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VALEDICTORIAN—Adelia Ander-
son, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Ervin Anderson.



SALUTATORIAN—Ron Currin,
son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cur-
rin.

Our Face is Red—

The Gazette Times last week had a good story break just in time for us to get it covered properly, even to getting pictures of the two persons about whom the story concerned. It was important enough that we gave it a top position on the front page, and we thought it was a dandy story—that is until after all the papers were in the mail and the phone started ringing.

The story concerned the naming of the valedictorian and salutatorian for Heppner high school. We named them and went into considerable detail about their accomplishments during their four years of high school. Everything we said about Adelia Anderson and Ron Currin was right—that is, except for one thing. We got their awards just backwards, and we hereby apologize to them both. It is no little accomplishment to get good enough grades throughout four years of high school that her scholastic record was the best of all the seniors in school. Adelia has done just that, yet last week we gave her second place by mistake. Now we shall elevate her to her rightful and well-earned position—that of number one in her class and Valedictorian.

Because of our error we must also, this week grade Ron down one position and though that isn't as good as being Valedictorian, it is still a major scholastic achievement and he, too, deserves a lot of credit for the work he has done during his high school career.

Now that everyone has been publicly placed in their proper rank, maybe we can get up nerve enough to go up to the high school again. Just don't be too hard on us, kids. It must have been our gremlin.

Odds and Ends

We got another recruit last week for our "Don't-Cur-The-Mail Service" campaign when the Sutherlin Oregon Sun editorially asked its readers to make their feelings known concerning the post office department's apparent intention to eliminate Sunday mail service in Sutherlin and Oakland. The writer went into considerable detail to explain to the powers that be how they could reduce expenses without reducing service.

We also understand that the people of Elgin have taken up the battle to save their Sunday mail. We extend to both our best wishes for a successful fight and if either comes up with any new "angles" we hope they'll let us in on them.

Local school officials weren't any happier this week after they had taken a new count of the children who will be starting to first grade next fall—in fact they're just downright perplexed over what they are going to do with them all.

The school census taken last fall indicated there would be about 42 first graders when school starts next September. The new nose-count showed at least 55 which is a minimum of 2 and one-half first grade classes and preferably three. Add this to the present 62 first graders who will be in the second grade next year and you have enough children to fill either 5 and one-half or six class rooms—and, no classrooms.

Even with the utmost speed, a new grade school can't be built and ready for occupancy early enough to help out next year so it looks like the little ones will be saying, "keep the churches warm, we'll be back."

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

While Morrow county has few growers of certified seed, there are a few that are providing certified seed of the most popular varieties for local use. Those who are growing certified grain, as well as those who are purchas-

ing these certified seeds, might be interested in some changes that have been made in the seed certification standards for 1954. Since our county is mainly a small grains county, farmers will be interested to learn that less

variety mixture is to be permitted in the field in 1954. No rye, morning glory or quackgrass patches will be allowed. Less smut is permitted in the field. Wild oats will be included in the total field count along with other small grains. Changes also occur in the seed standards with less other crops allowed and less total weeds permitted. With these new changes, many of our certified seed growers will be eliminated unless more care is given to selecting a parent seed and the land on which the seed is grown

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for certification. On the other hand, those that are purchasing certified seed will be well protected.

Several new crop varieties have been approved for certification in 1954. They are Narragansett alfalfa, Vernal alfalfa, Pennscoff reg clover, Goar tall fescue, and Cody oats.

In a recent news bureau release from Oregon State College, we read that work done there shows that penicillin cures animals foot rot in less than a week with one penicillin injection given during the first two or three days of lameness. In tests on the college herd, average cases were cleared up in three to seven days, with 300,000 units of penicillin per hundred pounds of body weight. Recent experience here in Morrow county shows that the Bicillin type of penicillin has been very effective for foot rot. It is liked by many as it maintains a lasting effect for six days. We are sure that you will all read the particulars on the report from the college in their experience with foot rot which will be published in many daily and weekly newspapers this week.

Bids have been recently called for the Morrow County Weed Control Program for 1954. All major chemical manufacturers and retailers have been notified that the county is asking for bids for 900 gallons of ester 2,4-D, 300 gallons of amine 2,4-D, and 140 gallons low volatile ester 2,4-D, along with 10 gallons of spreader-sticker. This 2,4-D will be used in the weed control program on county and state highways and railroad right-of-ways, along with a small amount of custom work for farmers who wish to have spraying done on that basis.

Calvin Carson, who operated the county weed sprayer last year, will again be on the job. He is now operating a road maintainer for Morrow county. It is expected that the weed control program will get under way between April 15 and May 1.

1954 Outlook Circular No. 3, dealing with the spring crop outlook was put in the mail this week for all Morrow county farmers. The outlook circular pointed out several things, stressing that grains are piling up and that more of the same is ahead for wheat. A picture of the National wheat situation pointed out that the total supply is up 300,000 bushels from 1952, while the total use is down 200,000 bushels. The circular outlined market prospects, comparing 1954 with 1953. The economists predicted that prices should be up some for clover seed, tall fescue, mint, onions and potatoes; about the same for wheat, hay, and hops; down some on oats, corn, fine fescues, and dry beans; and down more on barley and dry peas. In case you do not receive your outlook circular in the mail, contact us at the office for a copy.

Recently announced were the winners of 4-H Club Scholarships awarded by the Safeway Stores on Livestock Breeding Projects. Twenty-five dollar 4-H Summer School Scholarships were given to 34 boys and girls throughout the state with livestock breeding projects. Mardine Baker, Ione, was winner for Morrow county. Mardine's scholarship came to her through her sheep breeding project that she has carried during the last five years, this being her sixth year in that project.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stefani are having their home in the country remodeled.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McCabe gave a birthday party in honor of their son, Alvin at their home March 19. Several of his high school friends attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Demmon gave a birthday party in honor of their son Larry's fifth birthday Saturday evening. Other present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schultz and Edison Morgan.

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