

'Magic with Mixes' Extension Study Topic

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Each homemaker has to consider her family's preference in relation to her budget, time and energy and decide whether she should use a "Mix" or whether she should start from scratch.

That's the basic reasoning of the December Extension Unit lesson, "Magic With Mixes." The project lesson is an attempt to suggest the many ways a homemaker can use the convenience foods to provide variety in baking goods for her family and still give to herself a feeling of creative cooking.

We held project leader training on "Mixes" in Boardman on November 15th at the Arnold Hoffman home for Irrigon and Boardman leaders; and in Heppner at the Fair Annex on November 21 for the leaders of Heppner, Rhea Creek, Lena, Ione, and Pine City.

We used biscuit mix, muffin mix, refrigerated biscuits, gingerbread, hot roll mix, cake mix, and brownie mix for this lesson. You should have been in on the tasting bee afterwards!

From the biscuit mix we demonstrated a holiday yeast bread and orange nut bread and cheese nut bread from a muffin mix. Fruit bars from gingerbread were also displayed. Devils food cake mix was used as the foundation of mint cookies and a brownie mix for minicameat brownies and a brownie pie.

The many variations of the refrigerated biscuits was shown in a bubble loaf coffee cake, caraway bread sticks, and a garlic ring.

All of these ideas will prove helpful for the holiday season as well as for the whole year.

Why not call up the following hostesses and tell them you'd like to come to the December Extension meeting.

All meetings start at 10:30 a. m.

You can learn about "Magic With Mixes" on:

December 6—Rhea Creek unit, Rhea Creek Grange hall, Mrs. Albert Wright and Mrs. John Campbell, project leaders.

December 7—Ione Extension Unit, Louis Carlson home, Mrs. Herbert Peterson and Mrs. Paul Tewes, leaders.

December 12—Heppner Extension Unit, Mrs. Ola Ruggles apartment, Mrs. Gene Ferguson and Mrs. Ola Ruggles, leaders.

December 13—Pine City Extension Unit, Pine City school, Mrs. Burl Wattenburger and Mrs. Jesse Ashbeck, leaders.

December 14—Irrigon Extension Unit, M. E. Hadwick home, Mrs. Fred Murtishaw, Mrs. Rees Morgan, and Mrs. M. E. Hadwick, leaders.

December 19—Boardman Extension Unit, Arnold Hoffman home, Mrs. Arnold Hoffman and Mrs. Arthur Allen, leaders.

December 21—Lena Extension Unit, Gordon O'Brien home, Mrs. Gordon O'Brien and Mrs. Ron Currin, leaders.

Allowing animals free access to stock salt at all times is the best way to prevent so-called "salt poisoning" which may occur when salt-starved animals suddenly are given large amounts of salt in their feed or free choice.

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Farmers' Tax Guides To be Available Soon

By N. C. ANDERSON

Word has just been received that the 1962 edition of the Farmers Tax Guide is off the press and will arrive at our office within a few days. There will be fewer copies this year than last and they will need to be rationed on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who have used them in the past as a guide for assembling their income tax report find them quite useful.

Talking about income tax, we hope that you have kept a good set of records this year. Good records are important if you are going to answer such questions as how did I do this year with a particular farm enterprise; did I make a profit or suffer a loss; is my net worth greater or smaller than last year; will I pay more taxes than I needed to? You can't really answer these and many other important questions unless you keep adequate records. Good record keeping need not be a difficult or time consuming chore. With a copy of the good record books which are now available from many sources it takes only a few minutes a day entering daily figures. This is a good time to plan for keeping good records in 1962.

Income taxes are paid only once a year but tax management is a year around job. There still may be time to make some adjustments in income expenses this year. There is a handy bulletin that those attending the Farm Management Shortcourse last year liked. It is entitled, "Cut the Farm Costs That Cut the Farm Profits." It discusses a good many of the basic problems and their solutions concerning farm management. There is a farm management check list which helps check such questions as "Am I producing crops efficiently?" "Does livestock fit my farm?" "Am I efficient with the livestock I have?" "Do I select and use machinery efficiently?" "Are my buildings adequate?" "Do I need more capital?" "Do I market my products effectively?" This bulletin that points out that wise management can make of the future something more than chance is available from our office.

Beef trials at the Livestock Research Center at Hermiston are shaping up well. Ron Currin, Heppner, and Bob Peterson, Ione, are active on the committee in getting the preliminaries worked out for the first of these experimental trials. Four hundred to 550 pound cattle are going into the lots to compare various rations and management practices

for rate of gain. Interest in providing cattle for the feedlot have been indicated by Morrow county ranchers Eb Hughes, Ron Currin and Harold Wright, Heppner. A "warming up" period from one to two weeks will be allowed the animals before they go on regular feed. While research will focus on feeding this year, Dr. A. L. Ralston, OSU livestock man, pointed out that plans would be made, starting now, on animal health phases, wintering beef, and general management might be studied. It was pointed out that one of the prime objectives in the future would be that livestock men could introduce calves sired by an outstanding performance tested bull. This would give cattlemen an opportunity to evaluate the merits of a quality sire.

Even though the agricultural picture in Morrow county was brightened with the Thanksgiving Day week-end of rain and snow here are some of the tangible reasons we think that farmers should consider in making up their minds for voluntary participation in the acreage diversion program: (1) It is financially attractive. Producers will get higher rates of payment for diverting more than the minimum acreage under both the wheat and barley programs. The programs are not identical and rates of payment differ, but the maximum diversion earn substantial payments for cooperators under both programs. (2) It can be considered a form of income protection. With the dry fall there is a lot of wheat yet to be seeded and much that was seeded earlier came up quite spotted. With these conditions prevailing this might be good insurance. Should a participating farmer suffer partial or total loss of his crop due to drought, insects, hail, flood or other hazards of nature he will still receive his payment for diverted acres. (3) He gets a partial payment in advance. Growers who divert acreage production of wheat and barley under the 1962 programs may receive advanced payments at the time of sign-up. (4) He saves money. If a farmer uses borrowed money for crop operations, he will save both principal and interest by borrowing less than would have been required if he had also planted and harvested

grain on the diverted acreage. (5) Improves and conserved his land. Approved conservation practices on diverted acres could improve the farms productivity capacity for the future. Since he is doing his part in helping reduce surpluses cooperating farmers are helping to reduce the cost of agricultural programs and to bring national wheat and barley supplies more nearly in line with consumer demands.

A detailed program of the Eleventh Stockman's Shortcourse, which will be held on the campus of Washington State University the week of December 11, has been received at this office. This is the shortcourse that has proved so popular with many Morrow county livestock men. This year's program looks even better than some earlier ones. There are choices of classes that deal with livestock crops, farm buildings, range improvement, insect control, income taxes, farm credit and many, many other topics. This year, in addition to the general session, there is a special agricultural public relations section as well as a student managers section. The condensed course will be of special interest to farm and ranch owners, managers, formans and herdsmen, county agents, 4-H leaders, vocational ag instructors, young men and women who have not attended college, as well as college graduates as a refresher course. We have a detailed program at the office if anyone wants to see it.

The Wool Growers Association meeting in Portland last week sounded a note of pessimism of the industry today. The organization, one of the oldest in the state, was holding their 66th annual meeting. Attendance was low and memberships have dropped off to the point where there is concern in keeping the organization active. While many agricultural commodities have dropped in price while the cost of producing has continued to go up there are few that we know of that have been quite so bad as the sheep industry. Penrose Metcalfe, president, National Wool Growers Association, San Diego, Texas, pointed out that this was the time of organized groups and that agriculture as well as industry must be strongly organized to survive. While he urged the Oregon Association to make every effort to remain active he did admit that things did not look so good with lambs selling at 12½¢ this year com-

Officers of 4-H Clubs Set Training Day

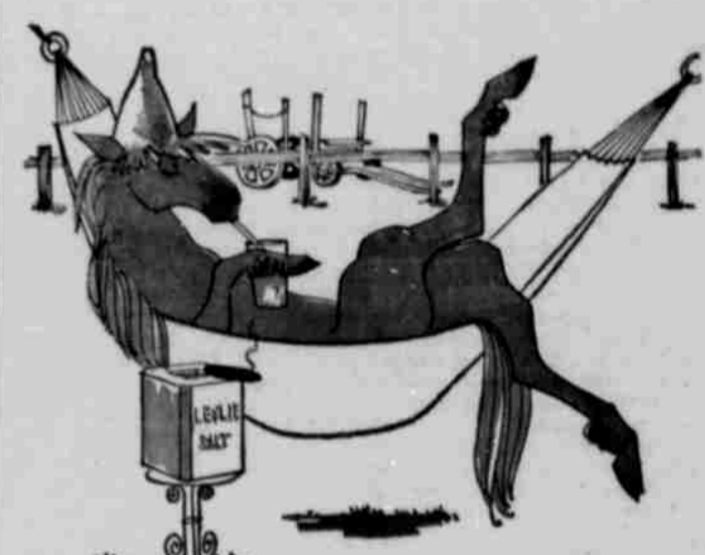
The new 4-H club year gets off to a good start when officers of all the newly organized clubs gather for training on Saturday, December 2, at the Catholic parish hall in Heppner, starting at 9:00 a. m.

Program for the day arranged by Esther Kirmis and Joe Hay, county extension agents, include: At 9:00 a. m.—Registration, mixer, and community sing. At 9:30 a. m.—Officers "Buzz groups," presidents and vice-presidents, Joe Hay, secretaries, Mrs. Jim Bloodworth, song leaders, Esther Kirmis, news reporters, Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn. At 11:00 a. m.—Film "4-H in Action."

At 11:45 a. m.—Announcements and adjournment. "Leaders are urged to have their club organized by Saturday and bring their officers to the training," announce the agents. "Your club will be greatly improved if the officers know what is expected of them."

A standard 4-H club must have five or more members enrolled (must be nine by Jan. 1, 1962); one or more adult leaders, have club officers, hold at least ten meetings before October 1, 1962, and submit a written program of work for the year to the county extension office, say agents Kirmis and Hay.

A similar officers day will be held for North Morrow 4-H officers on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Irrigon school, starting at 1:30 p. m.



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