

Needlettes Study Sewing Materials

Elaine Gaarsland entertained the 4-H club at her home Saturday morning, April 14. At the meeting we judged scissors, buttons, and tape measures, then there was a quick review on how to make a mitered corner. As the meeting progressed, we worked on our garments.

The club has had work meetings during February and March. The modeling training at the Ione cafeteria in March was attended by several of the members. We were asked to model at the simplicity pattern style revue. Everyone had planned to model but Karen Hams was suddenly operated on for appendicitis.

Arleta McCabe, reporter

Study School Program

Gordon Pratt, high school principal, and Mrs. Conley Latham, English instructor, spent last Wednesday at David Douglas High school in Portland. Their objective in going was to observe the reading program in the high school in order to consider a part of that program for schools in Morrow county for the coming year. This will include remedial reading at the secondary level.

Anderson Boys Join Hereford Association

Charles, Eric and Steven Anderson, Heppner, sons of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson, have been named to junior membership in the American Hereford Association, the world's largest purebred registry organization, with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

Seventy-one junior Hereford breeders were placed on the Association's official roster during March. The Association maintains active accounts for more than 80,000 breeders of registered Herefords over the nation.

The Hereford Association during the last fiscal year recorded 476,367 purebred calves. The year's total recordings were the eighth highest on record and almost twice the combined registrations of other major beef breeds.

Morrow Women Attend Extension Council At OSU

Eight women from Morrow county are attending the Oregon Home Economics Extension Council at Oregon State University this week, May 1-3. Nearly 700 homemakers are present at the conference that has as its theme, "Home—The Foundation of Citizenship."

Speakers will include W. G. Nibler, state extension agent; Jean Penrose, International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Israel; and Dr. Miriam School, dean of home economics, all of OSU; Mrs. Armas Jakku, Hood River homemaker; and Rev. Robert Kingsbury, director of Wesley Foundation, University of Oregon.

The homemakers, all members of cooperative extension service groups in their counties, will spend Wednesday afternoon in workshops to plan ways to strengthen educational programs back home. Committee chairmen planning these sessions are Mrs. C. E. Swann, Carlton; Mrs. Gordon McNeil, Albany; Mrs. Willard Hamlin, Mrs. William Eddy, both Corvallis; Mrs. Bert Udell, Lebanon; Mrs. Jakku, and Mrs. L. Meisenheimer, Silverton.

Two scholarships will be presented to juniors in home economics at OSU at Wednesday's luncheon. An Oregon homemaker also will be named for an expense paid trip to the Associated Country Women of the World conference in Australia this October. Mrs. Riddell Lage, Hood River, president of OHEEC, will preside at the conference.

More than 21,000 homemakers regularly participated in organized extension family interest groups in Oregon last year. County agents taught home economics skills and women interest subjects to 18,863 volunteer project leaders, who in turn, taught this information to another 84,600 women.

Attending from here are Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Robert Bergstrom, and Miss Esther Kirmis, Heppner; Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo; Mrs. Richard Ryan and Mrs. Mary Adams, Irrigon; and Mrs. Earl Briggs and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe, Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Huff and children took his mother, Mrs. Bernice Huff, to her home in Halfway Easter week-end.

Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kirk have been visiting here recently. Mrs. Alvin Humphrey and two daughters, Kathy and Debbie, were here from Seattle. Another daughter, Mrs. Howard Welch, has been here from her home in Oak Harbor, Wn.

Mrs. Lester Doolittle enjoyed a week-end visit by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doolittle, and grandsons, Dennis and Ronald, who came from their home in Portland Saturday, April 21. They remained until Sunday afternoon. Paul grew up in Heppner.

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Students Tour Gilliam As League Guests

By N. C. ANDERSON

Thirty-five Portland eighth grade school children and their chaperone teachers know a lot more about Eastern Oregon agriculture this week than they did last week. This, at least, is what Bob Jepsen and I believe after taking part in Friday's program of an agricultural tour for these eighth graders sponsored by several agencies and individuals in Gilliam county. Bob attended as chairman of the Oregon Wheat Growers League public relations committee. I was an interested spectator hoping that Morrow county might do the same thing.

The tour was aimed at acquainting these eighth graders with agricultural practices in eastern Oregon. Portland schools selected an outstanding eighth grade student from 35 of their eighth grades. The delegation with two eighth grade teachers and the Portland city schools 4-H agent, who made arrangements at Portland, were picked up by an Arlington school bus early Friday morning, arriving at the grade school at 10:30. After an orientation meeting, the league film, "Give us This Day" was shown on wheat farming in the Columbia Basin. After lunch the group accompanied by the Arlington eighth grade class left for the Rock Creek school where they visited this one-room school with eighth grades and heard the history and activities of that school. On the way they viewed strip-cropping, erosion control dams, cross-wind seeding, stubble mulch fallow, a cereal nursery and conservation practices on Rock Creek.

Following the visit to the Rock Creek school they visited the Irby ranch where they saw a branding, vaccination and marketing demonstration. We know that there will be some tall tales told after this demonstration by the many "squeals" and exclamations made. It was interesting to see the scramble for bits of calf ears at the calf branding table after ears were notched for identification. These were treasured as souvenirs! Several were brave enough to brand a calf themselves, an experience those boys or girls will never forget. While we did not attend the Saturday tour we know from the agenda that the boys and girls had some good experiences. They got to see such things as sprinkler irrigation, soil bank grass seedings, an aerial spraying of wheat to kill weeds, summerfallow operations a lot of farm equipment, quarter horses, farm elevators for handling and storing grain, a demonstration on washing a steer for show and sagebrush spraying. Another experience I am sure that the boys and girls enjoyed was staying at their "host homes" Friday and Saturday night. The host families took one and two boys or girls to stay with them on their ranches these nights. There were lots of exclamations made when they were told that they would be staying as far as sixty miles apart between Arlington and Mayville ranches. We are sure that these boys and girls will have a lot of good things to say on their return about agriculture and their experience on this trip to their schoolmates, parents and others. We think that this was one of the finest agricultural public relations programs that an agricultural area might sponsor. The project, first proposed by the Gilliam County Wheatgrowers Association asked the Oregon Wheat Growers League to consider such a public relation program this year. Since funds did not permit this group in carrying out the program, the Gilliam county group decided to try it themselves. Assisted by the Gilliam County Soil Conservation District, Soil Conservation Service, Gilliam County Public Schools, Gilliam County 4-H Leaders Association, the County Wheatgrowers Association, Gilliam County Granges, Farm Bureau, Oregon State University and the Agricultural Committee, Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Ernest Kirsch, Gilliam County agent as tour director, did a fine job in coordinating activities. We would like to see such activities expanded so that each of the Columbia Basin counties would carry out such a project as this. We believe the place to start in getting a better understanding of agriculture is with our city boys and girls.

Farm-fish pond owners are getting their ponds stocked for coming continuing fishing this year. Several weeks ago Rudy Bergstrom and Leonard Rill each had 500 six-inch trout planted in new ponds at their ranches. Last Thursday \$500 two inch trout were delivered to ponds at the Bob Kilkenny, Fritz Cutsforth, Jerry Dougherty, Kenneth Turner, Don Greenup and W. W. Weatherford ranches. Other pond owners plan to stock them soon. Orders are now being pooled to get another load together for early delivery.

Recently a child writing an essay on conservation started her essay with, "Conservation is what we eat and what we wear and where we live and if you don't, we won't."

Under the 1962 wheat program many more Morrow county wheatgrowers will come under marketing quotas. Instead of the 15 acre exemption, as in the past, the marketing quota exemption is based on the smaller of two figures. It is the smaller of either 13.5 acres or the highest wheat acreage harvested in any of the crop years 1959-61. Penalties on excess 1962 crop wheat will be at 65% of parity as of May 1 instead of the former 45% figure. The amount of wheat subject to penalties will be based on twice the farms' normal yield on all excess acreage. Price supports will be available only to those wheat farmers who participate in the 1962 wheat stabilization program. Acreage diversion payments are also available to those growers who take part. Finally if the acreage remains in excess of the allotment, the wheat must either be stored, or delivered to the secretary of agriculture, to avoid reduction in the farms future wheat allotments.

The Klamath Wool Pool consisting of 20,000 farm flock fleeces sold last week for 50.53c a pound, Green basis. So far this pool sold at 45.79c. In addition, the new Klamath Range Wool Pool sold 10,600 fleeces at 46.09c a pound.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crismon and family, Milwaukie visited over the week-end with his mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kinton and daughters, Sharon, Vicki and Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Berry and family were Easter Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Muri Berry, Echo.

Fairbanks Leads Booth Workshop For County Fair

Twenty-five people, representing 15 organizations, learned the basic techniques of setting up a good booth or display when they attended the booth workshop on April 24 conducted by Dwight Fairbanks, OSU visual aid specialist, at Heppner.

"The county fair is as much a part of our American tradition as barn dancing and baseball. It has been a rural event, primarily, but the number of farmers has decreased through the years, and communities have turned to other trades. So the modern fair tends to be an industrial as well as an agricultural exposition," explained the specialist.

"We who present community booths are responsible for helping our fair keep pace with changing times."

As a teaching device Fairbanks had the group judge pictures of booths he had taken at the Polk County Fair. Then he discussed the good and bad points of display. The standard score card lists choice of message, visualization of message, quality of products, and originality.

Five steps were given in planning a booth or display.

Step 1—Whom are we talking to? (homemaker, farmers, prospective members?)

Step 2—What do we want to tell them? (best to stick to one single subject.)

Step 3—Put your message into words (use catchy slogan).

Step 4—Visualize the idea (here's where your imagination goes to work).

Step 5—Sketch a plan before you start to build.

Attending were: Leta Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. David Bauer, Mrs. Terry Blevins, Mrs. Rachael Harnett, Ralph Richards, Mrs. Gordon Hutchins, Mrs. L. E. Brannon, William Struthers, Bob Hager, Mrs. Robert Bergstrom, Mrs. N. C. Anderson, and Mrs. Charles Knox, Heppner; Mrs. Vida Helker, Mrs. Mary Lindsay, and Mrs. Keith Rea, Ione; Mrs. Marjorie Aceck, Mrs. Margie Shade, and Mrs. Helen Sawyer, Irrigon; Mrs. Robert Hayes, and Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo;

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe, Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ayers were in Portland April 20 and he attended an electronic air filter school.

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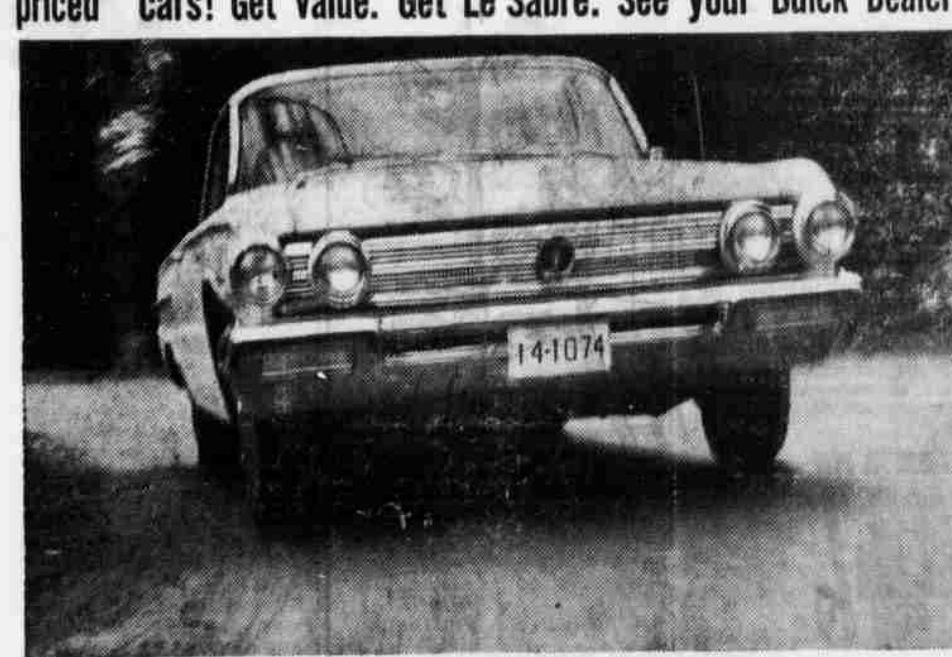
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