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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

As January 1 nears, more farm families are talking about the new amendment made to the Social Security law. The law passed in 1954 now brings Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance to most farm families. It takes effect January 1, 1955. Farm operators, those people farming for themselves, have not been covered by the Social Security law to now. After the first of the year practically all of them who make as much as \$400 profit in a year will come under Old Age and Survivors Insurance. Farm employees are all ready covered by the law if they work regularly for one farm operator. The law brings Old Age and Survivors Insurance protection to all farm workers who earn as much as \$10 cash pay in a year from any one farmer, whether the work is regular or not. A leaflet of facts for farm families on the 1954 amendments to the Social Security law can be obtained from Vernon Welo, District Manager, Post Office Box 927, Room 2, Observer Building, 171 1/2 Sixth Street, La Grande, Oregon. This is the district office for Morrow and adjoining counties.

For those who have been putting off the job or are new in the sheep business, tagging should be done two to six weeks before lambing time. This tagging or removal of manure or dung locks from the hind parts and udder region pays dividends. Newborn lambs are able to find the udder easier and quicker when the ewe has been tagged. By getting a stomach full of milk instead of a mouth full of wool, lambs get off to a better start. In some cases it may even mean the difference between saving a lamb or losing it.

Much interest is being shown in the feeder operations carried on by Delbert Emert of Ione. Hardly a day passes but someone visits the operations to observe the labor-saving methods that are used. Of much interest to most of these visitors is the grass-legume ensilage and to see how it turned out and watch it being taken out of the trench silo. Several farm operators who have thought seriously of building a trench silo for their first cutting of alfalfa are becoming convinced that this is the thing to do. We predicted a few years ago that with tons and tons of hay spoiled completely or partially by the rain by losing leaves and the high quality protein, that more and more farmers would come to the use of trench silos for storing their first crop of alfalfa. If interest in the Emert silo is any indication, there will be several made in 1955.

One of the ranchers who is convinced is John Krebs of Krebs Brothers near Cecil. They put up hundreds of tons of alfalfa hay every year and visiting recently at the office, John says that they have agreed that a trench silo is

the solution to their first crop hay making. They have gone so far as to plan the type of machinery they will use and select sites where trench silos will be dug. John agrees that silage feeding is as close to the phrase of "June in January" for livestock that can ever materialize. Ensilage is comparable to green grass in all ways.

Fair exhibitors in the popular C & H Sugar contest will be sorry to hear that the C & H Sugar Company are discontinuing their contest which offered several awards at many state and county fairs during the past years. The awards of 300 pounds of sugar, 100 pounds to each of three winners in special contests, have brought many exhibits to our county fair.

For those farmers who have wished from year to year that they had windbreak established around their farmstead, there is no better time than the present for getting this started. There are many many farmers in Morrow county that need windbreaks to make their farm and farm homes more comfortable working and living; providing better conditions for livestock, add value to the ranch, require less fuel to heat, have better garden, flower and fruit conditions, and as an aid in the control of soil blowing into the farm yard. There are many good examples of farm windbreaks about the county that are demonstrations that windbreaks can be successfully grown. They also demonstrate that they grow rather rapidly especially when given some encouragement through good clean tillage and a little water where it is available. The water is not needed, however, it does speed up the growth of many of our tree seedlings.

The county agent would be happy to help any rancher to lay out a windbreak around the farm if that help is needed. A bulletin "Trees Against the Wind" is available at the office, which gives suggestions and many examples of tree plantings for various conditions. Tree seedlings are available now from the Oregon State Forestry Nursery near Corvallis. Their cost is slightly over one cent per tree. Application blanks for ordering trees are available at this office.

Those who do any reading at all will have noticed the many articles and advertisements of late concerning Stilvestrol, a hormone that is being fed cattle and sheep to produce additional gains in the feed lot. Many of our livestock men have used this for several purposes during the last few years. Production of additional gains in fattening livestock is a new use. We have heard much of various hormones and antibiotics and their promise in livestock feeds. Stilvestrol is on that has proven itself and has been



Leaders and members of the Buttercreek Junction 4-H Livestock club, accompanied by some parents, held a very interesting and educational tour of their projects on December 27, according to N. C. Anderson, county extension agent. The tour, held in lieu of their December club meetings, was planned by the leaders and club members to visit each of the farm homes to see the projects carried by the club members. Leaders of the Buttercreek Junction livestock club are D. O. Nelson, Echo, and Carl Rhea, of Lexington. The club is starting on its third year as an organization in that community. It carries the whole hearted support of the entire community. First stop on the tour was at

approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use. Tests at Iowa State College last summer revealed that Stilvestrol fed cattle gained 37% faster on 20% less feed at one-sixth the cost of standard rations. The hormone fed steers gained an average 3.06 pounds per steer per day in the 112 day feeding period for a cost of 18.3 cents per pound of gain.

Because it is a powerful drug, Stilvestrol may not be mixed directly with cattle feeds but must be added to feed formulas in the scientific pre-mix under Food and Drug Administration regulations. Feed manufacturers can obtain permission to add Stilvestrol to their formulas by complying with regulations set up for its use. Further work carried on with this hormone revealed that rations containing proper levels of the hormone boosted daily gains by one-half to three-fourths pound per day on fattening cattle, giving total daily gains up to 3 1/2 pounds. Cost of gain was reduced from two to four cents per pound. Cattle were in better finish at market time than those on standard rations.

Of much interest to Morrow County livestockmen should be the recent announcement from Oregon State College, that a new phosphate type insecticide just discovered holds much promise for better control of cattle grubs. The new material has proved more effective than standard rotenone sprays against cattle grubs. A 100% kill with the phosphate sprays was found in preliminary trials. Experiments made found that one part of the chemical mixed with two hundred parts of water applied to the backs of brubby cattle, killed all the grubs 245 of them in less than a week. In a comparable test, rotenone sprays killed 84% of the grubs in the first week and 91% by the end of the second week. Livestockmen should continue to depend upon rotenone for grub control until more is learned of the toxic affect of the new sprays to cattle.



"Look what Santa brought me for Christmas, Daddy!"

the home of Patty and Mike Spike near Echo. There, club members visited Mike's new set of twin lambs, first to be reported by any of our 4-H club members active in the county. Club members, leaders and the county agent, assisted Patty Spike in selecting her feeder steer from the Spike herd. The county agent pointed out the points to look for in selecting a feeder steer and club members assisted in selecting the calf. The next stop was at the home of Alice, Judy, Douglas and David Terry where each of these club members have a steer on feed. At the Tucker-Echo Ranch, Jack Lieuallen's steer project was visited.

At the Glenn Campbell ranch, a gilt carried by Robert as a 4-H project, had prepared for the tour by presenting eight new pigs the night before. Robert is in the pig business in a big way with four brood sows to farrow soon along with a number of feeder pigs. Robert also carries a beef breeding project as does his brother Larry. Gene Campbell carries a sheep breeding project with two yearling ewes. At the William Doherty ranch the three steers on feed, carried as projects by Bernard and Billy, were doing well with one of the steers to go to

the Oregon Wheat Growers League sponsored fat stock show and sale at The Dalles in early June. Billy Doherty's gilt, caught in the pig scramble at the 1954 county fair, was found to be growing out well and soon ready to be bred. At the Carl Rhea farm, Sandra Rhea is feeding another steer, while Carlene is awaiting a calf from her purebred Hereford heifer, Cindy, who was grand champion heifer at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo in 1953 and 1954. Carlene also won top showmanship honors at the county fair. At the D. O. Nelson ranch, center of attraction were the three South-down Cross ewes which will lamb soon, carried by Phyllis Nelson as her 4-H project. This is her first year. Not to be outdone by members of the club, leader Delwin Nelson exhibited his recently purchased Shorthorn heifer of which he can be justly be proud. The tour ended with refreshments at the Nelson ranch home.

Those present on the tour were: Patty and Mike Spike, Judy, Alice, Douglas and David Terry, Jack Lieuallen, Larry, Robert and Eugene Campbell, Billy and Bernard Doherty, Carlene and Sandra Rhea, Phyllis Nelson and Bob McCarty, Bob McCarty and Keith Follett are new members added to the club during the past week. Bob will carry a pig project which he does not yet have, while Keith will carry a fat steer project with an Angus that he has recently purchased from the Bob Smith ranch near Irrigon. Others taking part in the tour were local leaders D. O. Nelson and Carl Rhea, Bob Spike and County Agent N. C. Anderson.

Monument News

Miss Phyllis Blank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Officer became the bride of Darrel Jones, Dec. 18 at Winnemucca, Nev. They were accompanied there by her parents. He is the son of Lee Jones of Monument. They will make their home in

Monument as he is employed at the Kinzua mill. Mrs. Florence Harper went to Heppner Dec. 26 to work at O'Donnell's cafe. Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Kingman are taking care of her son.

Ben Spain spent the holidays with his family in Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kincaid spent the weekend in John Day with their folks.

Tommy Haywood spent the holidays in John Day with relatives. Danny Jones is home from the navy for Christmas. He is stationed at San Diego, Calif.

College students home for the holidays are Donald Gilman, Charles Roach Jr., of La Grande; Jack Earhardt from Portland; and Patsy Forrest of Baker.

Joe Batty of the army is visiting his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gilman spent the weekend in Mt. Vernon with his folks. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Gilman.

Darrel Lear, bookkeeper at the Columbia Power Coop went to The Dalles for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Du Bosch of Pendleton spent the weekend with their folks. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Du Bosch.

Dale Whitaker went to Elba, Idaho for the holidays.

Fred McWillis, Elmer Matteson and Jack Caevener have been busy on the Harold Lippert house the last three days.

The M. M. M. club will meet at the home of Grace Stirritt home January 6.

The Ernie Johnson family drove to Portland to spend the weekend with their daughter Frances Noland.

The Lawrence Johnsons were here from Redmond for Christmas with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Emery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams and family went to Pasco for the weekend.

Work started Monday on the new home for the Archie Geinger family who burned out Dec. 16.

Darrell Howes, high school teacher, went to Bend to be with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippert and daughter of Ritter were over for Christmas dinner with their son and family, The Harold Lipperts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mantiss were gone over Christmas and Helen Brown took care of the post office alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gibson of Ukiah were dinner guests Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Delmer Settles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Settles had Christmas dinner with their son and family.

Ione News

The play "The Littlest Angel" was given at the annual school program Wednesday evening, Dec. 22 by the Ione grade school in the old gym. Other numbers on the program were Welcome by Marilee Leathers, songs and exercises by members of the grade school. Karen Lundell was the pianist. High school girls sang accompanied by Juhl Rietmann. It was directed by Donald Springer, superintendent. Ward made the announcements; Joe Hausler was chairman of the program and George Hurst had charge of decorations. All the grade teachers helped. After the program Santa came and gave treats to all in the well-packed gym. The P-TA sponsored the treats.

Mrs. Shirlee Smouse Baker of San Francisco has been spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Anne Smouse.

Lee Putman of Portland has been visiting the past week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson.

Philip Smith son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith is home for the holidays from Oregon State College. Miss Patsy Peregay, student at the University of Oregon School of Nursing, is also a guest at the Smith home.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Saturday, January 1

ROOGIE'S BUMP

Roogie's bump really put the Dodgers on the jump—a pleasant comedy with Campanella, Meyer, Erskine and other Brooklyn baseball players and Robert Marriot as a refreshing Roogie

RED RIVER SHORE

Rex Allen, Slim Pickens set their sunspots on the most notorious outlaws in Oklahoma Territory!

ONE DAY ONLY—SHOW STARTS AT 4 P. M.

Sunday-Monday, January 2-3

DESTROY

New—new—new! The classic story of the West in an all-new production with all the appeal of former honor-winners based on Max Brand's novel, "Destry Rides Again". No frontier legend is greater than the story of that day when Destry carried a gun! In Technicolor with Audie Murphy, Mari Blanchard, Lyle Bettger, Lori Nelson, Thomas Mitchell and Edgar Buchanan.

Sunday shows at 4, 6:20 and 8:40

Tuesday-Wednesday, January 4-5

CARNIVAL STORY

Anne Baxter, Steve Cochran, Lyle Bettger. High melodrama that pulls no punches—filmed entirely in Germany, in Technicolor, against the hurly-burly of a junket. Ing American carnival. It is NOT Big Top entertainment for the kiddies.

BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS