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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

4-H club calendars made available annually by Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc. for the past several years are being distributed this week to 4-H members throughout Morrow county. They are filled with interesting pictures and explanation of 4-H club work. Members can keep a record of their club meeting dates and a schedule of important activities for the club year. Each photo picture for the twelve months portrays an important phase of the many 4-H activities and a suitable explanation of each. I am sure that the 4-H boys and girls and their leaders join with the county agents in thanking the Morrow County Grain Growers for these calendars.

A number of beef cattlemen should be interested in a meeting which is scheduled to be held in Redmond on Saturday, January 21. This meeting is one of the Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement Association organized almost two years ago. A feature of this meeting will be an ex-

planation of the Performance Registry International. Farrington Carpenter, president of this national organization will be the speaker. Everyone, whether they are members or not, are invited to be present. Primary function of the group is to promote and encourage the use of production records on beef cattle in the state of Oregon. It applies to both commercial and purebred herds. The meeting will start at 10:00 A. M. on the 21st and will be held in the basement adjoining the County Agent's office in Redmond. It will be finished early in the afternoon. W. E. Hughes, Heppner, is one of the directors of the Oregon Beef Cattle Improvement Association with Frank Anderson, Heppner, Herbert Ekstrom, Ione, members of the Association and of Performance Registry International.

Many times farmers are criticized by towns and city people because of agricultural support programs. This is particularly true with the wheat farmer because of the large quantities of wheat being stored. While many years farmers take out loans on wheat they sell it at a higher market price liquidating this loan. Regular interest rates are paid to the Commodity Credit Corporation for loaning them the money on the grain. This year there will be only a small percent of wheat and barley under loan taken over by Commodity Credit Corporation as farmers have sold on the market much of this loan grain by this time.

These same non-farm people should know that millions of dollars worth of agricultural commodities acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation under price support programs are exchanged for strategic and other materials. Barter contracts valued at \$15.2 million were negotiated by CCC in the July-September, 1960 quarter, compared to \$64.9 million in the preceding quarter and \$34.4 million

in the same quarter a year earlier. Farm crops exported under barter in July-September, 1960 included 7 million bushels of wheat, 6.5 million pounds of tobacco, 3.4 million bushels of corn, 3 million bushels of barley, and 1.2 million hundred weight of grain sorghums.

Other farm commodities so exported included cotton, rye, rice dry milk and butter. CCC's ability to conclude such barter transactions for materials depends at any one time upon such factors as U. S. National Interest, requirements, existing commitments and market conditions. They are currently in a position to consider better offers for such materials as antimony, asbestos, bauxite, beryl, bismuth, celestite, chromite, fluospar, manganese mica and tin.

A trip through the North Lexington and North Ione areas early this week would remind one of early fall or spring rather than January.

Almost every wheat grower in the north end were seeding in an attempt to get in their wheat before it was too late to seed fall varieties. These farmers were slowed up with a dry fall with the first good rain coming at Thanksgiving time but with freezing weather quite generally since then.

Rainfall records received at the office for the month of Dec. showed that generally all communities have received about three-quarters of an inch even though some of it is in small amounts which would do little good. I think that everyone should be quite thankful that the rains that came last week didn't do as they did in Sherman county. Coming up Fullerton Canyon into Wasco last Saturday morning thousands and thousands of tons of soil had been washed from wheat fields in Sherman county with a heavy rain that fell on frozen ground. Many people in Morrow county were holding their breath in fear that just such a situation would occur here.

We have had a great amount of response to the news item in last week's column reminding farmers that the 1961 tax guide was now available here. While many farmers have picked up this helpful bulletin during the last week we have many more copies available.

At this time of the year we have many calls at the office for information on pruning of trees. Fruit and shade trees can be pruned now keeping in mind that each serve a different purpose and pruning should be done accordingly. Very little pruning should be done on shade trees, limited only to their shape and the possibility that they might be getting into telephone or electric wires.

Serving the purpose as a shade tree, the more growth the better. With fruit trees they should be opened up in the center so that the sun can get in, ripening the fruit and getting rid of excess branches that provide foliage instead of putting this growth to production of fruit. There are many who ask about the pruning of ornamental trees. While ornamentals are not normally pruned heavily, if at all, now is a good time to do that which may be necessary.

Dressmaking II Scheduled For Heppner and Ione

Clothing project leaders from the Heppner and Ione extension units are scheduling classes in Dressmaking II (Better dress) during the month of January and February, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

The purpose of these four-day workshops is to teach principles of sewing that are important to handling fabrics of any fiber or blend, and to using patterns with dressmaker details.

Ione's leaders are planning to hold their workshop Jan. 18, 19, 25 and 26 at the home of Mrs. Roland Bergstrom.

Heppner's workshop, beginning on January 24, will be held at the Fair Annex building in Heppner.

Anyone interested in attending these classes is asked to contact Mrs. Howard Crowell, Ione, phone 8-7171; or Mrs. Merrit Gray, Heppner, phone 6-9637. Classes will be made up of 10-12 persons. If more are interested other workshops will be scheduled. Dressmaking II instructions will continue over a two-year period in order to reach all interested persons and give time for experience in sewing.

"A woman should know the basic principles of sewing before she undertakes the Dressmaking II classes," advises Miss Kirmis. "If there is sufficient interest in beginning sewing, we can organize another Dressmaking I workshop."

Project leaders giving the workshop include: Mrs. Howard Crowell, Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, and Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Ione; Mrs. Merrit Gray, Mrs. Wavel Wilkinson, and Mrs. William O'Harra, Heppner.

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Many Attend 4-H Leader's Banquet

January 4 the Sixth Annual Morrow County 4-H Leaders Banquet was held in the Ione Cafeteria, with a very large crowd from all over the county in attendance. The banquet was prepared and served by the Ione PTA, Pacific Power and Light Co. sponsored the event.

Toastmistress for the evening was Mrs. William Rawlins. Kenny Lynn Smouse led the pledge of allegiance. Libby Van Schoeck the 4-H pledge and Rev. Austin McGhee gave the invocation. The welcome was given by Fred Gimbel of Heppner P.P.&L. Elden Drennan, Edward Matternis, Edward Smedberg, of Pendleton, and Cecil Root of Albany were on hand to help Mr. Gimbel and to give short talks. The response was given by Marilyn Morgan.

Lona White sang two vocal solos accompanied on the piano by Linda Halvorson.

Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSC family life specialist, gave a very interesting talk on "Understanding Boys and Girls."

Elmer Lierman of the U. S. National Bank, The Dalles, presented the Pins and Awards to the leaders of the 4-H Clubs in Morrow county. Mrs. Walter

Wright, Heppner, is a state 4-H alumni winner. The program was concluded after the entire audience sang "My Oregon."

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