

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Meteorologist To Head County Weather Meeting

By N. C. ANDERSON

Dr. Fred Decker, OSU meteorologist, and head of their new Atmospheric Science Branch, will meet with members of the Morrow County Weather Observers and other interested persons on December 20. This is a reschedule of a postponed meeting with this group, originally called for mid-November. Dr. Decker will discuss the results of the program which Morrow county has carried out in cooperation with the Atmospheric Science Branch of OSU during the past year. Research assistance in this department has summarized special weather records that over 50 Morrow county ranchers have kept as well as special records on storms which occurred during the spring months.

There will be a discussion on a possible experimental weather modification program which is proposed to be carried out in the spring of 1963. At this meeting Dr. Decker will also discuss information gained on weather modification on programs while working in Germany, Switzer-

land, France, Italy and Austria during the summer of 1962. His talk will be illustrated with colored slides and other visual aids and should be of interest to everyone. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the fair annex building in Heppner on Thursday afternoon December 20 beginning at 1:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

Foreign Wheat Markets Find Problem in India

Morrow County ranchers, like other Pacific Northwest wheat men, have watched with interest the advance of white wheat prices during the past few weeks. Those who have kept us with programs advanced by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, the National Association of Wheatgrowers, Western Wheat Associates and those others connected with marketing wheat, realize that these price advances are a result of an excellent job in developing foreign wheat markets. The Oregon Wheat Growers League is recognized world-wide as having taken the leadership in developing markets and with the handy and valuable tool Public Law 480 have really moved a lot of wheat into foreign channels that has replaced much of the old stable, food, rice.

I am sure that no more need be said about the importance of these foreign markets. However, personnel hired to continuously look for new markets and keep potential wheat consumers aware of the importance of wheat in their diet sometimes overlooked. We know that they are paid representatives of the various organizations but they still sacrifice much by living and working under trying circumstances and not the best of living conditions in order to carry on this important work.

Right in line with this, it was interesting to read the monthly report from the Delhi, India, office made by Director Joe Spiruta. I quote parts of his November report which I am sure everyone can appreciate and agree that they would not like to be in some of these positions in the present time of great world unrest.

"A steady stream of worldly events encompassed Wheat Associates representatives in this part of the world during the past month. Some of the things happening seem almost unreal with much of it tending to dislevel all that is sane and normal. November records events including a withering Chinese attack which overran large areas of Indian territory, an uneasy cease-fire, fatigue clad G. P.s. billeted in Delhi's swanky Ashoka Hotel and arrival of U. S. Air Force transports to assist India in



SIGN LANGUAGE: Cow poster at schoolyard in Pakistan explains to children that their daily cup of milk is a gift from Americans through CARE. Delivery is made in \$1 Food Crusade packages containing enough milk powder to make 432 half-pint servings. Other \$1 packages to match the food needs of hungry families and groups in 20 countries are also provided through contributions to the CARE Food Crusade, c/o Fredrick and Nelson, Seattle, or local outlet.

ferrying men and materials to the northern regions."

"India's war with China is already having noticeable direct and indirect effects on Wheat Associates activities. Cancellation of the All-India Agricultural Exhibition at Bombay by Fair authorities is one example. W. W. A. had made tentative plans to participate in that show scheduled for this winter. Fairs and exhibitions may well be out for all of India until the national emergency ends. Delhi's assistant director, Dale Douglas visited Bombay customs. Senseless bureaucratic regulations brought clearance and the shipment may be tied up for an indefinite time. With winter setting in and all winter clothes tied up in Bombay customs, the Douglas family is quickly experiencing the perpetual frustrations of dealing with India officialdom."

At this holiday season I think that all of us can be thankful for what we have and the high living standards that we enjoy in this country compared to India and many other countries.

Portland Campfire Girls Look For Farm Recreation

We hear much these days about the development of recreation facilities and the demand from city families in getting out on the land as a means of relaxing and forgetting the hustle and bustle of city life. Many of us in this strictly rural area have discounted the possibilities of the demand for such facilities here. Many facilities are being provided daily however in east-

ern states and around highly industrialized cities where populations are such that there is hardly room for everyone to have these recreational opportunities.

There are opportunities in Morrow county and other eastern Oregon areas, I am sure. An example of this is a letter received only recently from the eighth grade Alameda Campfire Girls at Portland, Oregon. This group of 22 eighth grade members are looking for a place where they might spend three to five nights and days at a working or guest ranch. They would like a place with moderate rates in as much as they will be earning their own money for the trip in the time between now and the last two weeks of June when they would like these accommodations.

They would like a place which would include opportunities for riding, hiking, swimming and fishing. Do we have any such facilities in Morrow county where these girls might spend an enjoyable week? I have been thinking of the possibility of 4-H Summer Camp facilities on Heron Creek and the possibility that some enterprising person might like to provide some horses that these girls could ride during that period of time. Does anyone have any ideas, if so let's hear of them. I am sure that other opportunities will arise as time goes on.

Northwest Feed Price Above Mid-West Level

The following data illustrate why more hogs and cattle are not being fed here in the Northwest. Based on October averages, hogs were worth about \$4 per head more at Portland than at Kansas City, but the money received per head purchased only 1,780 pounds of barley, f. o. b. ranch. At the same time, the Nebraska hog sold in Kansas City made enough money to buy 1,805 lbs. of corn or 2,176 pounds of milo. The difference on steers was even greater, partly because of the lower farm price on corn and milo, compared with Northwest barley. For example, the money received for 1,000 pound choice steer in Kansas City in October bought 15,324 pounds of Nebraska corn or 18,714 pounds of Kansas milo. A comparable steer sold at Portland returned the owner enough to buy only 13,062 pounds of barley.

Local Exhibitors To Offer Registered Herefords at Sale

When the Oregon Polled Hereford Association's third annual special fall sale opens at the Pacific International Sales pavilion in Portland this Saturday, December 15, two Morrow county Polled Hereford exhibitors will be there. These exhibitors, Jerry Anderson and Kirk and Robinson, both Heppner, will be exhibiting a total of five heifers and two bulls.

The sale advertises a top cut offering of double registered Polled Herefords from seventeen breeders who, in total, will be exhibiting 12 bulls and 30 open and bred heifers. Don Robinson, president of the Oregon Polled Hereford Association, reports that there will be some of the best bulls yet offered at this sale. Offspring from the John A. Wahl, Golden M. Bull, who is a register of merit bull, will be among the breeding animals offered at the sale.

This sale will be an excellent opportunity to secure good Polled Hereford replacement heifers, according to N. C. Anderson, county agent. The event lasts one day only with the show at 10:00 a. m. and the sale at 1:00 p. m., Saturday, December 15.

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Chats With Your Home Agent

Timely Christmas Tips Given For Homemakers

By ESTHER KIRMIS

So many Christmas ideas come across the county agent's desk these days, but I believe Mrs. Dorothy Sherrill Miller, OSU family finance specialist, has come up with one that has real merit. Use your Christmas money that you receive as gifts (if you get some) to open an account labeled "Money I never expected."

Just by coincidence, the first letters of these words spell M-I-N-E! You'll be surprised how fast this savings account will grow in a year, if you make it a point to deposit all the "money I never expected."

It's a lot more fun to save for something special you've been hankering for rather than just for a rainy day. Keeping the end result in mind will give you a nudge in the direction of the bank, just in case you're tempted to go on a spending spree.

For the Christmas stockings, here are some helpful ideas:

A small inexpensive gift well chosen not only can have that personal touch but also mean safety and help the user in caring for her present equipment. For instance—

For the woman who owns a mixer—buy a rubber spatula with a colored handle to go with her kitchen decor.

For the homemaker who owns a blender—get the 1-inch size rubber spatula with long handle designed for scraping out a blender.

For the family who has a freezer—give them a frost scraper to aid in keeping freezer defrosted.

For the lady who has a steam iron—select a demineralizing device for removing hard water minerals from tap water so that she will not need to buy distilled water.

For the cook who uses a pressure sauce pan—give a minute timer to remind when cooking is finished.

For the family who has many "wash and wear" garments (this means almost everybody) get plastic coated hangers designed especially for use with drip-dry garments and avoid stains while drying.

For the family with outdoor barbecue equipment—choose asbestos mits, long handled tools and save burned fingers.

How to remove coffee stains and cranberry juice stains are high on the request list of questions that come to me during the holiday season.

If holiday guests spill coffee on your rug try this: as soon as possible blot up liquid with a clean white unstratched cloth or paper towel. Next sponge with detergent-vinegar-water solution. Use 1 teaspoon light duty

detergent such as you use for fine fabrics, mixed with 1 quart of warm water and 1 teaspoon of white vinegar. Dry the wet area by blotting and leave a weighted cloth pad of paper towel on it to absorb moisture. Don't leave it to air dry. If coffee included cream, sponge with dry cleaning fluid also. Open the door for plenty of fresh air while you work.

Cranberry juice on the table cloth should be treated immediately. Pour boiling water through the spot from a height of 1 to 3 feet. Launder as usual and bleach if necessary.

Christmas Bulletins Available at the office are:

1. Decorate Tin-Can Craft—No. 633
2. Christmas Decorations for Your Home—No. 620
3. Oregon Sweets—No. 3-412

Sewing Six Name Officers for Year

We met with Mrs. Bob Davidson to reorganize our club. We elected Christine Munkers our president; Betty Henderson, secretary; Jill Padberg, news reporter; Karen Cox, treasurer and game leader, and Penny Papineau, song leader.

Our next meeting will be held jointly with the Lively Fives at Mrs. Bob Davidsons on December 12, to make Christmas favors for patients at the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Jill Padberg, news reporter

Saddle-ittes 4-H Club Organize at Election

The December meeting of the 4-H Saddle-ittes was held at 2 p.m., December 9, at the Fair Annex building. The meeting was called to order by Dick Struckmeier.

The order of business was the election of officers. President is Dick Struckmeier; vice president, Scott Barratt; secretary-treasurer, Maralee Murray, and news reporter, Kay Daggett. Thirteen members and two visitors were present. Visitors were Mrs. Bloodsworth and Ray Jones.

It was decided that the meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be at 2 o'clock January 13, at the home of Raymond French.

Kay Daggett, news reporter

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