

"Chats With Your Home Agent"

They say, "variety is the spice of life!" This is surely true of extension life. Wheat, Morrow county history, a supervisor's visit, and a 4-H training meeting: These comprised my week. I sat in on the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association meeting at the Lexington Grange hall on Monday, November 10. This county association I found is a part of the Oregon Wheat League (Wheat Commission) whose purpose is to promote the use of wheat. I think the League

is to be commended in its endeavor to conduct a campaign of research, education and publicity to dispose of their surplus wheat without government appropriation. The wheat commission of Oregon is financed by a tax of 1/2 cent per bushel on all wheat grown in the state of Oregon and sold through commercial channels. This makes quite an operating capital.

Miss Frances Barnick, home economist for the Oregon Wheat League, met with the wives of these wheat men. These women have formed a county unit known as the domestic wheat utilization committee. Nine other wheat growing counties in the Columbia basin have a similar organization. The following recommendations came the Morrow county group to be presented at the State Oregon Wheat League convention to be held in Portland the first week in December.

They recommended the continuance of the cake baking contest at county and state fairs. (Soft wheat flour is used, of course). This coming year they recommended a solid-shortening white cake for the contest. Also that the contest be open to mar-

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ried women only. (Mrs Douglas Drake, Heppner, was our county winner this year. She will compete with other county winners at the state Wheat League bake-off in December).

The women also recommended that a looseleaf recipe book of favorite wheat product recipes be compiled with the assistance of the Oregon Wheat League home economist.

A visit with Mrs Al Bunch, Heppner, on Tuesday proved very enjoyable. It is well known locally that Mrs Bunch is quite an artist. She has consented to do 12 4-H mobiles depicting the variety of the 4-H projects available. These, combined with the mobiles she did for our 4-H achievement party, will make a valuable addition to our 4-H promotional material. We intend to use them for the 4-H P-TA program in Heppner in January.

I found Betty Bunch has an avid interest in Morrow county history. Her grandfather, Dwight Misner, was one of the first homesteaders in the Ione vicinity. We discussed the extension unit's plans for gathering Morrow county history and for using this history as a basis for the Homemakers Festival in April. Betty showed me several relics given to her by her grandfather which included an oxen yoke and his swallow-tailed wedding suit. These will surely make wonderful additions to our homemakers festival.

Betty Sedgwick, state extension agent from Oregon State college, spent two days with me orientating me further in my work. While getting Betty settled at the Northwestern Motel in Heppner, we experienced unusual hospitality. Mrs Rufus Piper, the manager, gave us each a large piece of mince pie that she had just baked using some of the venison that her husband had shot. I wonder if all motel guests get this deluxe treatment?

Mrs Veda Brenner, Ione, hosted the second meeting on Friday of 4-H leaders in "Getting the Most of your Sewing Machine". We find these meetings very enjoyable and will be going to Mrs Betty Carlson's on November 21. The leaders will go to The Singer Shop at Pendleton on December 12 for the fourth meeting to receive instructions on the use of sewing machine attachments.

I was very impressed with Veda's new sewing room which was built for her by her husband, Casey. It contains her sewing machine, pressing equipment, an elevated cutting table, and plenty of cupboards. It's one of those rooms every homemaker dreams of having some day, but which few ever acquire. Veda does custom sewing with special emphasis on the making of drapes. Speaking of drapes, she showed me her new curtain rods called "Beauty rods" which take the pleating out of drapery making. A straight curtain hung on these rods achieves the appearance of beautifully pleated drapes. (Some inventor really used his marbles in this one). Mrs Brenner is so sold on these rods that she has taken the agency for them.

KEEP OREGON GREEN

Monument

By **MARTHA MATTESON**
At the general assembly of Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, held last week, Buck Flower, son of Mr and Mrs Leo Flower of Monument, was awarded the plaque for the outstanding performance in "Another Part of the Forest," a play by Lillian Hellman. It is classified as one of the hardest hitting family dramas of the modern theater. The play opened the season of the presentations to be given by Pasadena City College Theater Arts association this year.

Following each play, the best performance is decided upon and the winner's name is engraved on the plaque which becomes the personal property of the student whose name appears on it the greatest number of times during the year. Buck has been cast for a hillbilly character part in the comedy "Match Makers," the next presentation.

Mr and Mrs Walt Swartz of Eugene spent Veterans day at the Leo Flower ranch.

Joe Smith, who recently received his discharge from the Navy, is spending some time at the Leo Flower ranch.

Norris Stubblefield drove to John Day Sunday. He returned with his wife and young daughter who was born at the hospital. It is their third daughter.

Miss Wanda Gray and sister Mrs Delmer Settle of Fox were here Veterans day to visit the Bill Settles, Jessie Scott and the Mattesons.

Gerald Slocum and Maynard Hamilton drove to John Day Monday.

Mr and Mrs Vic DuBosch, Helen Brown, Mable Roach, and Dillie Leathers were all in John Day Thursday.

Donald Mac Innis drove to The Dalles for a few days on business.

Mr and Mrs Don Wicks and son Joe of Springfield, Gilbert Raymond of Eugene and his nephew Pat Donoho of Sutherlin checked in at the Matteson home Friday morning for Elk hunting. Mrs Wick and son stayed to visit in town while Elmer and Dale Matteson joined the rest for a hunting trip.

Others going to John Day Thursday on business were, Mr and Mrs Bud Engle, Mrs Lillian Hunt, Mrs Sam Scott and Mrs Elmer Matteson.

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Farmers Cautioned Against Planting 'New' Sorghum

Oregon farmers are cautioned against seeding a so-called "new forage grass" that has been ruled out of a dozen states as a noxious weed.

Now being promoted as Sorghum alnum—it is also called Sorghum grass, Columbus grass, or Sorgo negro—the grass has made slight inroads into Oregon, reports the Oregon State college farm crops department.

Sorghum alnum is actually not new in the United States but has been under test as a perennial sudangrass for at least 10 years with generally poor acceptance, according to Rex Warren, OSC farm crops specialist.

The coarse, creeper-type grass is similar to Johnsongrass and is a rank grower, reaching heights of 10 feet. Like Johnsongrass, it contains prussic acid poison. Most western states have legislated against it, and it has also been ruled out as a noxious weed in Kansas, Indiana, Missouri, Virginia, and Georgia.

D D Hill, OSC farm crops department head, says the few farm trials in Oregon this year were not good indicators of Sorghum alnum performances since it was favored by the early warm spring. It requires higher temperatures than corn for best growth.

Better forage grasses for Oregon are tall fescue orchardgrass, ryegrasses, and wheatgrasses, Hill states. He adds that field corn will double the yield of Sorghum alnum in Oregon as a summer silage.

Tests in other states show Sorghum alnum to be a normally slow-starter in the spring. This would shorten its useable forage season, Warren explains, since it would be hazardous to livestock in the fall when frost raises prussic acid content to poisonous levels.

These trials also make it doubtful that Sorghum alnum could consistently over-winter in eastern Oregon, and its creeper habit would make it a menace in western Oregon where it could apparently winter through.

IONE School News

A volleyball jamboree was held here Thursday evening of last week. Schools represented were Heppner, Lexington, Echo,

Stanfield, Athena and Ione. Tumbling acts were put on by Echo and Heppner and trampoline acts by Ione. Athena received first place in the volleyball games; Echo, 2nd and Heppner 3rd.

A basketball jamboree will be held in Umatilla, Dec 3 at 7 p m. The first practice basketball game will be at Fossil Dec 5.

Thanksgiving vacation Nov 27 until Dec 1.

Ione News

Walter Bergstrom of Isleton, Calif spent last week with his parents, Mr and Mrs Carl Berg-

strom and other relatives. He made the trip by plane. After his return to California he will be employed in Oakland.

Mr and Mrs E W Bristow returned home last week from a two weeks visit with their son, Jerry Bristow at Brookings.

Mrs Walter Dobyns left Thursday of last week for Eugene to visit at the home of her daughter and family, Mr and Mrs Tad Hardesty.

Mrs Lee Palmer entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday, Nov 9 in honor of Mr Palmer. Others present were, Mr and Mrs Lincoln Nash, Lyle Jensen, and Mr and Mrs Elmer Palmer of Heppner and Mr and Mrs Marion Palmer.

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