

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Blow Control District To Meet At Nelson Home

By N. C. ANDERSON

Fred Nelson, director, Lexington Blow Control District, announces the annual meeting which will be held at the Fred Nelson farm home on Wednesday evening, February 27.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. at which time a film will be shown and a discussion of problems within the district. Election of directors will be held during the evening. Those ranchers whose lands are included in the Blow Control District are urged to attend their annual meeting.

Livestock Growers Appoint Committee Chairman for 1963

Chairmen and members of the various committees of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association were appointed last week by Floyd Jones, president. Appointed for 1963 were Raymond French, Heppner membership and finance; Dick Wilkinson, Heppner, annual meeting; O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington, taxation and legislation; Bob Peterson, Ione, production and marketing; Bob Van Scholack, Heppner, insects, predators and rodents; Harold Wright, Heppner, disease control; Ralph Beamer, Heppner, game theft and brand; Frank Anderson, Heppner, pasture and range improvement; Don Greenup, Heppner, beef promotion; Ron Currin, Heppner, public lands and forestry; Jack Hynd, Cecil, cattleman of the year; and Howard Bryant, Heppner, auditing committee. Ranchers selected from the membership of the Association were appointed to these committees. Further appointments will be made as memberships grow during the year.

Chairman Raymond French has underway now a membership program to bring numbers back to normal after a low membership in 1962. Memberships dropped to 65 last year compared to a normal of over 100. Livestock Growers who are interested in participating in the Theft Protection program are invited to do so now. This program initiated in 1953 provides that a reward will be offered for the arrest and conviction of trespassers or theft for livestock covered by this program. Members may have this protection for 10¢ per head on their normal livestock breeding numbers.

Conservation Title Announced

"Forest Conservation in an Oregon Soil Conservation District," will be the title of next fall's speech contest sponsored by the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts through local districts. Local participation has been good with the contest won this year by Martha Doherty, Heppner.

Lindsays Add Angus Stock

Larry Lindsay, Lexington, reports the purchase of three bulls, two Angus and a Hereford, at the Red Bluff sale last week. While I haven't seen these bulls yet, I am sure that they are of the same excellent quality that the Lindsays have been using over the past years which

results in their excellent quality calf crop. The selection of good bulls and an excellent cow herd, I am sure, have been one of the main factors in the good gains which have been made by these calves in the feedlot during the past two years that the Lindsays have been finishing out their own calves for market.

Snow Pack 27% of Average

Coming up Willow Creek Saturday morning it was good to see a lot of irrigation being done on the creek bottoms. It is especially important this winter that as much land as possible get well soaked up now while there is water in our creeks. This is especially important since stream flow for the 1963 irrigation season is expected to be considerably below average, largely due to an extremely poor snow pack which is close to the record low of 1934. The snow pack, now 27% of the average, is only 1/3 of last year at this date. While there is still some time for snow in the mountains no large pack can be anticipated at this late date, especially as warm weather comes and "chinooks" are frequent.

New Wheat Foods Get Commercial Production

It is interesting to note the number of new wheat foods which have been developed over the past few years as efforts have been made to utilize abundant supplies of wheat. Through the efforts of the Oregon Wheat Growers League encouragement was given for the development of Ala, a bulgur-type wheat feed, which as well as being popular in this country, has been in great demand in foreign countries with a large percentage of the output being shipped overseas.

"Wheatnuts" is the name which an enterprising Montana person has given to a new product which he has developed within the last year. Basically this is a whole-wheat snack food made from wheat which has been soaked, allowed to germinate, and cooked in deep fat. It has a nut-like flavor. Commercial distribution will be made from his plant at Circle, Montana. He is also experimenting with "Wheatnuts" in various new products such as cookies, candies and breakfast foods.

Only recently the Federal government has purchased 66 million pounds of Nebraskit, a survival ration developed by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for stocking of public shelters. The Nebraskit is made from hard red winter wheat flour, corn flour, corn sugar, shortening and other ingredients. This cracker-type ration is one of three in the Nebraskit family which the Department has developed: the Nebraskit, the milk bar and the milo-wheat wafer. While the Nebraskit was developed primarily as a ration for public shelters later attention has shifted to its peaceful uses as a high-protein type food for hungry peoples of the world.

Bulletin on Wills Still Available
A new OSU bulletin, "A Will

Your Home Agent

Fabric Bulletin Gives Help On Matching Plaids

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Perfectly matched plaids can make a 39-cent-a-yard gingham dress look expensive, while improperly joined plaids can ruin the effect of the most expensive fabric.

Secrets of sewing with plaids are told in a new, illustrated bulletin available from Oregon State University extension service.

Size of the plaid makes a difference in the pattern the home seamstress should choose. For example, a large plaid looks best when a pattern with few seams is used. The garment will be easier to cut and sew, and will take less material. Patterns with yokes and more seams, on the other hand, can be used for small plaids.

The two types of plaids—even and uneven—present different problems. The bulletin explains how to tell the types apart and pictures specific ways to work with each.

Among general suggestions listed for cutting plaid fabrics are: 1. Center a vertical plaid line at the body center. 2. Place pattern pieces so one main horizontal block of plaid is at, or near shoulder. 3. Match front and back along horizontal lines of plaid. 4. If blouse has an underarm dart, match plaid above the dart. This makes it possible when cutting set-in sleeves to have the horizontal line continuous around the body. 5. To piece a plaid, match and join along one line of a design and not through the middle of a color.

You may obtain free copies of the bulletin "Planning Plaids" from the county extension office.

OSU Issues Bulletin on Steam Irons

If you plan to invest in a new steam iron, check buying tips in a revised Oregon State University bulletin, "Steam Irons." Copies are available on request at the county extension office.

As more man-made fabrics and wrinkle-resisting finishes for natural fibers are developed, the steam iron becomes more of a necessary household tool, specialists point out. Touch up ironing is easily accomplished with a steam iron, and the OSU bulletin tells how.

Advantages of the two most

of Your Own" which we discussed in this column a couple of weeks ago has been in much demand. Oregon State has made two printings to keep up with this demand. The Oregon State Bar Association has taken quite a number of these for distribution to its membership. Individual lawyers have ordered large quantities. There have been large orders by both the University of Oregon and OSU for their employees and other higher education institutions within the state, both public and private. If you have not yet picked up your copy, it is available at this office.

Food Employs Millions
Growing, processing and selling food requires the full-time efforts of 9,100,000 Americans, 32 times the population of Nevada.

School Plans Forest Tour

Plans were laid last week for a forest conservation school tour in Morrow county. Such tours have become very popular over the past number of years with all western Oregon counties now holding these for higher elementary grade school children. Participating in the planning were Hillard Brown, Heppner elementary school principal, and sixth grade teachers, Mrs. Inez Irwin and Mrs. Inez Meador with Bob Strand, forest service; Ralph Richards, SCS; Joe Hay and myself representing this office. Charlie Ross, Extension Forester, OSU, showed colored slides and discussed the nature of such tours in other counties. Selection of a site where various forest conservation practices can be seen will be selected by a committee as soon as it is possible to get around the mountains. Plans were made to hold the first tour in late September or early October, 1963.

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Smith Proposes Tax on Transfers

A tax of 55 cents per \$1,000 valuation in transfers of real property, designated to raise \$1 million a biennium for the general fund, has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Jack L. Smith, D-Condon.

Smith, in his first term a member of the important House taxation committee, said the tax is one-half the rate of the federal stamp tax on transfers of deeds and other legal papers.

The tax would be collected by county clerks or recorders at the time property transfers are recorded. The tax would be recorded in a way that price of the sale would not be determined by outside parties.

The county general fund would receive five per cent of the revenue to pay for collecting the tax. The remainder would go to the state general fund.

"Oregon appears faced with the job of increasing revenue by between \$49 million and \$65 million in the next two years in order to keep services at present levels and to take pressure off property taxes," Smith said.

"This tax would collect about \$1 million of that need and would fall due at a time when taxpayers have money and can best afford to pay the tax," he said.

Club Hears Reports

The 4-H Golden Rock club met at the public museum Saturday, February 16. We talked about our window display on National 4-H week in March. Terry Peck gave a report on Andesite, Lee Payne also gave a report on Phylolite. On January 26 we met with the adult rock club at the old library. They had a movie on fossils. The name of the movie was "Fossil World of Clarno." Bobby Peck, reporter

Mrs. L. D. Tibbles is with her sister, Mrs. Altha Payne in Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Payne is recuperating from surgery and Mrs. Tibbles will visit for several weeks.

Guests last week at the Ted Smith home were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Allen, Redmond. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Allen are sisters.

popular types of steam irons are described plus tips for the overseas traveler who wants to invest in a travel iron.

Steam iron owners are told how to clean clogged vents with a simple vinegar and water solution and what kind of water to use for best results.

Ag Head Reports More Bills Which Would Affect SDA

To aid in keeping farmers and others interested and informed of pending legislation relating to the state department of agriculture, Director J. F. Short lists this group of bills introduced during the first two weeks of February:

SB 151 would repeal need to notarize inspection fee reports required of dealers in fertilizers, limes and agricultural minerals. (Requested by the department).

SB 103 would remove requirements for mobile slaughter plants, prohibit sale of uninspected meat in retail markets and require non-processing slaughterers to sell only inspected meat. The first hearing on this development concern both for and against.

SB 156 would establish a pilot inspection program on poultry and rabbit slaughter for the two years ending July 1, 1965, to determine necessity and cost of statewide compulsory inspection.

HB 1239 on agricultural marketing would prohibit any dealer in agricultural commodities from specified unfair marketing practices and would be administered by SDA.

HB 1303 would require the director of agriculture to submit a report to the 1965 Legislature on an interstate compact providing for regulation of production and marketing of agricultural commodities.

HB 1341 would amend the egg law to require licensing of chicken and turkey hatcheries and inspection to determine that eggs which have been incubated do not enter market channels. (Aimed at incubator rejects and prohibits entry into Oregon of egg meats unless processed in USDA-inspected plants or from states that prohibit incubator rejects.)

HB 1346 would provide machinery for state marketing orders on agricultural commodities, with SDA to administer the act.

HB 1376 is a milk stabilization act which would license milk handlers, establish minimum prices to be paid at the producer level, provide a method of equalization and establish quotas for individual dairymen.

HB 1356 would require notices be posted when imitation milk products are sold in vending machines or otherwise.

HB 1401 would allow the department to set a due date for all statements of monies due for services rendered. (Requested by

Fertilizer Sales Drop 26,000 Tons

Oregon farmers used less fertilizer and limes on their lands last year than in 1961 but more boron, gypsum and other agricultural minerals.

At least this is the story told in inspection fee reports filed with the state department of agriculture by dealers in this state.

The comparative tonnages reported sold in the two years:

Fertilizers	234,889	208,306
Limes	52,707	44,695
Ag. minerals	13,608	15,218

The 1961 tonnage stands as the record sales of fertilizers in Oregon in the 11 years since the state has required quarterly reports.

Lime usage, based on sales, was lowest of any year since 1951, with exception of 1954. Highest lime sales occurred in 1959 when dealers reported 81,596 tons.

Last year was the third high year on agriculture mineral sales, with 1956's 18,284 tons still the top reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Erickson, Madras, were visitors here Saturday and Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCabe and both couples attended the Elks Annual on Saturday.

(The State Department of Agriculture.)

HJR 18 directs the department to provide "acceptance service" so that meat under state inspection can be sold to state institutions as well as federally inspected meat now purchased.

Citizens may obtain copies of any of these bills by writing to their state senator or representative at the Capitol, Salem 10.

Livestock Club Sees Films On Animals

The Ione Livestock club met at the Ione Community church on February 6. Our leader, Kenneth Smouse, was absent and Alfred Nelson took charge. Our roll call was the naming of our project and the breed of animal. Keith and Kristin Nelson gave a report on the care and feeding of dairy cows. We discussed where we were going on our tour in the spring. There were a few suggestions.

Joe Hay, county 4-H leader, made a few announcements concerning the Oregon Wheat Growers League Fat Stock Show to be held at The Dalles in June. He showed two movies, "Save More Lambs" and "Raising Dairy Cows."

Our next meeting will be held at the Kenneth Smouse home on March 3. We will study judging livestock.

Charles Nelson, reporter

Sewing Club Gives Apron Demonstrations

February meeting of the Country Cutters 4-H club was at the home of Molly Beckett February 16. Debby Warren joined our club and all members were present.

Each girl gave a demonstration showing the different steps in making an apron. Roll call was answered with each girl giving the reason why she chose the particular material for her skirt.

Betty Carlson showed how to lay patterns on material and cut them out. We are planning on making a blouse to match our skirts, as an extra article.

Under new business we decided to give our demonstrations for Mrs. Roland Bergstrom's club at our March meeting.

Visitors were Mrs. Don Peterson, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn and Mrs. Lawrence Beckett.

Linda Pettyjohn, reporter

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