

## "Chats With Your Home Agent"

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Where were you when the lights went out last Monday night. . . Well, I was left in quite a predicament! I was to present my "lesson in color" to the Mothers club of Heppner at the home of Mrs Rod Murray. A part of my presentation was a filmstrip on "Color, the Key to Good Decorating" and a "work session" on color problems. Just about the time I got up to speak the lights went out and we laughingly chatted about this and that—waiting for them to come back on. After 10 minutes, we decided we were doomed to "candlelight" for the evening, so we proceeded as best we could. The "make-shift" of the whole presentation made it quite amusing—and here when I was trying to make an impression!

Tuesday evening I met with the new officers of the South Morrow county 4-H leaders council. We met at the home of Mrs N C Anderson, the president, and between Esther Anderson, vice president Carl Rhea and secretary-treasurer Mrs Louis Carlson; and myself, we mapped out

a schedule of monthly meetings and appointed committees. Committees appointed included:

Leaders banquet committee, Mrs Bernard Doherty, Heppner; Mrs Kenneth Batty, Heppner; Karen Lundell, Ione.

Ways and means committee, Alfred Nelson, Lexington; Mrs Carl Rhea, Echo; Roy Martin, Lexington.

Summer school scholarship committee, Marcel Jones, Heppner; Alfred Nelson, Lexington; Gene Pierce, Heppner; Orville Cutsforth, Lexington.

National and local awards and alumni committee, Mrs Walter Wright, Heppner; Miss Esther Kirmis, Heppner; D O Nelson, Lexington; Mrs E M Baker, Ione.

Summer school selection committee, Mrs Veda Brenner, Ione; Kenneth Peck, Lexington; Lloyd Morgan, Ione; Beth Van Scholack, Heppner.

National 4-H club week, Mrs Bernard Doherty, Heppner; Mrs Merritt Gray, Heppner; Frank Anderson, Heppner; Mrs Joe Hausler, Ione; Mrs Loren Leathers, Ione.

Fair building improvement, Mrs L A McCabe, Ione; Mrs Max Barclay, Heppner; Mrs George Luciana, Echo; Mrs Homer Hager, Heppner.

Record book committee, Carl

## lone News

Mr and Mrs John Stefani of Canby were also visitors at the Stefani home. He is doing the wood work in the Elks club in Heppner. Mr and Mrs Fred Stefani of Canby spent the weekend with the Stefanis.

Mr and Mrs Richard McElligott are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Cecella, born Nov 7, at the St Anthony hospital in Pendleton. Mrs Cecella McElligott and Mrs Teresa Beauchamp both of Portland are the grandparents. Mrs Cecella McElligott is staying at the McElligott home. She just returned from New York where she stayed at the home of another son and family, Mr and Mrs Jerry McElligott, who were the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born Oct 29.

Rev Emil Rawling, missionary from Southern Rhodesia, Africa, conducted services at the Baptist

Rhea, Echo; Betty Carlson, Ione; Eulenna Corley, Ione.

Recreation committee, Mrs William Rawlins, Ione; Mrs L A McCabe, Ione; Carl Rhea, Echo.

Permanent summer camp committee, Glen Campbell, Echo; Kenneth Palmer, Lexington; Bernard Doherty, Heppner; Don Greenup, Heppner.

Summer camp committee, Mrs N C Anderson, Heppner; Mrs Kenneth Palmer, Lexington; Esther Kirmis, Heppner; Mrs Douglas Drake, Heppner.

4-H Sunday committee, Mrs Raymond Lundell, Ione; Rev Lester Boulden, Heppner; Mrs Herman Green, Heppner; Mrs Roy Martin, Lexington.

As I have mentioned before, the energies of these 4-H leaders truly amaze me. I'm sure the success of our 4-H program is due to their loyal backing.

I spent all day Thursday in the Boardman and Irrigon area. I had lunch at the home of Mrs M E Hadwick, Irrigon 4-H leader, who is doing a wonderful job with her club, "The Happy Sewers". Mrs Hadwick is quite an unusual person. She has raised her family and now devotes her energies to leading a 4-H club for her granddaughter and her friends. There are ten girls in the club and they meet every week in Mrs Hadwick's large "family room" for their meetings. They had just completed a "community service" project while awaiting their new 4-H material. Each girl had stuffed a plastic toy they are going to present them to the Umatilla and Hermiston hospitals for their young patients. Mrs Hadwick's red-headed husband, who works at the Ordnance depot, quietly applauds her work with these youngsters and once in awhile takes a picture of the group to keep up his hobby of photography.

While in Irrigon, we visited Mrs Minnie Skiles, who is a new leader of the girls in advanced sewing. (Angela Gustafson's former club). We found Mr and Mrs Skiles busily pouring cement for a new back step for their lovely new home in Irrigon. The Skiles come from Wasco county. They are supposed to be retired, but I'm wondering?

In Boardman, Mrs Maurine Malone and I met with some young 4-H girls to reorganize their foods club. Mrs Malone has taken over the leadership of the "Mother's Helpers" club since Mrs Don David has departed. Eight girls enrolled: Diana Malone, Dewena West, Elberta Carpenter, Carina Malone, and Sandra McKenzie are enrolled in "Main Dish Meals" (third year foods) and Shirley Dixon, Katherine Palmer and Linda White-man are enrolled in "Mealtime Fun" (first year foods). Officers elected were: Diana Malone, president; Dewena West, vice-president; Carina Malone, secretary-treasurer; Sandra McKenzie, news reporter and Linda Whiteman, song leader.

These girls showed a lot of enthusiasm and I know they will have a good year. We are making plans to reorganize the Boardman clothing club on November 18. Mrs Mildred McQuaw is the leader.

## Beef Suggested As Basin Crop In OSC Booklet

Acreage controls have forced wheat farmers in the Columbia Basin wheat-fallow area to seek alternative crops for their ranches. Possibilities of turning to beef

as an alternative crop are examined in a new circular published by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station.

Rapid growth along the West Coast offers good market prospects for livestock products, the circular points out. The wheat-fallow area is particularly well located in relation to Portland, Seattle, and Spokane markets.

Feed grains, chiefly barley, are grown on nearly all of the wheat farms in the summer-fallow area, the circular reports. This makes it possible for farmers with rangeland in addition to their wheatland to make good use of a beef or other livestock enterprise.

Results of a study reported in the circular show that selection of a proper beef enterprise depends principally on amount of useable rangeland on the wheat farm and on available capital.

Farmers with limited capital may have to start slowly with a small cow-calf or cow-yearling enterprise, the circular recognizes. But when sufficient funds are available, a cow herd-feedlot combination was estimated to bring highest returns.

Where little rangeland is available, and only a small number of calves can be raised, purchased feeders will be needed along with home raised animals

## 4-H Club News

The Hoof and Horn club met at the house of Mr and Mrs Nels Anderson Sunday afternoon, November 9.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Douglas Anderson. The minutes were read by the secretary, Johnny Wagenblast and we answered roll call by naming a tour we would like to take. Then we had a film on parliamentary procedure.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Anderson. Judy Jones, reporter

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