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The Great Experiment

This weekend will see the start of what might well be called "The Great Experiment" in controlling deer hunters when a big group of Wheeler county landowners start their "hunting by fee only" program. How it will work, only time will tell.

The biggest and best-publicized organization consists of numerous farmers and land-owners, including operators of the Hudspeth timber lands, who have banded together to control hunting on about 900,000 acres of land. They plan to limit the number of permits to be issued (at \$25 per season) so that each hunter who chooses to hunt on this land supposedly will have a better chance of getting his deer. The owners also plan to patrol their own areas rather than leave the job up to state police and game officials.

There are also other landowners in Wheeler county who are not members of the organization, but who plan to charge for the privilege of hunting on their lands. In some cases the fee is more moderate, but the idea is the same. As far as we know, no Morrow county farmers are planning to charge hunters, though a sizeable number of ranches will be closed to all hunting.

The game commission frowns on the whole idea, taking the stand that the game belongs to the general public and that proper education, such as the Red Hat program, is a better approach. Legally, however, it appears that if a farmer wants to charge to enter his premises, that is his right.

The farmers and land-owners have some arguments on their side too. There are few of them who have not had at least one cow, sheep or horse shot in recent years. Many of them have to spend many hours and dollars corralling cattle because some careless hunter didn't bother to close a gate, or rebuilding fences that were torn down in haste or anger. Several have been shot at right in their own barnyards and quite a little machinery ends the season with bullet holes in conspicuous places.

There is no doubt that there will be a goodly number of hunters who are going to be mighty unhappy when they get to their favorite hunting grounds only to find that they will have to pungle up \$25 for the privilege of stalking the brush for a little venison. Some are going to conclude that their hunting license and deer tag gives

them the right, though it never did, to trespass on private lands.

Morrow county ranchers are watching with interest the outcome of the Wheeler county experiment. Will it mean that additional numbers of hunters who normally work the Wheeler county lands are going to say "the heck with you guys" and come over here to join the hundreds of others who normally work this area? If so, then the local problem is going to be worse. It could mean that eventually our local ranchers will be forced to go a fee basis too, to protect themselves.

We don't claim to know the answer, but we'll bet that by the end of deer season the whole idea will have caused more discussion and dissension than anything that has happened around here in years.

ODD ENDS . . .

This week, October 1 to 8, is National Newspaper Week, and it is only natural that we have a particular interest in this observance. It means a lot to us, and to you, too, though seldom do either of us take the time to consider just how much.

So that we won't be accused of being partial and giving our own "Week" too much play or promotion, we are going to provide you with a calendar of all the "weeks" and "days" that are coming up during October—we're sure there are enough for everyone. Here they are:

National Letter Writing Week; National Donut Week; USA Cheese Festival; Restaurant month; Freedom of Speech Day; Fire Prevention Week; Sweetest Day (?); Science Youth Month; Better Living Week; National Macaroni Week; Pretzel Week; Wine Week (what, no beer?); United Nations Week; Civil Defense Week; National Flower Week; Better Living Week; Cranberry Time; Popcorn Week; Rice Harvest Festival; Navy Day; H-FI Month; Careers in Retailing Week; Pharmacy Week; Clean Oil Month; International Pizza Week; Apple Week; Honey Week; Loyalty Day Catholic Youth Week; Employ the Physically Handicapped Week; National Bible Week.

There they are . . . hope you don't get your donuts, macaroni, pretzels, popcorn, wine and clean oil tangled during October.

P. S.—Oh yes, we nearly forgot—National Newspaper Week, too!

"Chats With Your Home Agent"

By ESTHER KIRKIS

Last week was a week of "visiting" both in and out of the county.

On Monday, I met with the extension unit's county committee members at the ranch home of Mrs John Bergstrom, near Eight-

mile. The county committee is made up of one member from each home extension unit in Morrow county. This committee acts as an advisory board to the county extension agent in feeling out the needs and wants of the people in the county and trying to incorporate these needs into our yearly extension unit program.

Members of the committee include: Mrs Milton Biegel, Irrigation, chairman; Mrs Bryce Keene, Ione vice chairman; Mrs Jasper Myers, Pine City secretary-treasurer; Mrs Dewey West, Boardman; Mrs Jerry Brosnan, Lena; Mrs Al Fetsch, Heppner; Mrs John Bergstrom, Rhea Creek; and Mrs Millard Nolan, Lexington.

The day was spent in discussing the state extension projects to be carried out in the county. Mrs Biegel heads the "Citizenship Committee" which involves the study of Oregon. The "Know Your Oregon" project lesson to be held in January this unit year will inform the members of county and state history. This will be the units way of celebrating the Oregon Centennial.

Mrs Ruth Bergstrom is chairman of the A C W W (Associated County Women of the World) project. A C W W is an international organization which helps build friendship between country women all over the world by supporting its efforts to promote international understanding. Betty Jane Sedgewick, state extension agent from Corvallis,

has laid the groundwork for an exchange of project lessons between women of Morrow county and an extension unit in Hilo, Hawaii. Betty took her vacation in Hawaii this summer. Miss Sedgewick has supplied us with a list of homemakers from Hilo and Mrs Bergstrom hopes to interest unit members in the county to correspond with our neighbors across the water. We have plans to send them our "Oregon Wheat Products" lesson in exchange for one of their lessons on Hawaiian crafts. It will be a good exchange and will build international friendship.

Each one of our committee women brought a small craft to the meeting in preparation for the "Holiday Happiness" lesson to be given in November. Here is a list of the crafts that will be given at this project leader training meeting.

1. Making a felt purse, Mrs Milton Biegel; 2. Feather corsages, Mrs Jasper Myers; 3. Fruit can footstool, Mrs Bryce Keene; 4. A charm string, Mrs John Bergstrom; 5. A Christmas stocking, Mrs Dewey West; 6. A yarn Santa, Mrs Jerry Brosnan; 7. Picture plates, Mrs Al Fetsch; 8. Beeswax candles, Mrs Millard Nolan.

It looks like all of these items will make anyone's holiday happy.

Tuesday night I, along with some 200 parents, went to the Heppner P-TA meeting at the school where everyone welcomed the teachers with a unique "Ap-

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
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Bert Bleakman of Hardman now has the record of the largest buck killed this season entered in the Peoples Hardware company contest. His buck, hog dressed, weighed in at 240 pounds.

W B Barratt and daughter, Miss Willetta arrived at Heppner on Friday from their home in Portland.

Among those from Pendleton Saturday taking in the rodeo were the Misses Geraldine Tanson and Ella Pedro and John Kilkenny, prominent young attorney of the Umatilla county metropolis.

Open season on China pheasants and Hungarian partridges began in Morrow county yesterday.

Before a crowd of 4000 people H R Hayworth rode Steamboat to a finish for the bucking crown of the Heppner's seventh annual Rodeo.

The Eastern Star cheer club met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Lucas in Lexington.

County agent, Nels Anderson, and I went to Moro on Wednesday where we attended a district meeting of six counties in this area. 4-H material and procedure was discussed at this meeting under the direction of Cal Monroe, state 4-H club leader, of Corvallis. Items of interest from this meeting are new 4-H secretary's books that is being printed that will include about everything a club needs to know, (a club Bible), and new 4-H demonstration booklets and leader guides.

The 4-H club council met at the Bob Brindle home on Thursday night and reports were given on the results of the council's efforts at the Morrow County Fair. It will be of interest to all the hard working 4-H leaders and parents to know that a profit of \$269.76 was made on the 4-H dinner and \$165.00 was cleared on the "milk bar". This pro-

County Agent's News

By N. C. Anderson

A number of 4-H club members and ranchers have been asked about the availability of Tillamook Dairy Herd Improvement Association heifer calves, at this time of the year. It looks now as though we will be able to get some during early October. Those who are interested felt that this time of the year was a good time to get the dairy calves started before the winter weather set in. We have found that it is much cheaper to get a pick up load of 12 or 15 dairy calves than to have them shipped up individually. At the same time the calves come through much better when they are picked up after they have been fed in the morning and are delivered here in time for the evening feeding. Those who are interested in getting one or more of these helpers as a 4-H project or to raise as a family milk cow should leave their order at this office.

Several people have called at this office asking for further information on the light horse judging school which will be held at Corvallis on October 10 and 11th. Those who have indicated plans to attend the school are Mr and Mrs Homer Hager, Charles Daly and Ronald Currin, all of Heppner. Registration forms are available at this office with registration limited to the first 120 applicants.

Even though economists and livestock market forecasters have

fit will help the council to carry out its 4-H activities this coming year.

Plans and committees were chosen for the 4-H achievement party to be held Saturday, November 1, in the fair pavilion in Heppner as a fitting climax to the club year.

Marja Virkkala, our IFYE student from Finland, also attended this gathering and informed the 4-H leaders that she had enjoyed her stay in Morrow county with the E M Baker family of Ione, and would have many happy memories of our county. She left on September 30 for Hood River where she will stay for another 3 weeks and then to Lincoln county to complete her six months stay in the United States. I think that all who came in contact with Marja felt a little closer to Finland because of her visit here.

predicted a severe reduction in hog prices when spring farrowed hogs begin to arrive at market. Morrow county farmers remain optimistic as breeders and feeders. Newest hog feeders that we know of are McElligott Brothers, Ione and Tom Huston, Ione. Both are using feeder hogs to harvest shattered and burnt grain. McElligott's are running almost 500 feeder pigs in a field destroyed by fire this summer. Most of the burnt field contains undamaged grain heads which pigs evidently are picking up well and making satisfactory gains. The pigs are being fed about 3/4 pound of a high protein-mineral supplement as a part of the ration.

As the 1957-58 4-H club year draws to an end and the new club year begins a lot of activity has been taking place. New clubs are being organized and interest is being generated in new communities for increasing project and enrollments. Last Sunday plans were laid for the organization of a new 4-H saddle horse club in the Butter Creek community with Charles Daly to lead the club. This week reorganization of a saddle horse club in the Heppner community is being carried out. A number of 4-H beef club members are looking for top quality feeder steers to fatten. During the past week

Russell Dolven, Lexington has put on feed two shorthorns; Billy Doherty, one shorthorn; Jerry Anderson, two Herefords; Steve and Eric Anderson, each a Hereford steer; and Tom Martin, two steers — one a shorthorn, the other a Hereford.

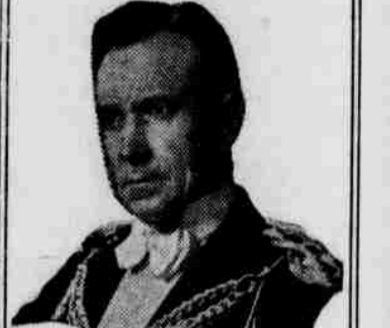
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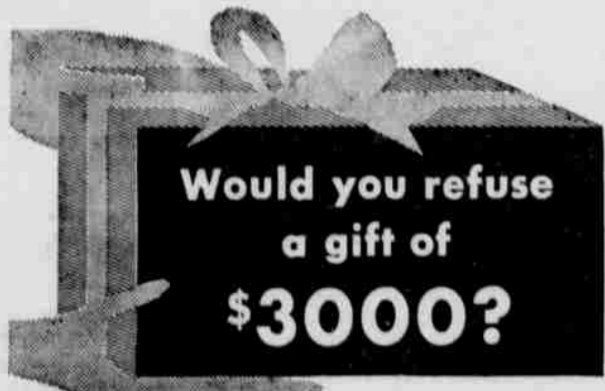
The Bravados

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Tues., Wed., Oct. 7, 8

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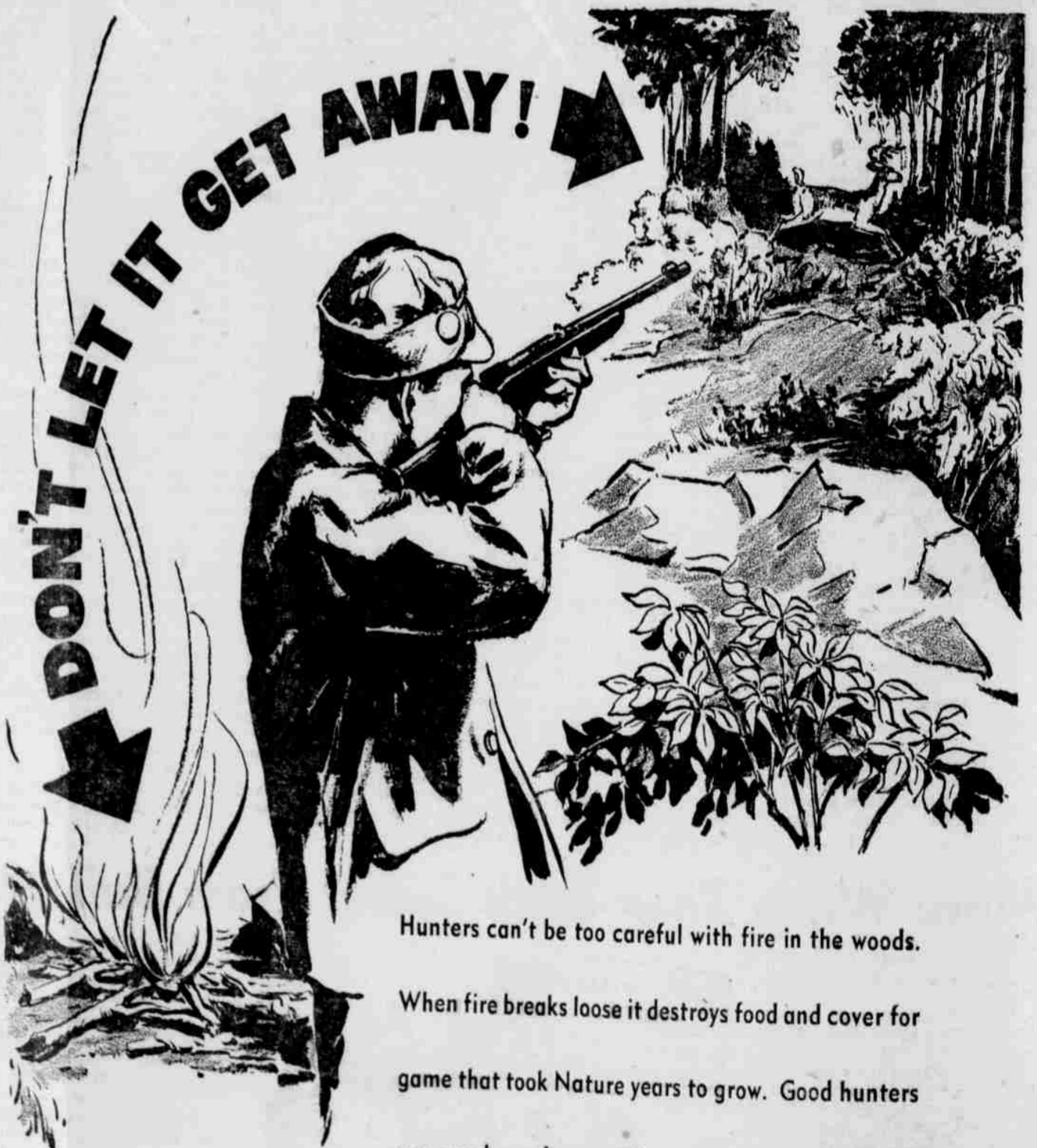
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