

County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

The executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association at a meeting Monday night authorized the treasurer to issue a check for \$1,500 as a contribution to the livestock research station which will be established at Hermiston this summer.

About a year ago an appropriation of \$500 was made from the livestock association's treasury for this project; the other

approximate \$1,000 has been collected from livestock men interested in the research station.

The go-ahead was given recently after the state legislature had approved a budget for the operation of the station which will be located at the now existing Umatilla Branch Experiment Station near Hermiston. Contributions from livestock men and others through eastern Oregon will provide the facilities with

Oregon State University to provide labor and materials in carrying on the research. Contributions from these sources were determined for each county according to their livestock numbers. The quota for Morrow County was \$2,000 with \$500 yet to be obtained.

Other business conducted was the appointment of a committee to meet with the county court and state tax appraiser for an explanation of tax evaluation now being carried out in the county. Those present favored a community committee system of advisers for the tax evaluation as was done several years ago. The committee, composed of Frank Anderson, chairman, Raymond French, George Rugg, Gerald Swaggart, Dick Wilkinson, Bob Van Schoiack, and Jerry Brosnan, will report back to the general membership later.

The association contributed a \$25 scholarship to make it possible for some boy to attend the Youth Range Camp to be held in the Malheur-Harney area in late July and early August. This camp, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest section of the American Society of Range Management, provides an opportunity for boys between the ages of 14 and 18 to spend a week in camp realizing the value of grass and other natural resources. The quota from Morrow County is four. George Rugg, Heppner, is county chairman, making arrangements for scholarships and selection of these boys. Mr. Rugg asked that interested boys contact him so that selections could be made soon.

New laws or revisions of old passed by the recent legislature which will affect many of our people were announced recently by the State Department of Agriculture. There are a few that should be of interest to Morrow county ranchers. Briefed considerably they are: (1) Beef Council—Changes in this law provide for a 10c per head check-off on all cattle and calves sold, with collection at the time of brand inspection and refundable upon request of owner. Funds will be turned over to the beef council for promotion work. This change, which may go to a referendum in three years, is effective June 1. (2) Livestock Brand Inspection—A time limit of 15 days was placed on the life of brand inspection certificates, previously "ever-lasting." The legislature also authorized a special one-year certificate for show animals and posse horses. When these amendments become effective, stockmen who graze and range cattle in adjoining states will have 90 days instead of the present 30, to claim refund of brand inspection fees. (3) Predator Animals—Repeal of a section of the predatory animal law eliminates state bounties on cougars, wolves, wildcats, bobcats, lynxes, and other predators. Counties may continue to pay bounties on these animals. (4) Meat Inspection—Minor amendments to the state meat inspection act eliminate the "cold" or post-mortem of farm slaughtered animals. Farmers may continue to slaughter their own animals and sell them, without inspection, direct to consumers if the "uninspected" producer tag is used. Or they may

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRKIS

Program planners from the eight extension units in the county recently made the final selection for the 1961-62 home economics program for the coming year.

Extension units, who will reorganize in September and meet for nine months, are like classes at the Oregon State University conducted in your community. Your county agent is your teacher; the project leaders from each unit are her assistants. This is your opportunity to continue your education in the fields of clothing, foods and nutrition, family life, home management, family finance, and recreation, and apply it in your home. Information comes to you directly from our specialists and research laboratory staff.

Unit project lessons to be studied this year are:

- September — Rally Round the Barbecue (organization time)
 - October — How to make smock-corduroy sofa pillows
 - November — Ways with Western Vegetables
 - December — Creative Use of a Mix
 - January — Understanding Teen-Agers
 - February — Short Cuts to House Cleaning
 - March — Wardrobe Building
 - April — Bathroom and Bedroom Storage
 - May — Cheese Cookery
- A Morrow county "Red Hat" Day will be scheduled for the public just before hunting season. Andy Landforce, wildlife specialist, will come to tell both men and women how to prepare wild game in the field so that it comes home in good condition.

Tips on preparing venison will also be given.

A carry-over from the past year is Dressmaking II Workshop which will be conducted by the project leaders if anyone is interested in making a better dress.

Tours have proved popular in the past. A fall landscaping tour of the Heppner area is planned. The county committee will decide what nearby city the women will visit in 1962.

Survey sheets sent out to men and women about a month ago show interest in a short course (four evenings, possibly in January) on "Understanding Boys and Girls." Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSU, family life specialist, will assist in this workshop.

Our goal is to have our children develop from dependence to independence to interdependence. But how is this accomplished?

Study will be made as to what determines present behaviors, characteristics at birth, the experiences we have, our concept of

self, and satisfaction of basic needs all determine behavior. We'll take time to take a look at ourselves in relation to our children.

A steering committee will be formed for this short course who will work out the details.

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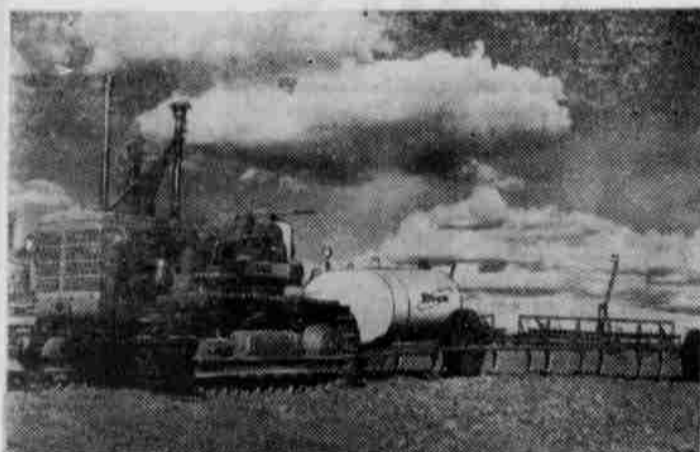
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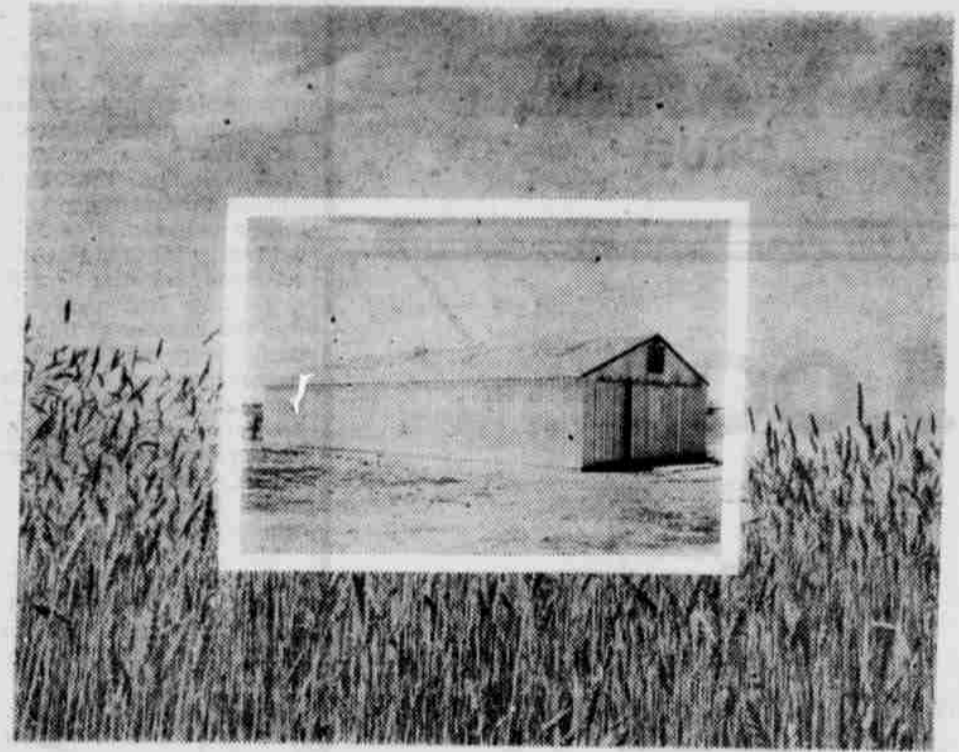

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