

Hunter-Caused Fires Studied; Penalties Eyed

Oregon hunters started 271 forest and range fires in the season just closed, according to reports made by federal, state and private protection officials at a special meeting of the Keep Oregon Green Association trustees in Portland recently.

The special meeting was called, according to Arthur W. Priaulx, president of KOG, to study the hunter fire problem which in recent years has become a source of major concern to forest and range land owners, as well as to sportsman groups.

Dwight Phipps, state forester, and Ed Schoeder, assistant state forester, reported 67 hunter fires with 1620 acres of forest land destroyed. Ken Burkholder, fire control officer for the Bureau of Land Management, said there were 20 hunter fires in eastern Oregon and five in western Oregon on BLM lands. Clarence Edgington, fire dispatcher for the U. S. Forest Service, said hunters left 179 fires on federal forest lands during the short hunting season, and burned 482 acres.

In addition to hunter fires reported, Priaulx pointed out that fire protection authorities put out hundreds of warmup fires and camp fires which hunters had walked off and left burning. On forest service land alone, he said, 416 unattended camp fires were abandoned, and hundreds more were found and extinguished on state and private lands.

Keep Oregon Green trustees, Priaulx said, made no effort at this time to make recommendations for legislative action to help landowners solve this knotty problem. He did name a committee chairmanship by Robert Conklin and composed of Gene Knudsen Dallas; Dwight Phipps, Salem; and Ken Wilson, Portland, to study the hunter fire problem. Clark Walsh, assistant state game commissioner, was asked to meet with the committee, which will report to the annual Keep Oregon Green meeting in January.

A number of Keep Oregon Green trustees, as well as fire wardens, urged a later opening date for the hunting season. They pointed out that fire conditions were generally severe at the time the season opened. Permit systems have worked in some areas and served to acquaint the hunters with fire conditions. One warden urged that a hunter's license be suspended for three years if he were convicted of starting a fire or committing vandalism. Another warden urged a step-up in Red Hat Day activities to help educate hunters to fire danger.

4-H Rockhounds To Organize Soon

Boys, between the ages of 9 and 13, will have a chance to learn about the formation and development of the soil, rock, metals and minerals around them here in the Heppner area if they join the "4-H Pebble Pups," according to county agents, Esther Kirmis and Joe Hay.

Mrs. Rachell Harnett, curator of the Morrow County Museum and an avid rockhound, has consented to lead young boys interested in geology. She is calling an organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 12, at 4:00 p. m. at the conference room in the Gilliam and Bisbee building.

The "Pebble Pups" will have a chance to go on field trips to collect specimens, learn how to identify them and their role in the formation of the earth's surface around them, says Mrs. Harnett.

"Any boy or girl between the ages of 9 and 13 is eligible to belong to a 4-H club," announce agents Kirmis and Hay. "We have clubs in foods, clothing, livestock, saddle horse and rifle. Call the County Agent's office (6-9642) if you'd like to belong."

A standard 4-H club has five or more members and meets at least ten times a year.

Bank Debits Up Here in October

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FARM NEWS



JAMES R. KEEVER has been appointed merchandising representative for the Oregon Dairy Products Commission, according to Calvin Crandall, executive secretary of the commission. Since 1957, Keever has been employed by the Oregonian Publishing Company on the general advertising staff handling various national accounts, including industrial and agricultural advertising, and working closely with radio-TV stations throughout Oregon. Keever's primary responsibility in the new position will be the development and production of merchandising support for milk processors. Crandall stated, Keever will contact dairy plants and key people in the grocery trade to assist them in dairy sales promotion plans and to assist them with obtaining merchandising materials and planning point-of-sale displays. He will also create and supervise special sales activities of the commission.

Bulletin Available On 'Oregon Sweets'

Mouth-watering recipes for 30 Oregon sweets featuring prunes, figs, maraschino cherries, honey, mint, plus numerous other products are included in a new Oregon State University bulletin.

Sweets, when used in limited amounts by children and moderately by adults, are less likely to blunt the appetite for more essential foods—particularly when eaten after meals. Use of some of the familiar food ingredients naturally provides vitamins and minerals when sugar is combined with fruits, dairy products and molasses, the authors explain.

Recipes for the fondants—the creamy candies—include honey fondant, orange-butter uncooked fondant, mints and bon bons. Sharing some of Oregon's sweets with out-of-staters is easy with a box of applets (apple, nut, gelatin mixture), cherry divinity, or filbert chocolate taffy.

Recipes for all these and more are in the "Oregon Sweets" bulletin. Copies may be requested from county extension offices.

Bureau Opposes Council; Lex Man Named to Board

Resolution aimed at opposing the present Oregon Beef Council, a beef promotion council organized by the last session of the legislature, came before the voting delegates of the 30th annual meeting of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation in Portland last Wednesday. Main opposition to the 10 cents per head check-off for beef promotion came mostly from the dairy counties where dairymen maintain they are already paying a checkoff for milk production and could not agree to pay an additional 10 cents per head for dairy cattle, especially when they are sold for dairy purposes.

On the national Farm Program area, the delegates laid out a set of policies designed to guide the government in its aid programs for agriculture. The delegates said government programs for agriculture should aid farmers in solving their own problems, promote efficiency in farming, be consistent with the law of supply and demand, provide economic opportunity for farm people, preserve the competitive principle, insure ample research, stimulate market expansion and insure our ability to feed an increasing population. The termination of wheat acreage allotments and substituting a bushel management program was favored by the group. They also passed a resolution urging that in voting on the referendum one vote be given for the first 5000 bushels or fraction thereof, and one vote for each additional 5000 bushels, thus giving wheat farmers voting power according to their production.

In the area of farm research, the delegate body passed a resolution calling for greater research and crash programs in research for livestock diseases, tree root stock improvement, horticultural mechanization, and consumer preference studies. They also asked that an immediate program in appropriation be made to study the problem of synphillids, a small crop pest which is becoming a growing crop menace across the state of Oregon.

In other areas the group called for a fair and equitable reapportionment plan which would guarantee fair representation from rural areas and again opposed compulsory unionism for the state of Oregon.

The new board of directors of the Oregon Farm Bureau, meeting immediately following the state convention in Portland, voted unanimously to re-affirm the programs of Farm Bureau initiated under the leadership of Gerald Detering, past president of the general farm organization.

Wiley Clowers, Madras, newly-elected president, said the board of directors called for new emphasis to be placed on the subject of reapportionment and gave the issue top priority in the coming year. The board of directors also agreed to speed up work on marketing and bargaining under the Farm Bureau program structure designed for that purpose.

New members elected to the board of directors besides Clowers are Harold Beach, Hermiston, first vice president, succeeding Wiley Clowers; Harold Bernier, Canby, will represent Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Bernier succeeds Elmer Sturm, Troutdale. Mamero Wakasugi, Ontario, was elected to succeed Emil Maar, Vale, and will represent Malheur, Baker and Grant counties. Mrs. Grant Henderson, Summerville, succeeds Mrs. Harris Higgins, Parkdale, as state Farm Bureau women's chairman.

Re-elected to serve a two-year term on the Farm Bureau board of directors were Joe Hobson, Ontario, third vice president; Gene Cutsforth, Lexington; Claude Williams, Prineville; Waldron Johnson, Yamhill; and Blaine Johnson, Glendale.

Morrow County Farm Bureau members in attendance at the state convention were Irvin Rauch, voting delegate; Gene Cutsforth, regional director; and Harold Beach, state chairman of field crops committee. Norman Nelson, president of the county organization who was scheduled for an active part in the convention business, was unable to attend due to illness.

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Leaders, Agents Attend Conference

By ESTHER KIRMIS
Nine Morrow county 4-H leaders, Joe Hay and I attended the District IV conference for 4-H leaders in The Dalles on November 28. 66 leaders and agents registered from Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler, Grant and Morrow counties. Although this meant some early rising for everyone to reach The Dalles by 9:00 a. m.; it proved to be well worth our efforts, once we got there.

Mrs. E. M. Baker, lone, District IV director, chaired the meeting which included project sessions, recreation, discussion on contests, and a panel on 4-H problems.

Mrs. Kem Tollefson, Hermiston, was elected to succeed Mrs. Baker as District director. This means that she becomes a part of the State 4-H Leaders Council and will meet with them at regular intervals.

State 4-H leaders conference is scheduled for January 24-26 at Corvallis.

This past week was one for visiting away from home. On December 1, I visited the state Oregon Wheat League convention in Pendleton. I found many familiar faces there. They were all elated over the fact that Morrow county had received the blue ribbon for the bread display. Nine counties had entered displays. After listening to Susan Thomas, Home Economist for Pacific Power and Light, Pendle-

ton, we realized that the larger amounts of simple breads and not so many fancy sweet rolls and breads in the display, is what did the trick.

"Lovely brown bread is beauty in itself," says Miss Thomas. The women were invited to a tea and a style show hosted by the Sherman county women at the Vert Memorial theater that afternoon.

Mrs. Harold Wright, Morrow county's winning cake baker, was honored along with the other eight cake bakers at this tea. Pacific Power and Light presented each contestant with a corsage. We laughed at all the ribbons and identification that was pinned on Mary. "Little Mary" was practically hidden!

Over 50 4-H officers met on Saturday, December 2, for a

half-day training at the Catholic parish hall in Heppner.

The group began with a "4-H Autograph" mixer and some "Sing Along with Mitch" Christmas songs.

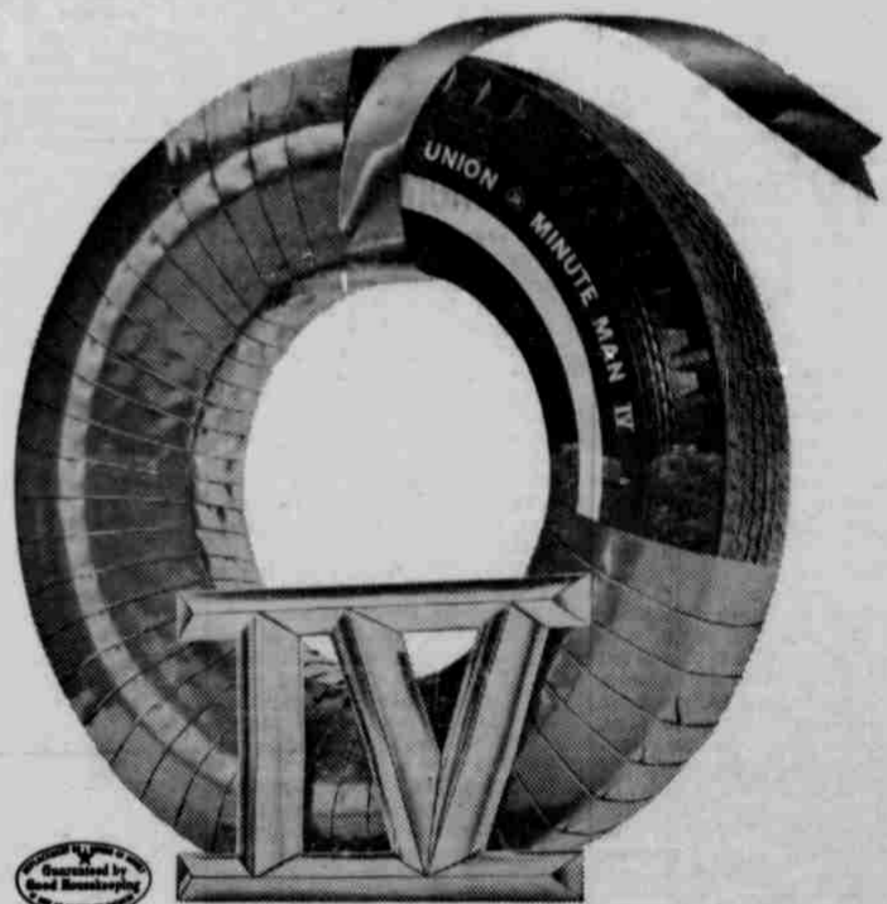
Mrs. William Rawlins, county 4-H leaders council president, welcomed the young folks and told them that they really made two exhibits when they enrolled in 4-H; their project and themselves.

Buzz sessions were held for each office. Presidents and vice presidents met with Joe Hay; secretaries met with Mrs. Jim Bloodsworth; news reporters with Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn; and song leaders with Esther Kirmis.

A film, "4-H in Action" describing a 4-H club year, closed the training session.

It looks like another good 4-H year ahead.

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