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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

The past week was a "Bully" week. On Tuesday evening the Executive Committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association made plans for their annual bull day which will be held this year on January 13. It will be a part of the annual meeting as in the past. A letter with a survey card was sent to all beef producers last week asking them to list the bulls which

they will have to bring to the bull day. A few cards are being returned and from the indication there will be enough bulls to hold a successful trading and auction day as in the past. Some interest was shown by the Executive Committee in holding a consignment auction sale of young bulls a year from now. A visit was made to the Don Robinson ranch on Tuesday of last week. While there we saw one of the best groups of bull calves, yearlings and two-year olds to be found in the Northwest. Don was preparing two bulls and two heifers to go to the Oregon Polled Hereford Association Sale held Saturday at

the P. I. Building in Portland. While this was mainly a heifer sale a few bulls were being offered. By the way, forty head of heifers, twelve of which were young calves, sold for an average of \$377.

One of the outstanding characteristics of the bulls found on Don's ranch is a long hip which gives these Polled Herefords an extremely good rear end with a lot of scale. This being transmitted from his Gold Colonel herd sire.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, Dean Frischknecht, Extension Animal Husbandman, Oregon State College, and I worked with Herb Ekstrom and Frank Anderson in weighing, grading and completion of Production Registry International forms. Herb and Frank are members of this International Association and while this is their first year to participate in the program, a high percentage of 1960 calves met the rigid weight specifications for certification. Heifer calves must weigh 425 pounds, bull calves 475 pounds at 205 days of age, off pasture. Additional requirements are necessary for those that have been creep fed, raised on a nurse cow or otherwise given special care.

While visiting with Herb Ekstrom this week we found that he had the champion bull and both champion and reserve champion heifers at the recently held Mid-Co Show and Sale at The Dalles. We found too that he is leaving for the National Western Livestock Show in Denver on January 6 with the outstanding bull and two heifers which were high in their classes at the Golden Spike Livestock Show at Ogden last month. These junior yearlings are seeing a lot of country as they have been to the county fair, state fair, Pacific International, Golden Spike and now to Denver.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you!

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRKIS

Dear Morrow County People, Warmest season's greetings to you and yours as you celebrate Christmas, 1960.

I'd like to take this way in expressing my Christmas greetings to you all. I'm beginning to feel like a citizen of the west now that I've been here for 2½ years. Oregon, as well as Morrow county, is a "land of contrasts." That, to me, makes it most fascinating.

As Morrow county's Extension Agent, I work with the 4-H clubs and the adult women of the county. I find this very interesting work, but it takes all my vim and vigor.

We moved into lovely new office quarters this summer. I even have a wood paneled office! My state car is a 1960 Falcon Station Wagon so I go scooting around the county very economically.

As I look back over the year a few high points stand out.

A visit to the East Oregon State Hospital, Pendleton, as a result of our Unit's mental health study; the organizing of a 4-H leaders council in North

Morrow; Dressmaking I workshops which reached over 75 women; visits from International Farm Youth exchanges Myra McBride, Lebanon, Oregon; and Rhoda Campbell, Scotland; the Homemaker Festival "Homemakers around the World," which featured Mrs. Edna Duncan, delegate to the ACWW triennial in Scotland; a cattle drive with the Walter Wright family in June; news stories of Mrs. L. A. McCabe (15-year 4-H Leader) and the Desert Archers (4-H Archery Club of Irigon) that hit the big newspapers; the success of our 4-H promotion filmstrip, "The Morrows of Morrow County"; the fun of 4-H camp in the Blue Mountains; and the Morrow County Fairs in Heppner and Boardman.

God's blessing to you and may you have a blessed New Year.



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