

County Agent's Office

# Rural Defense Training Meeting Set February 15

By N. C. ANDERSON

At the request of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, extension service personnel have been trained in the many aspects of the rural defense program. Agents are responsible for a USDA information program designed to provide information which will help farmers and other persons in rural areas protect their families, homes, livestock and crops from the effects of enemy attack and to prepare them to produce the food and fiber that will be needed in such an emergency. This program also aims toward the development of a built-in readiness on the part of rural people which would protect them regardless of the type of emergency that might arise. In past news columns we have commented on rural defense and have promised that we would soon set up a training meeting for farm and rural community leaders to discuss local rural defense needs, look over available materials and give these leaders information to take back to their specific organizations. While extension agents were given training in rural defense in early November, we in Morrow county have only recently been able to arrange for a date feeling that information, bulletins and other materials are now available for a training meeting. The training program has been set for Thursday, February 15. It will be held in Heppner at a place yet to be announced. The program has been worked out with county civil defense director, Clarence Bauman, county health nurse, Velma Glass, and others who will participate with our staff. Many individuals and organizations have been asking about the training meeting. We hope that you will save the date of February 15; be thinking of who will represent your organization and watch for further particulars which will appear in this newspaper and materials mailed

from our office.

Roice Fulleton, Heppner, is proud of his newly completed pole shed on his ranch south of Heppner. Roice called at our office several months ago looking for plans for a pole shed, using long truss rafters to do away with center poles in the shed. He found just the plan he was looking for in our Station Bulletin 557, "Multi-Combination Pole Type Construction." He fabricated the trussed rafters on the ground using split ring connectors then lifted them into place with a farm-hand. He was especially happy with the split ring connector which is much stronger than bolts or nails and is needed in a wide span truss where strong joints are required. Those interested in pole type construction can develop plans for many combinations of farm buildings with the help of this bulletin. The name, multi-combination pole type construction gets its name from the feature that the new standard detail parts can be assembled into many combinations of buildings. It contains the basic details, eighteen crops sectional combinations and six complete building plans that were the results of two years of research in development at the Oregon Agricultural Experiment station.

Congratulations to the three final contestants for the 1961 Livestock Man of the Year. As a member of the selection committee representing the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, I had the privilege to assist in the final selection. With the many good livestock operators we have in the county it is becoming more difficult each year to select the winner. Contestants, Dick Wilkinson, Elmer and Roger Palmer and Harold Wright are all doing a good job in their livestock production program. Winner, Harold Wright, was selected because of his ef-

ficient operation producing both commercial and registered cattle with a feedlot for finishing at least a part of this product.

The secretary of agriculture has called two conferences for this month both of which will be held by the time this news article is read by our farm people. The conferences were attended by key leaders in many fields from all sections of the nation. The purpose was to discuss America's food production abundance and to consider needs and uses of our land and water resources. In calling the first such conference on "Food and People" held in Washington D. C., on January 10, Secretary Freeman said, "Technological improvements on American farms are producing a super abundance of crops. Our ability to find domestic and foreign uses for this abundance is not keeping pace with the capacity of the American farmer to produce. This is a number one problem and we want to discuss it with you and solicit your views and your help. We seek open discussion of the needs of family farmers, of consumers, of the needy, the aged, and the young, and the underfed peoples of the newly-developing nations. We must develop practical means of stockpiling food and fiber for our own survival in time of emergency. We must move more and more of our abundance into international use, through expanded exports for dollars and through the 'Food for Peace' program."

In a Land and People conference held January 15 at Washington D. C., participation included leaders in many fields of activity — state and federal governments, conservation, soil water and forestry, recreation and sports, civic and religious groups, education, farm organizations, rural and urban planning, cooperative organizations and credit specialists. The purpose of the Land and People conference was three-fold: (1) to discuss the nation's changing needs for the products of land and water in relation to production potentials of our farms, (2) to consider the human and community adjustments that are involved in rural America and, (3) to consult on opportunities available to agricultural and urban leaders and others to find new uses for land and water in our forests, wildlife and recreation facilities.

## Chats With Your Home Agent

# 'Great Decisions' Study to Start February 4

By ESTHER KIRMIS

After viewing the "Communism on the World Map" film shown by Don Turner, Morrow County Farm Bureau, at the Heppner PTA meeting last week, I'm more convinced than ever that we Americans need to be more informed about world affairs. The extension service is sponsoring such a program, entitled "Great Decisions."

Every citizen in Morrow county will have an opportunity to take part in "Great Decisions . . . 1962" starting February 4, as part of a state-wide program that will run for eight weeks. Topics for 1962 include: Vietnam—win, lose or draw?

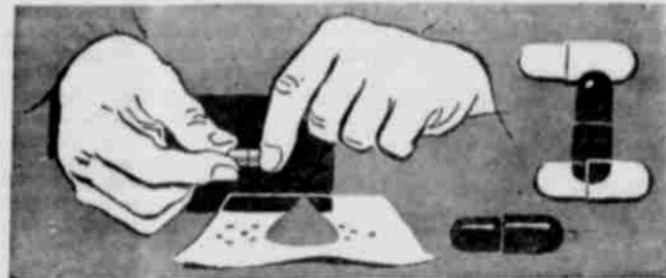
Red China—third greatest power?  
Brazil—which way half a continent?  
Nigeria—democracy in a new climate?  
Iran—middle East pivot?  
Berlin—test of allied unity?  
United Nations—Independent force?  
United States—New directions in foreign policy?

The eight issues will provide weekly topics for TV and radio broadcasts, special newspaper coverage, and informal discussion groups, giving every citizen an opportunity to participate. We urge interested persons (such as granges, fraternal organizations, high school classes, women's clubs, farm organiza-

tions, etc.) or just friends to set up informal discussion groups of five to 15 people to meet once a week in private homes to discuss the "Great Decisions." Special background study materials will be provided to all discussion groups. (\$1.30 for adults—75¢ for schools).

At the end of each discussion, individuals may register their opinions through "Great Decisions" opinion ballots. A summary of ballot results will go to congress and the state department.

If you'd like to obtain more information on the program please contact the Morrow County Agent's office, Heppner. Last year there was a Great Decisions study group in Lone, Mrs. Verner Troedson, chairman; Heppner, Roy Kirk, chairman; and Rhea Creek, Mrs. Walter Wright, chairman.



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