

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Plan to Combine Two Farm Banquets Proposed

By N. C. ANDERSON

A committee of representatives of the Morrow County Livestock Growers, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and Heppner Soil Conservation District met recently to discuss the possibilities of combining the annual Farm-City Week banquet with the annual banquet of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. The annual Farm-City banquet is co-sponsored by the Heppner Soil Conservation District and Chamber of Commerce. The group agreed to this with plans for attracting a top speaker and making an all-out effort for a big banquet rather than two smaller ones.

The annual meeting committee of the Livestock Growers Association were concerned and delegated by the executive committee to find a new date for the annual meeting, one which might not come at such a busy time for livestock growers and avoid bad weather such as we had this year during the time of the annual meeting. Proposed dates were November 1 and 2 with the banquet for Saturday night the 2nd. This date was chosen as it comes the week-end before the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattleman's Association and would work out well in taking resolutions and recommendations directly from the county meeting to the state association for consideration and action.

Cooperative Expands Work Through Increased Automation

Several weeks ago a group of Oregon County Agents and OSU department and administrative people met with representatives of Western Farmer's Association, a large farmer's cooperative active in Oregon and Washington. This cooperative is expanding its operations in new fields of grain storage and buying, feed formulation, fertilizer sales and many other agricultural activities. The meeting was called so the groups might better understand each other's operations.

Of much interest to me, as well as to most everyone involved in the days activities was a visit to a large feed mill on Sauvie's Island where tons of feed is formulated and mixed each day. Talking about automation, which is taking over both industry and agriculture these days, this mill contained the final degree in this type of operation.

Only a few men were employed in the entire mill operation and one man is in charge of all the mixing operation. This is done on a large panel with thousands of blinking lights and combinations for mixing various feeds. The simple part of this operation was that all feed formulations are put on an IBM card. It is stuck in the correct slot. Lights begin to blink as various feed ingredients are measured out scientifically, dumped together, mixed automatically, elevated into a bin and then into a feed delivery truck. "All of this without the touch of human hands."

It was amazing to see what one little punched card could do when stuck in a slot. At the site of this feed mill construction had just begun for a large egg and poultry handling plant and we were told that these operations would be done with the same degree of automation.

Sill Joins Oregon Breeders Assoc. as Breeding Specialist

Livestock grower friends of Joe Sill, former First National Bank agricultural field man, will be happy to hear that he has recently joined the Oregon Breeders Association and will be working throughout Oregon. His new job is a beef-cattle specialist and will be contacting livestock men, organizing a sound breeding program with beef cattle producers in the state. A concentrated study of artificial breeding of beef cattle is underway.

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Chemical Sterilants Advised For Weed and Grass Control

For those who did not get on their soil sterilants last fall for the control of annual weeds and grasses can still do so but it should be applied soon. Atrazine and Amitrol are the recommended chemicals. Four to six pounds of 80% Atrazine plus 2 pounds of 50% commercial Amitrol or one-half gallon water per acre is the recommendation for ryegrass, along with cheatgrass and other annuals. The higher rate, 6 lbs. of 80% Atrazine is recommended for control of the more resistant plants such as puncture vine and sandbar.

Many have inquired about the control of sandbar and this can be done on fencerows and road right-of-ways at this recommended rate. With these grasses growing quite rapidly it will not be too long before they reach a height of six inches or so at which time effectiveness is greatly reduced. We would recommend that this be done at once.

Weed Control Handbook Is Available

While talking about weeds we would remind anyone who is interested in detailed weed control recommendations that they consider purchasing an Oregon Weed Control Handbook. This handbook is reprinted annually so that the latest recommendations are included. It contains recommendations for almost every type of weed control imaginable. Order blanks are available at this office and the handbook can be ordered from the Co-op Bookstore at Corvallis.

'Yes' Vote on 1964 Wheat Program is Discussed

This week I will briefly discuss the 1964 program with a "Yes" vote. In comparison the program with a "No" vote will be discussed next week.

The 1964 Wheat Program With a "Yes" Vote

The 1964 program provides a national marketing quota of about 1.2 billion bushels, based on the national need for wheat. The national acreage allotment will be approximately 49.5 million acres.

Each wheat grower will have an acreage allotment—his share of the national allotment. Producers with 15 acres or less will share in special "small farm" allotments.

Up to the number of bushels in the farm marketing allocation, wheat will return to growers about \$2.00 a bushel, national average, whether marketed or put under price support. Wheat in excess of the marketing allocation will return to farmers about \$1.30 a bushel, either through the market or price support. This is close to the world price and to the feeding value

Last 4-H Beauty Clinic Scheduled Here Saturday

"Don't put up your hair in curlers every night," cautions Mrs. John Jepsen, lone beautician, "or you'll ruin your hair with split ends. Get a good permanent every three to six months and your hair will be more easily managed."

Mrs. Jepsen, along with Mrs. Robert Jones of Heppner, and two junior leaders, appeared before the school cafeteria on March 23 in the second of a series of 4-H Beauty clinics that are being held around the county according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

The beauty operator also gave pointers on brushing, shampoos, rinses, tints, and hair styling. She shampooed and waved Theresa Tucker's (High Hopes 4-H club) hair earlier in the day and did a "comb-out" before the group. Hand care was also discussed by the operator.

"Adolescence is the time when many skin problems arise and it is especially vital that teenage girls learn good skin care practices," advised Mrs. Jones who spoke on skin care and makeup. With the use of a film-strip, "Faces Up" she set the stage for a frank talk on makeup for growing girls.

A review of the modeling steps learned last year were conducted by Arleta McCabe, lone and Leora Van Winkle, Lexington, 4-H junior leaders.

"The last 4-H Beauty Clinic will be conducted this Saturday, March 30, in the multipurpose room of the Heppner Grade school, starting at 1:30 p.m. (note change in time)," announces Miss Kirmis. "All 4-H girls in the Heppner area, regardless of project are invited to attend. Leaders and interested mothers are also invited!"

The same staff will appear on the program this Saturday, with the exception of Mrs. Jepsen. Shirley Van Winkle, of Lois Beauty Shop, will demonstrate the hair care.

Saddle Club Plans For Field Day Meet

The fifth meeting of the Pine City Saddle club was called to order March 11 at 7:30 p.m. by Mitch Ashbeck, president, Patty Healy, secretary, read the minutes and called roll call. The minutes were approved.

David Proudfoot led us in the pledge for the American flag, Karla Luciani led us in the 4-H pledge.

It was announced that Mr. and Mrs. Farley from Stanfield have a registered Arabian horse. They said we could have a field day at their ranch. They also visit the clubs and show movies and give talks. Mrs. Leo Ashbeck is going to try to get in touch with them for our next meeting.

Joe Hay, county agent from Heppner, was present at the meeting and presented us with a movie called "Horse Sense." Mrs. Healy and Patty served refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate.

Sherry Ashbeck, reporter

of the wheat.

An important part of the 1964 program, aimed at holding production to desirable levels, is a plan to divert wheat land to other uses. Diverted acreage will be in two categories:

Mandatory diversion of about 10 percent of the 1963 allotment with payments at 30 percent of the support rate.

Voluntary diversion in addition up to 20 percent of the 1964 acreage allotment, with payments at 50 percent of the support rate.

The diverted land may be put to conservation crops, such as grass or legumes; it might be fallowed; or it could be planted to crops designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as being not in surplus supply.

A land-use penalty will apply, however, if diverted acres are planted to crops not permitted by law.

Under the 1964 wheat program farmers would be permitted to plant wheat on acres allotted to feed grains, if a feed grain program involving diverted acres is in effect in 1964, and if the referendum vote is favorable.

Clubs Meet Together

On March 9 the Ruralettes attended the Country Cutters 4-H clothing club meeting. Each member of the Cutters club gave a demonstration. We learned how to prepare and give a demonstration.

On March 21 the Ruralettes had an all day meeting at the home of Sharon and Carley Bergstrom. We brought a sack lunch. Each answered the roll call with what we learned from making our shears case. We had a short business meeting, then started working on our travel kit. Games were played. Mrs. Sid Zinter visited the meeting.

Cheri Carlson, Ann McElligott, reporters

Vacation Tours Taken by Clubs

Several 4-H clubs in Morrow county utilized spring vacation from school as a time to tour in Pendleton, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

The Knitty Knitters club of Lexington, with Mrs. Gene Cutsforth as leader, toured the Pendleton Woolen Mills on March 21, learning how wool was washed, dyed, and woven. Six girls and three mothers comprised the group. The little girls got to eat in a restaurant and do some shopping in addition.

Mrs. Eldon Padberg, leader of the Lively Five of Lexington, also took her girls to Pendleton March 21 on a trip to select materials for their main 4-H project.

The two woodworking clubs of Irrigon, (20 members), the Woody Woodpeckers and the Girls Hobby club, were guests of the Harris Pine Mills of Pendleton on March 21, where they witnessed the making of lumber from the raw tree.

Mrs. Rachel Harnett, Heppner, is the leader of two clubs and each one had an outing. The Purl Divers (knitting club of six members) visited the Pendleton Woolen Mills too, on March 20, and also the Pendleton Yarn Shop to find out the different kinds of yarn. They dined at the Tapadera, and visited the McNary Dam on their return trip.

The Golden Rock 4-H club of five members, (Mrs. Harnett, leader) took a circle trip on Friday, March 22, scouting the man-made geology of Arlington, the Wasco deposits near Wasco, and hunted an area on the John Day river and Rock Creek.

Saturday evening they visited the Adult Rockhound club of Heppner to see films on thunder-eggs found on the Friday ranch near Madras.

"Tours are another form of 4-H teaching," says the agent, "We encourage clubs to visit neighboring industries and scenes."

Needlettes Have Part In PTA 4-H Program

At an afternoon meeting during the last week of February, the Needlettes met to make posters for a 4-H window in the bank. The members decided to give a short demonstration for the 4-H program at PTA.

On Monday, March 4, we met at Elaine Gaarsland's home to work on the demonstration for 4-H night at PTA. Refreshments were served.

Arleta McCabe, reporter

Club Takes Field Trip

The Purl-divers 4-H knitting club met the morning of March 20 to go on our first field trip. Members present were Christy Watkins, Ava Lynn Green, Mona Marshall, Barbara Payne, Pam Hughes and Susan Chally.

We went to the Pendleton Woolen Mills, ate at the Tapadera and went shopping. On the way back we found a cliff and went rockhounding, then went to McNary Dam. Our leader is Mrs. Rachel Harnett.

Susan Chally, reporter Sandpoint, Ida., arrived in Irrig-

Chapter Honors President at Convention

By LaVELLE PARTLOW

IRRIGON—Mr. and Mrs. Don Olsmscheid and family drove to Portland during spring vacation, where Mr. Olsmscheid attended the Oregon Education convention. Mrs. Ellen Caudle accompanied the Olsmsheids, and also attended the convention. Guest speakers at the convention included Mrs. Hazel Blanchard, president of the NEA replacing Ewald Turner; Dr. Stinette, assistant executive secretary of NEA, and columnist Drew Pearson.

As president of Morrow County OEA, Don Olsmscheid, principal at A. C. Houghton Elementary, presented Robert Van Houte, outgoing president of OEA, with a transistor radio, a gift from the Morrow County Chapter. Assisting Don Olsmscheid with the presentation was Hillard Brown, elementary principal of Heppner grade school.

Ricky, Randy and Steve Mills of Hermiston spent spring vacation in Irrigon visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Markham.

Mike Partlow, president of A. C. Houghton student body, presided at the regular student-body meeting held Tuesday. Entertainment was provided by the sixth grade room, and the program was planned by their teachers, Mick Tolar and Ted Talbot. The group presented a magic show with Stanley Stitzel acting as the magician, and Mike Anderson assisting him. Kay Huson served as mistress of ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Berry of Portland and their granddaughter, Miss Sharon Jancura of Seattle, arrived in Irrigon Sunday to spend a few days with Mrs. Berry's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Markham and the Albert Partlows. Other out of town guests who visited at the Partlow residence Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Chapman and Mrs. Doshia Brownell of Walla Walla; Miss Snow McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. James Mills and boys and Hugh Berry all of Hermiston, and Mrs. Lois Graybeal of Umatilla.

The Sewettes 4-H club met Tuesday, March 19, at the school-house with six members present. They worked on their articles and discussed color schemes to be used in making travel kits, skirts and aprons. The group planned a special meeting for March 21 to be held at the home of their leader, Mrs. John Swearingen.

Jim Dobbins spent Wednesday through Friday in Portland and Vancouver, visiting friends. He went to Portland with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Fredrickson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swearingen and Gerry went to the coast in the Winchester Bay area during spring vacation. On their trip, they visited friends in The Dalles, Cottage Grove, Loraine and Drain.

Mrs. Henry Danielsen of Camas spent Saturday through Wednesday here visiting her sister, Mrs. Sedelia Dexter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill.

John Howard Califf Jr., infant son of SK 3 and Mrs. John Califf was discharged from Good Shepherd hospital Friday, after being confined four days with pneumonia. Mrs. Califf and the baby spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zehner after the baby was released.

Misses Sandi Davis, Sandra Creamer and Ann Schmeder returned to college at EOC Sunday, after spending their spring vacation in Irrigon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Reeves, Sean and Leann drove to Pomeroy during the spring vacation to take care of business, and to visit friends.

Mrs. Myrtle McNamee has returned to Irrigon, after spending over eight months in Venice, Calif., where she stayed with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Reeves of

gon Friday to spend a week with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Reeves and children.

Misses Linda and Laurie Ferguson of Silverton visited at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Weaver, during their spring vacation last week. The girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Ferguson, came to spend the week-end with the Weavers, and took the girls home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gayman, Vickie and Ronnie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Gayman of Kennewick Sunday afternoon.

Howard Califf was released from the Umatilla hospital Thursday, after having a tonsillectomy.

Mrs. James McRae, Mrs. Lloyd Franke and Mrs. Harold Van Horn took 18 boys and girls, all members of the 4-H Woodworkers club, to Pendleton Thursday. The group toured the Harris Pine Mills, and later stopped in at a drive-in restaurant for refreshments.

SP5 and Mrs. Gary Dexter spent Thursday through Monday here with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill and Mrs. Sedelia Dexter. Sunday, the Hills and Dexters drove to The Dalles to visit Hill's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Koch and Denise. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Cook and Rhonda Mae of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pummel, Anita, Donna Kay and Darrel drove to Salem during spring vacation, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pummel and children, and also former Irrigon residents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Gerberding and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Collins and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and family. Pummels returned to Irrigon Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCoy, Susan, Mike and Debbie drove to Portland during the spring vacation.

Mrs. Vernon Stewart, Sharon and Tommy went to La Grande Thursday, where they stayed

with Mrs. Stewart's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reeder and also visited Mrs. Burl Courtney and children and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart. Vernon Stewart drove to La Grande Saturday to spend the week-end, and Stewart's returned to Irrigon Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ernest Jorgensen and Mrs. Sid Lewis drove to Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. Bill Graybeal went to Salem Thursday where she will spend several days with her mother, Mrs. Inez Heritage, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and children.

Dr. and Mrs. B. I. Phillips, accompanied by Mrs. Ron Gray, brought Mrs. Claude Huston home from Portland Saturday.

Joseph Falardeau, Superior, Wisc. is here visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Wolff and family. He has been here for the past three weeks.

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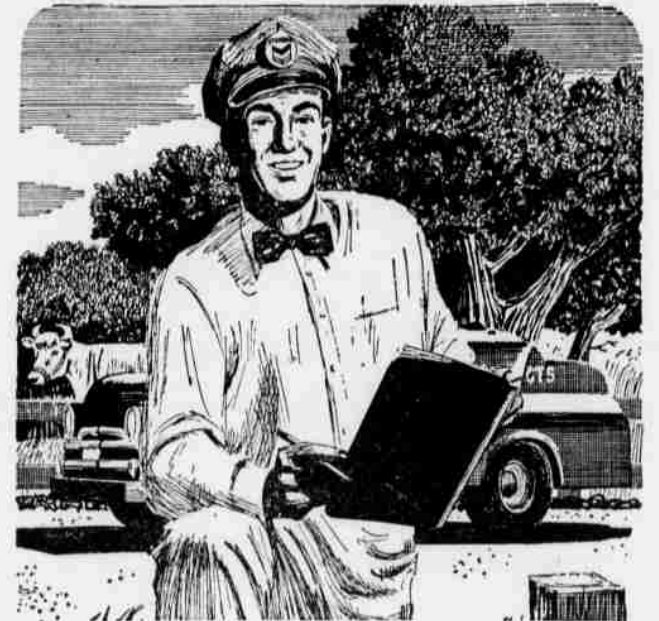
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