveys were made to determine possibilities of setting up grub control areas, while the livestock theft control committee got underway a program for discouraging theft and trespassing. The extension office handled seed certification for over 500 acres of Brevor and Rex M-1 wheat, as well as six acres of Topar pubescent wheatgrass in the county last year.

Morrow county's weed control program, initiated by the county three years ago, is gaining on the control of perennial noxious weeds. Farm people seem to be happy with the program that is being carried out, with 1,217 gallons of 2,4-D sprayed in 1953. Six thousand fifty miles were driven working roads and small farm custom work.

Anderson, in addition to his regular work, was asked to help with several other activities that took time, he said. He served as an ex-officio member of the County PMA Committee and he helped with its educational information program. He served as secretary of two soil conser-

### Bad Weather Begins to Let Up In Boardman Area

By Flossie Coats

BOARDMAN—At this writing the weather has moderated several degrees from the last report, with temperature going as high as 34 degrees. There is plenty of snow yet but slowly melting down.

School principal Ray Anderson returned home Sunday afternoon after three days spent in Eugene attending a O. A. S. S. P. meeting on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Anderson was accompanied as far as Gresham with his daughter Rena and Miss Shirley Weise, who vacationed in Gresham and Portland.

Boardman friends will be glad to learn Mrs. May Chaffee is spending the winter in Seattle, Wash., with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Flegel.

Walter Hayes spent the weekend in Spokane, Wash., where he went to attend the funeral services of his cousin, Mrs. Neva McHague, which was held Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hayes also visited his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Baldino.

Sgt. and Mrs. James Perkins and family left Saturday for Menlo Park, Calif., where they will spend a month. Sgt. Perkins will then be sent to an Alaska air base. He expects his family to join him later in Alaska. Sgt. Perkins' father, Mr. W. J. Perkins, who was spending some time with his son, returned to his home in Palo Alto, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hamilton had the misfortune to have their front screen door completely demolished and the door badly damaged Saturday when a neighbor boy lost control of the tractor which he was driving, running into the front part of the house. Mrs. Hamilton's right arm was injured but not seriously.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay and sons were in Heppner from Monday to Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fortner motored to Portland Sunday where they attended the Knapp Shoe Sales meeting which was held in the Bergs Chalet.

GIVE TO THE MARCH OF DIMES is the slogan. The local chairman, Mrs. Florence Root reports not many envelopes have been returned, which isn't too late yet. Let's help the crippled children.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fergets returned to their home in Salem on Wednesday after several days here at the home of Mrs. Fergets' cousin, Mrs. James Perkins.

House guest at the home of Mrs. Chas. Anderreg is her friend Mrs. Bessie Combs from North Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. Combs arrived Wednesday at the Anderreg home. The two ladies have been friends since young ladies.

Mrs. Paul Smith of Union is a houseguest at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe.

Miss Jean Scott received word from her co-worker Miss Zelma

variation districts, secretary of the Morrow Grazing Association, was a member of the Grange and Farm Bureau, and attended meetings as well. He was secretary of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association, as well as being secretary to thirteen other commodity organizations or committees.

Cowan, that her mother, Mrs. Cowan had passed away at Riverside, Calif., funeral services were held Saturday afternoon. Miss Cowan was called to Riverside a week ago to be at the bedside of her mother. She expects to return to Boardman about February 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gillespie and daughter, Billie, Prosser, Wash., were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen and children, The Dalles, Ore., were overnight guests Saturday at the home of Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Russell and two sons, The Dalles, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and family, Athena, Oregon were the weekend guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. Florence Root.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger and children Betty, Gerry and Carroll, Lexington called Saturday afternoon at the home of his father, Mr. Elmer Messenger.

Mrs. Vera Pruter received an announcement that Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Archer are the parents of a baby son, Robert Charles, born January 7th in Portland. The Archers are former Boardman residents and have two other children. This being the second son.

The local PMS members met Thursday afternoon at the Greenfield Grange hall for the annual sign up day. Mr. W. T. Forthman is the local chairman.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Williams (Viola Worden) in Baker, January 17th. This is the first son and second child for the Williams. The little man has been named Ronald Frank. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tex Williams, Wallowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden, of Boardman. The little fellow was also a birthday gift for his grandmother Worden, being also her birthday. Mrs. Worden is staying with the Williams for a time.

Jack Dakin, Union, returned to his home Monday after a week here at the home of his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Forthman.

The Boardman seventh and eighth graders with their coach Tom VanEtten, motored to Arlington Monday afternoon where the girls won over the Arlington volleyball team 22-15, and the Boardman boys lost the basketball game 30-6.

Mrs. Esther Knight received word of the marriage of her son, Cpl. Fred Knight at Gunter air base, Alabama, January 16, 4 p. m. to Miss Lorene Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Gray, Wetumpka, Ala. The wedding was performed in the Gunter air force base chapel.

A group of men from Boardman

### 4-H CLUB NEWS

THE MERRY COOKERS  
The Merry Cookers met at Jean Lovgren's home on Jan. 12. We

motored to Ione, Tuesday evening where they attended the Tax Equalization meeting. The Farmers, Grange and the PMA were all represented.

said our 4-H pledge and sang some songs. Jean Marie Graham showed us how to measure correctly. She also showed us the proper way to break an egg. Bernice Thomson and Laura Lee Sumner demonstrated how to make hot muffins. For refreshments we ate the hot muffins. Janet Thompson, reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Reeves will be in Salem next week to attend the Oregon Council of Churches Feb. 2 to 4.

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C. Do you realize that the gas and service stations (for a lot of them) pay every time that gas is pumped?

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