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From The County Agent's Office

By NELS ANDERSON

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Annually about this time of the year we receive inquiries at the office concerning methods of preventing damage from rabbits to newly planted shelter belts and fruit plantings. If you are having such trouble you might be interested in recommendations for rabbit control through repellents recommended by agricultural research service specialists. These repellents can be easily made at home. The repellents are low in cost and the ARS specialists report good results with repellent treated carrots. Recipes for the new repellents are: 1. add one gallon asphalt water emulsion and 1 pound household detergent to 1 1/2 gallons of water. Mix until smooth. Add one quart Black leaf Forty and mix thoroughly. This gives three gallons of repellent for about \$7.00. For spraying, add an extra gallon of water and a

plint of Black Leaf Forty. 2. Add two gallons of water and 1 gallon of asphalt water emulsion. Stir in 4 pounds Arasan SF 1 X and mix thoroughly. This gives roughly 3 1/2 gallons of repellent for a little over \$6.00. This formula does not make an effective spray. 3. To one gallon of asphalt water emulsion, add one gallon water and stir in 2 pounds of Arasan SF-X or Tersan 75 and mix thoroughly. This yields about 2 1/2 gallons of paint repellent for about \$3.00. To make a spray, add one gallon water and 1 pound of Arasan, SF-X or Tersan 75.

One of these repellents mixtures should be effective for your rabbit control program, however, we do not have any Oregon trials on effectiveness.

Plans were recently made for an appearance for the Union Pacific agricultural improvement

car stop in Heppner on January 23. The program this year will be centered around soil conservation with an interesting program being arranged. A number of authorities on soil conservation in Morrow county and Oregon will participate in the program. Among them will be E R Jackman, Oregon State college farm crop specialist. The program, in light of the importance of soil conservation will get much advertisement but we suggest that you mark the date of January 23, on your calendar so that you will not schedule something else for this important day.

The dates for the annual 4-H summer school were recently announced by the state 4-H club office. The dates this year are June 20 through 27. Summer school delegates will travel to and from Corvallis on Saturdays leaving them a full week for activities on the Oregon State college campus. A committee of 4-H club leaders and parents including Mrs Veda Brenner, and Lloyd Morgan, Ione; Kenneth Peck, Lexington and Mrs Andy Van Schoiack, Heppner will begin making selections of the Morrow County 4-H delegation shortly after the first of the year. Summer school delegates are selected from among our 4-H members who are at least 13 years of age on January 1, have completed at least two years of 4-H club work and have successfully completed all projects enrolled in the year before. Over-all participation in 4-H club activities and extra-curricular activities are considered in making the selections.

In last week's column, we commented on the stockman's short course held at Washington State College the week of December 8. One of the interesting discussions was concerned with abortions in cattle from causes other than contagious diseases. The discussion was led by Dr Charles Andrist, a veterinarian from Chewelah, Washington. This was interesting to me since a number of abortions have occurred each year in cattle in our county that have been tested and found free of Brucellosis and Lepto-spirosis, the two common contagious diseases causing abortions. Reporting on a case of heavy abortions, Dr Andrist found these to be caused from cattle eating pine needles which have been known for many years to cause such a situation. The question, however, is why cattle should eat needles as everyone has agreed that pine needles don't taste good. Since cattle do not eat them in the summer, speculation was that the cattle were looking for something green. It was found that the cattle's feed was deficient in carotene, the raw material from which vitamin A is made by the animal. When a vitamin A supplement was provided to tide the cows over the lag period, when the vitamin A level was at its lowest, troubles ceased. Calves born were stronger, gained bet-

THIRTY YEARS AGO Monument

From the files of the Gazette-Times
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At their home on Willow creek below Heppner, Friday evening, Mr and Mrs Arthur Parker entertained a large number of their neighbors and friends at a 500 party, and the occasion was very enjoyable.

On Monday, December 31, there will be a road show demonstration of Melophone, one of the new systems of talking-movies, with Patsy Ruth Miller in "Beautiful But Dumb" coming to the Star Theater on that date.

Mr and Mrs J O Turner and son, Don arrived Saturday from their home in Salem and are spending the holiday season with folks here visiting the Turners and Crawfords.

David Hynd was in town Saturday from the Hynd Bros Rose Lawn ranch in Sand Hollow.

W P Mahoney, C L Sweek and John Kelly were in Condon on Saturday.

ter and had less scours. Vitamin A, is the disease resistant vitamin, without it inflammations and irritations in the intestines, lungs, uterus and udder result which can upset a pregnancy. One of the good sources of vitamin A is good alfalfa hay. If the hay is good it can provide all of the Vitamin A necessary, however, if haying time was wet and rainy; if the hay was cut at over half bloom; or, if the storage time has reached about six months, then a probable deficiency is almost inevitable. If the deficiency is not met a condition is set up for abortions, retained placentas and explosive infections of the reproductive tract that can end in the death of the cow. The best prevention is to see that our hay is as nearly first grade as possible. Feed, the second cutting later in the year, say around the middle of December on, using the first cutting for earlier fall feeding. Late pastures cannot be relied on for good nutrition. If there is any doubt about the vitamin A requirements being met, a good vitamin A additive with iodized salt and bone meal can be fed beginning at this time of the year and continuing until grass is good. This, in the opinion of Dr Andrist, is a practical program, and will pay dividends in better, stronger calves and a better breeding rate as well as controlling spontaneous abortions.

We reported last week that Bill Weatherford, Heppner rancher had attended the short course. Bill evidently was convinced by Dr Andrist that this practice was a good one as he started last week feeding a Vitamin A additive with salt to prevent any such conditions in his cows and to get his calves started out right.

At this time of the year there are a number of questions come to the office about flower bulb storage. For those who might be interested Gladiolus are lifted when the tops start to lie down. The tops are cut back close to the corm and the corms are dried in a warm dry place with plenty of ventilation. When dry remove old corm, and soil and store in slatted trays with plenty of ventilation in a moderately cool dry storage. It is well to dust corms with DDT as you store them.

Dahlias can be lifted any time after the fall rains start or light

By MARTHA MATTESON
The Monument teachers, custodians and cooks of Monument schools enjoyed a dinner and an evening of cards last Tuesday at the ranch home of Mr and Mrs Bill Mart. There was a gift exchange and a special birthday cake for Robert Gertson. Those present were, Mr and Mrs Mead Gilman, Mr and Mrs Ed Rounds, Mr and Mrs Boyd Hinton, John Akers, Mr and Mrs Robert Gertson, Richard Drees, Mrs Ruby Glenger, Delvin Van Detta, Mr and Mrs Charles Van Detta, Mrs Fordyce Hills, the host and hostess, Mrs Clara Flowers and David C Stewart were unable to attend.

The Monument school presented their Christmas play Thursday evening in the gym. It was "Nativity" acted out by the children with readings from the Bible and music by the band. Director John Akers, music teacher, accompanist, Mrs Harold Cork, 27 pieces of music were sang and played. The scenery of the Nativity was painted by Henry Cupper, Jr; coordinator, Richard Drees; properties, Meade Gilman; lights, B Leathers. After the play Santa Claus had bags of candy and nuts for the grade school and little children.

The M M M club held their Christmas meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Ellen Stubblefield. There was a big feast at 1:00 p m and the business meeting in the afternoon, followed by exchange of Christmas gifts. There were 15 present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Helen Brown

frost occur. Cut the tops back to within two or three inches of the tubers and allow the clumps to dry enough so excess oil can be removed. These clumps of tubers can then be stored in a cool, well ventilated storage in containers of dry peat, sawdust or sand to prevent desiccation, until growth starts in the spring.

The county agent's office would like to extend a wish to all of our readers for a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Dec 25, 26, 27
The Law and Jake Wade

Richard Widmark, Robert Taylor, Patricia Owens.
PLUS

The Hunters

Robert Mitchum, Robert Wagner and many more. Thursday show starts at 5 p. m., Friday and Saturday at 7 p. m.

Sunday, Monday, Dec. 28, 29

Onionhead

Andy Griffith, Felicia Farr, Walter Matthau. Sunday at 4, 6:05, 8:10.

Tues., Wed., Dec. 30, 31

The Badlanders

Alan Ladd, Ernest Borgnine, Katy Jurado.

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A FINE OLD SONG



BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

GONTY'S IN HEPPNER



A JOLLY HELLO and a MERRY CHRISTMAS

GILLIAM & BISBEE HARDWARE
Claud & Margaret Buschke

Just an old-fashioned greeting
That's coming your way



HOWELL'S UNION SERVICE

We Will Be Closed Christmas Day



Merry CHRISTMAS

It is good to have served you,
and we are grateful, not only from the standpoint of the good business we've enjoyed, but from the knowledge that our greatest asset is our many friends we are privileged to serve.
Merry Christmas wishes.

FROM THE STAFF OF
HEPPNER BRANCH

BANK OF Eastern Oregon

Your friendly home-owned bank
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