

Report Time Shows Busy Year

By N. C. ANDERSON
 This is annual report time at the County Agent's office. The staff has been working overtime to sandwich this important job in with the regular duties which seem to quicken their pace each year just as the annual report is due. If all goes well this week it will be finished and out of the way and several sighs of relief will be heard.
 It is interesting each year to compare accomplishments with past years and try to analyze our program to determine if we can improve our program from last year's experiences. Since the Extension Service is the educational and informational agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture it is important to make many contacts to keep people

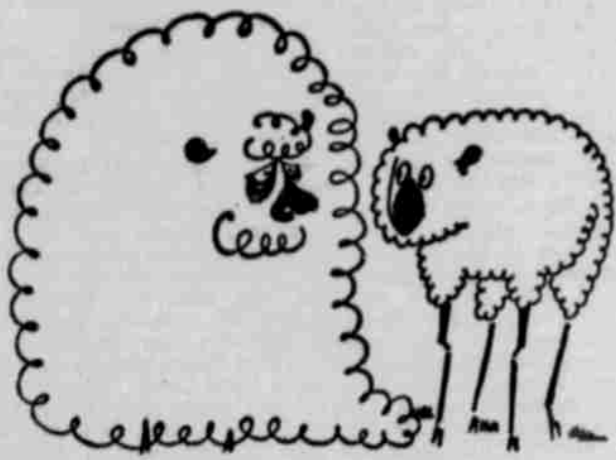
informed. Last year the three agents made 938 farm and home visits, received 1,589 office calls, 2,697 telephone calls. In providing this information they published 406 news articles, made one radio broadcast, distributed 9,714 bulletins and conducted 34 demonstrations.
 Local leaders being an important part of our program to further carry our extension work the agents are responsible for their training. There were 13 training meetings in the adult extension programs with 143 leaders attending. In 4-H club work 11 such training meetings were attended by 114 leaders.
 Meetings seem to be one of the important ways to pass out subject matter in the county agents program as well as by other

groups and organizations. There were 374—or more than one meeting for each of the 365 days in the year—attended by 11,460 persons. This is approximately two and one-half meetings for every man, woman and child in Morrow county. We know, of course, that everyone didn't attend an extension meeting so many of you have attended several during the year. Then there were other meetings. Leaders that we trained during the year held 273 meetings that the agents did not attend. These were attended by 3,038 persons which made almost another meeting for each of the approximately 4,500 people in Morrow county.

Of the 862 days worked by the three agents last year, 523 were with adult, 339 with the 4-H club program. Top priority went to extension organization and program planning which includes these leader training meetings and special 4-H activities, with 146 days. Next in importance was livestock with 88½ days. Some of the other projects we worked with which got a sizeable amount of our time were crops, 55 days; soil and water conservation, 34½ days; clothing 25 days; foods and nutrition 24 days; and so on with the many items we are concerned with from day to day.

Of course, contacting people by the various ways we have discussed above does not mean anything unless we are keeping them informed of the new advances in agriculture and home economics. We hope we have, and if not, the people will have to tell us so that we can adjust our program accordingly. The Extension Service is unique in the U. S. Department of Agriculture in that it is cooperative, meaning that there is participation on a national, state and county level, this gives us three "bosses" but in the end they are all the people who we are working for—YOU.

There is one group that we are quite sure that we are getting through to and that is our boys and girls. While there is an opportunity to reach a higher percent we are proud of that fact that we have doubled 4-H club enrollment in the past ten years, much of this increase being in the last three years. Thirty-nine percent of the boys and girls between the fourth and twelfth grades in school are enrolled. They are enrolled in a variety of projects which include gardening, wildlife, poultry, dairy,



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FARM NEWS

Chats With Your Home Agent

Women Make Plans For State Wheat Meet

By ESTHER KIRMS

Sitting in the County's Domestic Wheat Utilization Committee on November 7 proved both interesting and educational for me. These wives of Morrow

county wheat growers carry the ball with their husbands when it comes to promoting the sale of wheat.

The state convention of the Oregon Wheat League is scheduled in Pendleton this year for November 30, December 1 and 2, at the National Guard Armory.

Mrs. Marguerite Kaseberg, Wasco, is the state chairman of the Domestic Wheat Utilization committee. Mrs. E. M. Baker is the county chairman of this same committee. At a workshop in Pendleton, October 17, county chairmen from all the wheat counties met to plan their part of the state convention. They came up with a splendid plan which should surely show the public the magic of wheat.

Each county is having a bread display at the state convention. The object is to show how many different varieties of light or raised breads, quick bread rolls, fancy breads, and sweet breads can be made from wheat flour. Each bread will be labeled and the recipe will be available for any interested person.

Mrs. Baker has made contacts in the county to stock Morrow's display. So far, she tells me, Mrs. Ray Drake, Mrs. Paul Warren, Mrs. N. C. Anderson and Mrs. Douglas Drake from Heppner; Mrs. Milton Morgan, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. Dave Rietmann, Mrs. Paul Tews, Mrs. Louis Carlson, Mrs. Arthur Warren, Mrs. Don Peterson, Mrs. John Eubanks, Mrs. Rod MacKenzie, Mrs. Marion Palmer, and Mrs. Gary Fullis from Lone have consented to contribute.

The county displays which will be in place by 10:00 A. M. on November 30, will remain in tact during the three days. On Saturday morning they will be donated as door prizes.

Mrs. Harold Wright, Morrow county's cake baking champion, will carry our colors into the contest when she vies with seven other women for the state cake baking contest. Mary has a prune-spice cake which should

beef, sheep, swine, horses, home ground beautification, foods including freezing, clothing, wood-working and junior leadership for a total of 457 different projects carried by 335 different boys and girls.

Verner Troedson, north lone rancher, called at the office last week to visit about the establishment of wind strips and cropping practices on his ranch. Mr. Troedson is one of the successful ranchers in that area whose theory is that you must take care of what you have and improve it as you go along. He says that the deep soil of the north part of the county is the only asset they have and if you can store moisture and provide sufficient plant food the land will yield well. He is doing just that.

His practice of double summer-fallow has resulted in some of the top yields in the county, as was evidenced recently when yields were established by farms for the 1962 farm program. Verner is laying plans now to establish strips on his ranch to protect his ranch from a possibility of wind erosion in years of light stubble. With a combination of windstrip cropping and chemical summerfallow to retain much of his stubble he will be able to double summerfallow regardless of the weather. He believes that the strips in addition to providing protection from the wind will be an asset in weed and fire control. For further protection he is building a combination sprayer-firefighting piece of equipment this year in his farm shop so that he can spray roadsides and waste areas as well as his fields to prevent further spread of weeds.

surely give them some competition. The contest will also be in the Pendleton Armory, starting the morning of November 30.

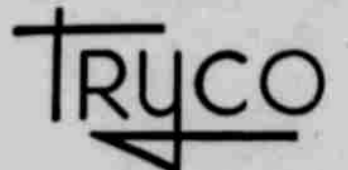
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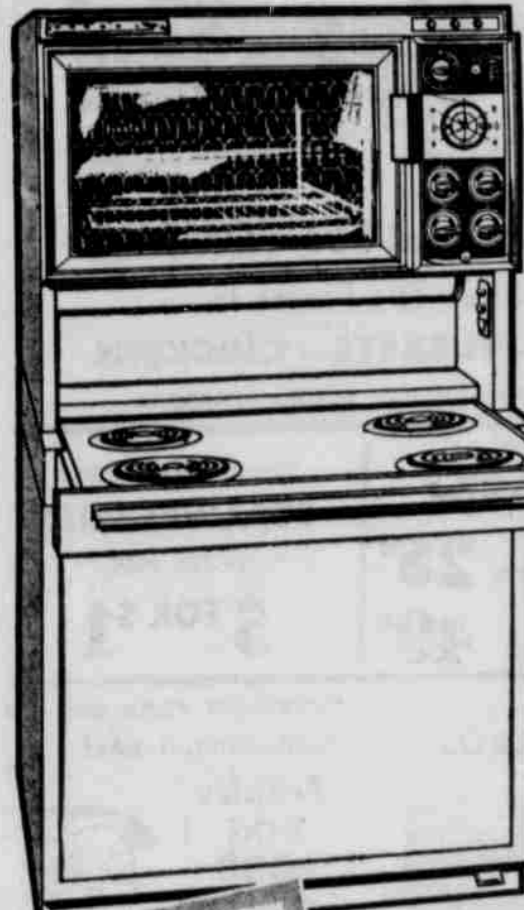
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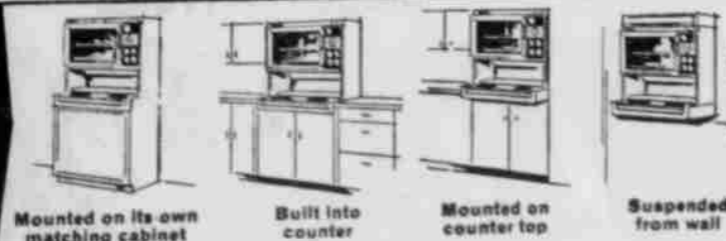
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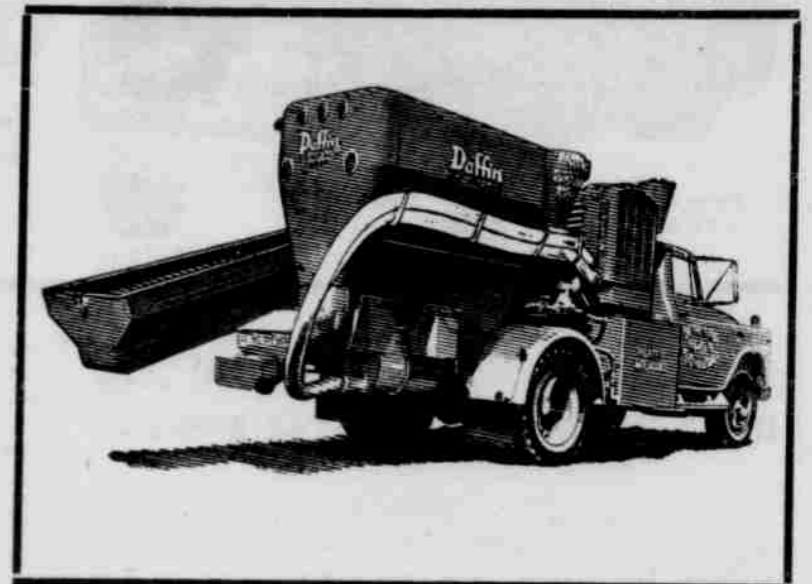
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