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From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

This week our office received copies of the program for the 10th annual stockmen's short course to be held on the campus of Washington State University at Pullman the week of December 6 through 11. In looking through the program we find the same high caliber program that has been offered during the past several years. It will cover all phases of feeding, care and management, disease, marketing, in fact most anything that you may think of. A copy of the program and enrollment blank can be picked up here if you are interested in attending.

Bill Barratt, Heppner, attended the sheep and wool days held last weekend at Oregon State College. Bill was especially interested in the lamb feeding studies, the tour of experimental lamb feeding pens as well as other phases of lamb production and marketing. In making comparisons of his own feeding operations he was quite well pleased to find that his experience and results of feeding pellets to lambs compared very favorably with the experimental work. His daily gain has been running at 1/2 pound per day with the college gain only a fraction different. He has found that his feed conversion averages about 8 to 1, while the college results showed a 7.8 to 1. Bill has this fall improved his lamb feeding facilities at his feed yards on Hinton Creek. His pellet mill installation has been slowed down on production due to repairs being held up because of the steel strike, however, when it gets under way he will have one of the finest setups in the entire country.

Remarks made by Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, at their annual meeting Monday night concerning the cranberry situation and how this same condition might affect other crops was wisely spoken. The affect of the Federal Drug Administration action in disposing of cranberries from bogs sprayed by the weed killer, Amino Triazole might easily be applied to other commodities. Al mentioned specifically the mixing of treated seed wheat with other grain sold for human consumption. A few bushels of this mixed grain might cause a hardship on many people or the entire grain industry. Action is being taken by FDA on such things as milk from cows which had been treated for mastitis with penicillin. Unless farmers and ranchers heed directions and recognize regulations the popularity of their commodity might be destroyed for some time. We are sure that the national cranberry association that has done such a good job of building up a sales promotion program for marketing a surplus cranberry crop will feel the affects. Other farm product markets could also disappear overnight.

While Morrow county does not have many commercial poultrymen some of our other commodity producers who are feeling the price-cost squeeze might well have sympathized with the poultryman at their 20th annual poultry outlook meeting which was held early this month. It was interesting to me to read some remarks made by Dr G B Wood, head of the agricultural economics department at Oregon State College. One was that on the average since 1953 there has been one hatchery go out of business every day in the United States. He predicted this trend would continue at least for a few years. Another of his statements, I am sure the wheat grower, the livestock man, the hay producer and others realize is that we are faced with the ironical situation of non-agriculture industries going through the greatest period of prosperity that this nation has ever seen and at the same time agriculture is going through a depression with low prices and low farm income. The difficulty was blamed to agriculture continuing to produce faster than the market will stand at profitable prices. He further anticipated that the prices of poultry products would continue at this low level for some time and that producers that cannot be highly efficient will be squeezed out. This, of course, seems to be the trend in all phases of agriculture this day and illustrates the need for a close examination of your business to see where cost can be cut and efficiently increased.

Alfalfa hay prices took another jump again last week. Trading was moderately light but prices moved still higher. Colder weather increased interest among buyers but growers were reluctant to sell. Prices on good and top quality hay were \$1.00 a ton higher.

In the Hermiston, Echo, and Stanfield districts, supplies were limited. Good top quality barn stored alfalfa was quoted at \$32.00 a ton at the ranch. At Madras, good quality alfalfa sold from \$30 to \$34. Oat hay for \$30 a ton f o b the ranch.

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Man! this weather reminds me of North Dakota! The close to zero weather, sharp winds, ice and snow remind me that I'm not as far "south" as I thought I was. One thing, it's all short lived—so I'll grin and bear it! The cold weather cancelled out our visit to the state hospital at Pendleton on Monday. The extension county committee, Velma Glass, public health nurse; and I had planned to visit the state hospital as background for the January unit lesson on "The Family and Mental Health."

The women felt we should wait until a more seasonable day when we would all enjoy going to Pendleton. We'll try to reschedule the visit sometime after

the first of the year.

CBS—television is presenting the first daytime public affairs series in the history of television, entitled "WOMAN!" It is a group of hour long special broadcasts dealing with subjects of vital interest to women. Each presents leading experts in the field, but relates the theory to the practice with on-the-scene reports from real people whose lives have been touched by the subject under discussion.

The latest in this series, was televised on November 9 (KOIN-TV, Channel 6, Portland) entitled "The Marriage that Failed." Margaret Truman Daniel was hostess of this hour long presentation which focused attention not on those marriages which end in divorce, but on the greater number of marital failures that are simply endured.

Two cities were visited—Detroit and Toledo—where marriage mending programs are among the most advanced in the country. Actual examples were given of how these counseling services helped married couples in trouble and how successful broken marriages can be when they're put back together.

On December 16 another of these "Women" series will be presented over CBS entitled "You Can't Raise them by the Book." (Watch for the scheduling on this on your local TV station).

The fourth show of the series probes the many theories of child rearing prevalent today and examines the problems of raising children in the face of conflicting advice from the experts. You'll hear the experts themselves tell you when you should throw the book away. You'll listen to parents give, in their own words, their frank opinions and experiences with their children.

Although "Woman" is directed uniquely at women, no man or child is untouched by her persuasive influence.

It's a program well worth everyone's viewing—mark December 16 on your calendar.

I visited over in Boardman two days last week, in behalf of the 4-H program. I called upon Mrs E C Daniels to go over the 4-H foods program with her. Mrs Daniels is interested in leading a first and second year foods club for young Boardman girls. She has a young daughter ready to start club work, as so often is the case, mother will lead a club so daughter can be in 4-H club work.

Mrs Daniels has volunteered her large home for our 4-H foods leader training meeting, which we have scheduled for December 2. I hope to take Mrs Herb Case, Mrs Douglas Drake, and Mrs E M Baker; 4-H foods leaders from the south end of the county, with me to Boardman so that we can reach all the foods leaders with one meeting. Mrs Ward Honey and Mrs Perry Pummel, prospective 4-H foods leaders from Irrigon, will also be invited to take part.

I have recently attended a 4-H foods training workshop under the direction of Ruth Klippstein, OSC nutrition specialist, and would like to pass on this information.

Joe Hay, county extension agent, and I attended the Boardman Grange "Booster" night on November 14. The grange hon-

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
November 21, 1929

At least five Morrow county men are in Portland today to hear what the two members of the Federal Farm Board, have to say about agricultural relief. R A Thompson of Heppner went to Portland the first of the week, while Chas Smith, county agent, Chas Jones and Chas Swindig of Heppner, and Roy Campbell of Lexington left yesterday evening.

Mr and Mrs John Krebs and Mr and Mrs Henry Krebs of Cecil were in the city Monday.

The oil burner which was recently installed in the lobby of the Ione hotel was the cause of a fire there Saturday morning.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Lundell, Mrs E J Bristow and Mrs J E Swanson, of Ione attended the Umatilla district convention of the Rebekah lodge held in Echo.

James M Burgess today made public announcement of his resignation as superintendent of the Heppner schools to accept the position of assistant state school superintendent.

ored the 4-H boys and girls in their community with a potluck supper. We presented pins and awards during the evening program. It was an enjoyable evening and we hope the grange will make this 4-H recognition a part of their yearly program.

We're in the red coat business: One was left at the Achievement party on Saturday in Heppner. (November 7). A 4-H girl brought up another red coat which she took by mistake. Anybody want a coat??

Ione News

Mrs Etta Huston left last week for Dallas where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs Tracy Staats.

Private Ralph Piper, of the armed forces, is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. He is the son of Mrs Frances Piper.

The Ione Cardinals lost their final game to Sisters at Sisters Saturday 40 to 0. The people of Ione turned out very well at the game.

Mr and Mrs George Stender and daughter of Salem spent the weekend here. He is the grandson of Mrs Hattie Crabtree.

Mr and Mrs Richard Rea and daughter of Milwaukie were visitors here over the weekend.

Mr and Mrs Robert Rietmann and sons spent the weekend in Baker.

Gary Stephenson of Prineville spent the weekend here. He was a former music instructor here and now is an instructor in Prineville.

Joan and Susan Healy of Butter Creek are visiting at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Ted Palmater.

Mrs Mattie Morgan and grandson, Stanley Sanders, left for their home in Portland Saturday after visiting at the home of her children, Mr and Mrs John Eubanks and Mr and Mrs Lloyd Morgan.

Mr and Mrs Henry Rauch and children have moved to the A E Stefani ranch near Morgan.

Mrs Walter Roberts is a patient in the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mrs Omar Rietmann returned home last week from the Pioneer Memorial hospital where she was a patient.

Dates To Remember:
Nov 20—H E C of Willows grange at the home of Mrs Berl Akers with a dinner at noon.
Nov 21—Willows grange meeting at 8 P M.
Nov 24—A school of instruction of the Eastern Star. At 8 P M. A dinner at Stefani's Fine Food will held before the meeting.



SPOON LICKERS CLUB

Our third meeting was at Diane Warren's house where we had a mothers' tea. We served refreshments first and then had a program telling of our 4-H work.

Kathy Ray presided; Jean Stockard gave interesting comments about cooking I, Meal Time Fun; Darlene Anderson, interesting things about cooking II, Easy Meals; a demonstration on measuring by Susan Drake and Patti Collins; 4-H camp by Diane Warren; a game by Cheryl McGhee. Mrs Drake told about this year's work, main dish meals.
Mrs Stockard and Joan, Mrs O'Hara, Mrs R K Drake and Mrs Warren were invited guests. All seven members were present.
Patti Collins, reporter

KNITWITS

The Knitwits 4-H club met October 20 at the home of Mrs Robert Jones.

Members present were Trisha Farley, Gail Batty, Sheridan Wyman, Connie Anderson, Judy Smith, Lynn Burkenbine, Tanna Valentine, Kim Valentine, Linda Valentine, Carolyn Slocum, Jean Siewart, Vicki Barratt, Brenda Young and Christine Prussing. Mrs Jim Valentine was a guest at the meeting.

We knitted squares for the Afghan for the hospital.
Christine Prussing, reporter

SASSY SO AND SEWS

The Sassy So and Sews met Nov 14 at the home of Mrs R H Davidson, our leader. We reorganized and elected officers: Nancy Doherty, president; Barbara Faircloth, vice president; Joyce Peck, secretary; Jan Frink, song leader and Beverly Davidson, news reporter. Miss Esther Kirmis, county extension agent from Heppner, helped us to reorganize.

Members attending were Jeanette Ledbetter, Joyce Peck, Maurleen and Nancy Doherty, Theresa and Christy Munkers, Valda Irvin, Brenda Steagall, Jan Frink, Lovella Roark, Leora Van Winkle, Phyllis Thornburg and Barbara Faircloth. Two members who were not present were Linda Thornburg and Beverly Davidson.

Our next official meeting will be at Mrs Davidson's Nov 23 at 2 p m.
Beverly Davidson, reporter

LEXINGTON NEWS

Guests of Mr and Mrs Walter Smith on Sunday were Mr and Mrs Marion Welman and Mr and Mrs Joe ODonoghue of Yakima, Wash. Mrs Welman is the mother of Mr Smith.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Real "Meaty" Subject

Today I've got a tale that really hits close to home—but it's okay, I've got the wife's permission to tell it.

My Mrs. Marsh has been cooking hams—deliciously, I might add—for years. But always, just before she pops 'em into the oven, she slices an inch off one end. Reason: she said her mother always did that to make ham tastier.

Last week, though, Grandma gave the real reason. Sure, she used to slice an inch from a ham but only when her roasting pan was an inch too short.

From where I sit, all of us do things that can't be backed up by reason or fact. Most time they're pretty silly things—particularly the petty prejudices we build. For instance, some folks may resent your preference for buttermilk at dinner, or mine for a glass of beer. If they'd stop to think "why"—they'd realize they were taking a "slice" off our friendship and for no good reason at all.

Joe Marsh