

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Farmer Wheat Sign-up Urged; Deadline Nearing

By N. C. ANDERSON

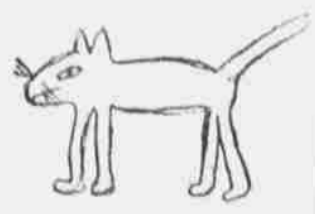
While there has been good sign-up during the last two weeks those ranchers who have not yet signed for the 1962 wheat stabilization program are reminded that unless they file an application to participate they will not be eligible for price support on their 1962 wheat crop. Sign-up deadline is March 30. With provisions of the 1962 wheat program different from those of previous years there may be ranchers who do not yet realize that a sign-up is necessary. Merely complying with the wheat acreage allotment this year will not be sufficient to qualify for price support on the 1962 wheat crop. Diversion payments as well as price support on the crop are available to wheat growers who comply with provisions of the 1962 Wheat Stabilization program. If you are one who has not yet signed contact the county ASC office at once.

A visit to the Kenneth Smouse ranch last week was an interesting one. The new farrowing house which we discussed several months ago in this column was being put to use for the first time. Kenneth has combined his experience and resourcefulness to develop a plan and build his own farrowing crates. These, unlike commercial built crates, are adjustable to fit the sow. The crates include a built-in feeder and waterer and the tailgate is so designed to keep the stall clean and yet protect baby pigs from being crushed at farrowing time. The house is insulated, has built-in heat cables in the concrete floor and is so designed that it can be cleaned out in a matter of minutes. Evidently the sows farrowing for the first time in this new house were well pleased with the facilities offered and cooperated to the extent of five sows farrowing 69 live pigs. These were doing very well when I made my visit to see the facilities. Continuing Kenneth's plan of saving only the best we selected twelve outstanding Yorkshire and five Palouse gilts for replacement.

A lot of interest is being shown in the Beef Cattle Field Day to be held at the Squaw Butte Experiment Station near Burns on next Tuesday, March 27. W. E. Hughes, Jerry Brosnan, John Graves and Barton Clark have indicated plans to attend this annual event. Anyone interested in the program can check the detailed session for the day by coming to or calling the office.

Recently this office received a letter from Andy Landforce, Extension Wildlife Management Specialist, asking for our cooperation in getting a better return of questionnaires mailed to 2000 rural land owners in Oregon. These questionnaires were mailed out by the State Access Advisory Committee, a committee appointed to study recreational access problems and to recommend practices which they hope will help to resolve some of the conflicts between outdoor recreation and other land uses. This committee determined that the role of private lands in supplying outdoor recreation opportunities is significant and that it would be necessary to secure some measurements of the problems which arise from recreational activity on such lands. The questionnaire we refer to is such an attempt. If you are one of the landowners who received such a questionnaire and have not yet returned it they would appreciate your doing so. In looking over the questionnaire it looks as if this could be your opportunity to indicate some of the problems that you have with hunters and anglers if you have experienced such problems.

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Livestock Growers Name Committees For Coming Year

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, 1962 committee appointments were announced by Ron Currin, president. Main committees correspond to those of the Oregon Cattleman's association so that committee action can be passed along to the state association.

Committees are as follows: membership and finance—Ray French, chairman; Walter Wright, Don Heliker, Kenneth Turner, Fred Hoskins, Jr.; annual meeting—Dick Wilkinson, chairman; Ron Currin, Gerald Swaggert, N. C. Anderson; taxation and legislation—O. W. Cutsforth, chairman; Herb Hynds, Frank Anderson, George Rugg, W. E. Hughes; production and marketing—Don Greenup, chairman; Gene Pierce, Don Robinson, Terry Thompson; John Campbell; insects, predators and rodents—Jerry Brosnan, chairman; Gerry Rood, Gordon O'Brien, Albert Wright, Fritz Cutsforth, Howard Cleveland; disease control—Harold Wright, chairman; Gerald Bergstrom, George Currin, Kenneth Palmer, Dr. J. W. Norene; game, theft and brand—Floyd Jones, chairman; Barton Clark, Clyde Nutting, John Graves, Harold Evans, Glenn Ward; pasture and range improvement—Frank Anderson, chairman; Tom Currin, Bob Peterson, Charles Daly, Elmer Palmer, Bernard Doherty, Don McElligott; beef promotion—Bob Van Schoelack, chairman; Bob Brindle, Jim Miller, Alvin Bunch, Ervin Rauch, Kenneth Peck; public lands and forestry—Ralph Boamer, chairman; Eddie Brosnan, Allen Hughes, Ewing Hynd; cattlemen of the year—Harold Wright, chairman; Wes Sherman, Don Greenup, N. C. Anderson, Herb Ekstrom; auditing committee—Howard Bryant, chairman; Gerald Swaggert, Harry O'Donnell.

Officers for 1962 elected were Ron Currin, president; Floyd Jones, vice president; Gerald Swaggert, treasurer; and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Discussing the alarming spread of branching knapweed the group considered making a formal report asking that hunting season in the heavily infested knapweed areas be closed. Examples of knapweed being spread to other sections because of hunter vehicles was given.

Other business of the evening were plans for a county and state association membership drive, authorizing letter to go to all farmers explaining open range and livestock district and asking attendance at hearing. A report will be prepared on a recent meeting on fire control problems on U. S. Forest Service and Oregon State Forestry fire control district lands and contributions toward building indoor livestock arena with consent of entire membership was favored.

Burke Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gentry, enlisted in the U. S. Navy and is taking basic training in San Diego, Calif.

4-H Judging Day Set at Pine City

A 4-H Livestock Judging Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, at Pine City. The judging will start at 1:30 P. M. at the Leo Ashbeck residence, according to Joe Hay, county extension agent.

The judging day is the second in a series of four. Four-H livestock members should plan to participate in each of the events. Scores from these judging days will be used in selecting judges for the 4-H State Fair and P. I. judging teams.

Weldon Witherrite, leader of the Buttercreek Junction Livestock club, is making arrangements for the animals to be judged. He indicated there will be two classes of beef, one class of dairy cows, one of sheep, and one of hogs.

Four-H Training Sessions Slated

Four-H leaders will receive training in two different methods of teaching—demonstrations and judging—according to Esther Kirmis and Joe Hay, Morrow county extension agents, who have scheduled two meetings this week. One is listed for Thursday, March 22, at the Irrigon cafeteria at 7:30 P. M. and the other on Friday, March 23, at the Heppner fair annex. There will be an afternoon session at 1:00 P. M. and another at 7:30 P. M. at Heppner.

"Show me how," is often an expression heard whenever 4-H members are working and playing together," says Miss Kirmis. "That's how demonstrations, as a form of teaching, got started. Showing someone 'how' is a way of sharing. Members learn more than subject matter by being demonstrators. They gain poise and self confidence, initiative and ability to express themselves well."

"Judging is a teaching activity used in club meetings and other club events to develop knowledge and understanding of qualities and standards," Hay said. "By having members make comparisons and tell why a choice is made makes a game out of learning. Judging can be made in any 4-H project where animals, articles, crops or other items are compared."

The Morrow county fair schedules both demonstrations and judging as outstanding 4-H club events each year. It is hoped that the leaders will learn the fundamentals of developing a demonstration and setting up judging classes at these meetings, say the agents. This will be worthwhile information to pass on to their boys and girls.

Chats With Your Home Agent

Efficient Laundry Area Is Aid To Homemaker

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Automatic appliances and new fabrics and finishes make wash-day a breeze provided the lady of the house plans her laundry area to take full advantage of these easy-care clothes.

This is the theme of an article by Berniece Strawn, OSU, extension specialist, in the recent issue of New Homes Guide.

Families considering remodeling, or new home planners, should go a step beyond drawing up general laundry arrangements if they want the laundry to function at peak efficiency. Here are innovations she suggests:

(1) Space to hang easy-care clothes as soon as they come from the dryer. The dryer tosses out wrinkles but if clothes are left in a warm heap or crushed into a basket, they'll require old-fashioned sprinkling and ironing. A ventilated closet near the dryer or extension rods mounted 30 inches above the dryer to accommodate hangers are suggested in the article.

(2) A place to hang dripping wet garments. Garments such as pleated skirts and slacks that are hung to drip-dry may be hung over a sink or floor drain.

(3) A touchup ironing center for quick pressing of collars, cuffs and other details on easy-care garments. OSU's laundry specialist suggests a steam iron and sleeveboard to be stored ready for use near the dryer.

(4) A family will find a sorting center useful in separating clothes according to laundering requirements. New heat-sensitive fabrics should be sorted, according to water temperatures, color and bulk.

Her suggestion is to build bins with drop fronts into wall cabinets 18 inches above the washer and dryer. If the other side of the laundry room wall happens to be a hallway, bathroom or bedroom, so much the better. An opening in the bins from both sides will make it easy for the family to deposit soiled clothes, removable from the laundry room.

(5) A spot removal-center—which may include a small sink—plus storage for dry cleaning fluid, bleaches and other agents is also recommended for the laundry area.

(6) Storage for all laundering supplies is something overlooked in planning, says the specialist. Today's laundress uses at least five different washing products—water conditioners, fabric softeners, starches, bleaches and detergents. For convenience, they should be stored near the washer.

(7) Storage for ironing equipment in the utility area or elsewhere in the house should be sketched into room plan.

District Gets Paid For 3 Teacherages

A check for \$17,500 has been received by Morrow County School district R-1 from the U. S. Army Engineers in payment for three teacherages at Boardman, which must be abandoned because of the forthcoming John Day reservoir.

The board at a recent meeting decided to take full payment for the teacherages, rather than to attempt to move them. The plan is to use the money for replacement houses for teacherages at Riverside school.

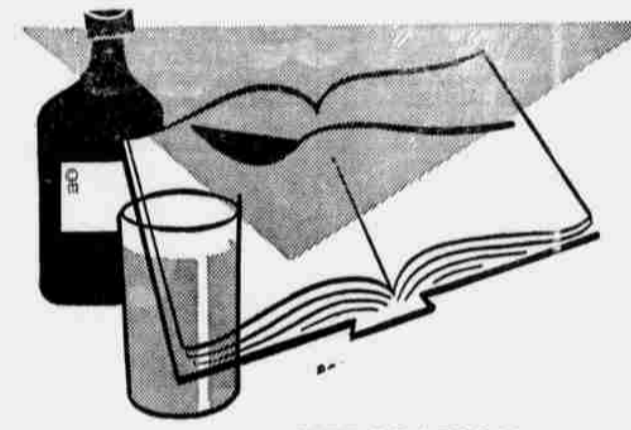
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cleveland and family spent Wednesday and Thursday in Portland. Their daughter, Nancy, visited over the week-end with Betty Pettyjohn in Arlington.

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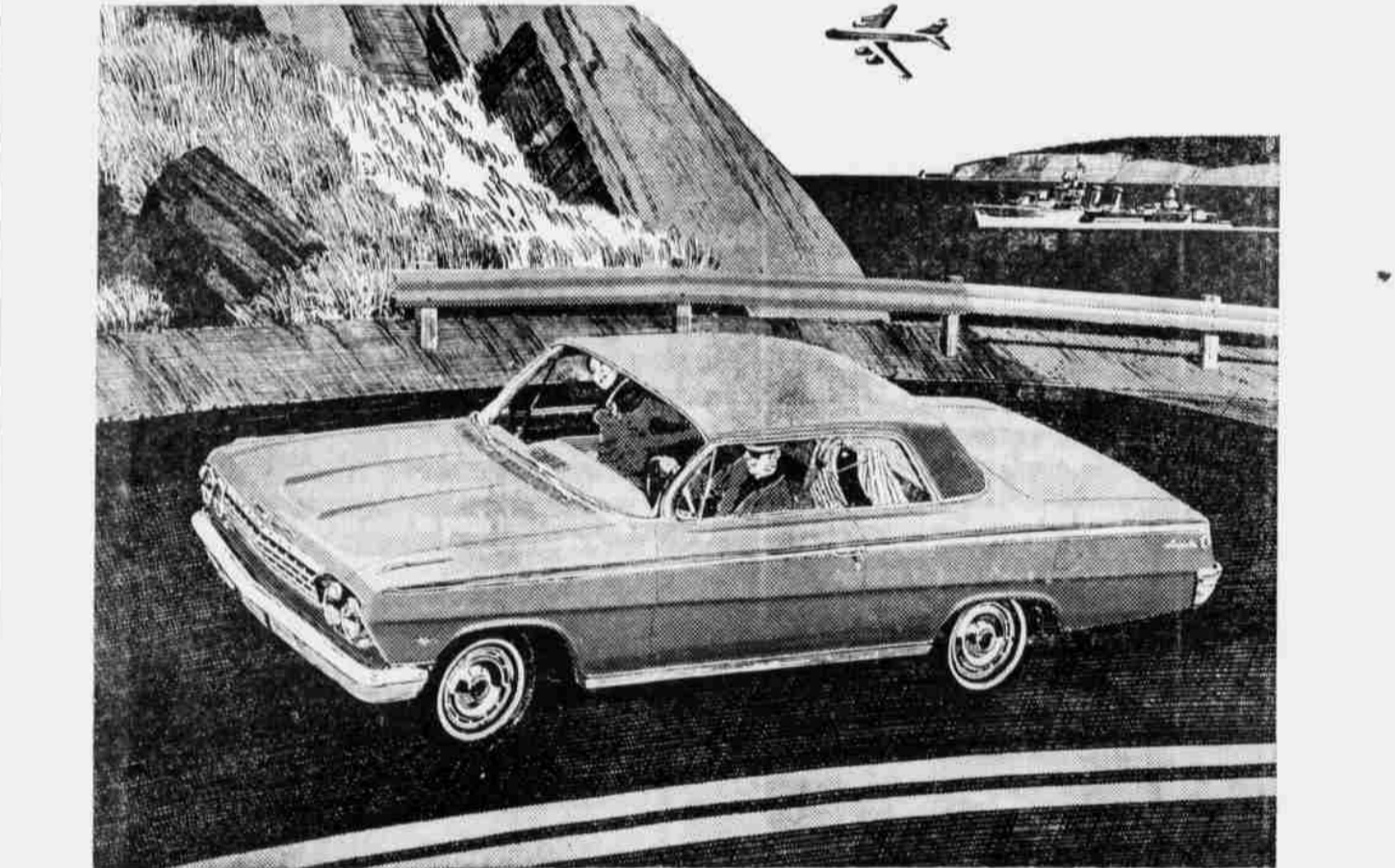
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