

County Agent's Office

# Annual Wheat Meet Scheduled for June 11

**By N. C. ANDERSON**  
The executive committee of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association, meeting last Friday evening, made plans for their annual spring meeting which will be held on June 11. The group had agreed earlier to wait with this annual affair until after the Wheat Referendum in order that they might discuss further the aspects of the program and how it applied to wheat growers if the referendum passed, and if not to discuss alternatives. On the program will be brief progress reports of the various standing committees, presentation of the 1963 Conservation Man of the Year and a discussion on wheat grades.

The group expressed its interest in initiating a public relations program with Portland 8th grade school children such as has been carried out by Gilliam county during the past two years. Robert Jensen, as past chairman of the public relations committee for the Oregon Wheat Growers League, encouraged other counties to join with Gilliam in this worthwhile program. With approximately 150 8th grade classes in Portland it is impossible for one county to make much progress in giving many eighth graders an opportunity to come to Eastern Oregon and learn how ranchers live, in order that they might take this information back to their fellow students and parents. The cooperation of other farm organizations will be encouraged in carrying out this project. The tour will be held the second week-end of May, 1964. While the executive committee was in session, a "telephone tree" organization was planned to call all wheat growers in Morrow county asking them to turn out and vote at the May 21 Referendum.

**Agents Hear New Methods in Livestock Marketing**

Don Moeller, of the Agriculture Research Division of Swift and Company, Chicago, told a group of 35 Oregon county agents last Monday evening in his opening remarks, "If you go home without knowing how the livestock market works and what establishes prices you have wasted your time and mine." This was a part of the orientation for the group preparing them for three days of an intensive livestock market study program held in North Portland on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week.

The interesting program, lasting ten to twelve hours per day, was valuable in providing background of such things as scope of the meat industry in the United States and the local area, livestock buying methods, grades and grading and general methods of meat distribution. We had the opportunity to meet with department heads of the packers who discussed factors that determine what they would bid for cattle, hogs, and lambs on Tuesday markets and to go with them while they bid on various lots of livestock that were consigned to commission men on the market that day.

We had the opportunity to live grade hogs, lambs and beef and to follow them through to the cool room to compare our grades and carcass yields with the finished product. In addition to touring beef, lamb and pork operations in the packing plant, we viewed the by-products division that manufactures fertilizer and tankage and to visit the wool pullery where pelts and wool from slaughtered lambs and sheep are processed, the Portland plant being one of two in the entire country. An opportunity was afforded the group to determine from price paid for live animals using yield and grade as to what should be bid as a price on an order of 100 beef carcasses, 150 pork loins and other meat items to one of the large chain grocery stores.

The group toured retail food stores in the Portland-Vancouver area to observe selling methods. I returned home with a much better understanding of market, including livestock procedures, what and who determines price for not only live animals but meat carcasses, offered to the retail trade.

**Key Appointed to ASC**

Lloyd M. Key, Milton-Freewater, has recently been appointed as a member of the State ASC Committee. Mr. Key replaces Jens Terjesen, Helix, who's appointment recently expired. Mr. Key is a wheat, grain pea, range cattle and feed lot operator.

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**Tour Set For May 31**

One of the important steps on the annual Better Farming Conservation tour will be at the 1963 Conservation Man of the Year ranch. At this stop those on the tour will have the opportunity to see a number of conservation practices including strip cropping, silt retaining dams, bird guzzlers, and grass seedlings as well as a variety of machinery used in the operation. Don't forget to reserve the date of May 31 to attend this tour. It will assemble at the Morrow County Fair Grounds at 9:30 a.m. with travel to be made by chartered bus.

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**Students Observe Forest Conservation**

Last Friday, sixth grade teachers, Inez Jaxin and Inez Meador, with elementary school superintendent Hillard Brown and Work Unit Conservationist Ralph Richards, accompanied me to Union county to observe their annual Forestry Conservation School tour. Morrow county is considering holding a tour in late September or early October, 1964 for sixth graders of the Morrow county schools. Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant county have all indicated interest in participating in this tour. Those of us attending the Union county tour did so to observe procedure in order to make our tour more effective.

Within the next few days a tour will be held of possible sites in our forest to determine the area that the tour will visit to observe such things as game habitats and management, forest fire protection, range management, conservation, soils, tree identification, thinning and pruning for forest tree improvement and commercial logging. Several state and federal agencies will be involved in this conservation project as it is planned and carried out. Most all counties in Oregon are now holding such a tour and we are one of the last of the group of counties to set up such an activity.

# FARM NEWS

## Busy Extension Year is Reviewed At Festival Meet

"No matter how far we advance in science, in medicine, or in industry, if we don't have love of family and home, we are useless," spoke Miss Esther Taskerud, OSU Home Economics coordinator of the extension service to close to 100 extension women at the annual Morrow County Homemaker Festival on May 15, at the St. Patrick's parish hall in Heppner.

The theme, "Wonderful World Ahead," was carried out in the Indian motif decorations by the Heppner Unit, and the clubs displays of studies in food and nutrition, clothing, family life, family finance, and time and home management, of Rhea Creek, Ione, Irrigon and Boardman and Pine City units.

New this year was a "Furniture Restoration Fair" in which 20 of the 40 women who took part, displayed their restored rockers, chests, chairs, coffee tables, etc., on which they had worked during the Heppner and Irrigon furniture restoration workshops. Special interest was shown in the folding rocker, which had come across the plains in a covered wagon owned by Miss Ruth Dana, Umatilla; and a four-generation high chair of Mrs. L. A. McCabe.

The day began at 11:30 a.m. with installation of new unit officers and county committee women in a candle lighting ceremony, led by Mrs. L. D. Vinson, Kimberly, District VII director of Gilliam, Umatilla, Wheeler and Morrow counties; Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo (county committee chairman) was toastmistress for the event. Lexington Altar Society served a delicious luncheon at noon which was followed by a piano solo by Marti Dixon and a tumbling exhibition of the Heppner High school tumblers under the direction of Richard Strait.

A report on the 1963-64 home

## Clothing Club Meets

Betty Carlson showed members of Country Cutters 4-H clothing club how to clean their sewing machines at their meeting May 11 at Kristine Peterson's home. We practiced judging items and gave our reasons. We are going to show the Rurales how to judge a class in 4-H and how the judging cards are to be filled in at our next meeting.

Visitors were Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Art Warren, Mrs. Lawrence Becket and Mrs. Don Peterson.

Linda Pettyjohn, reporter

## Clubs Have Playday

A meeting of Two Tracker Horse club was held May 3 at the Lawrence Becket place. We had a movie on how to train a horse and we discussed having special blankets for our horses. We met at the Wrangler grounds for a playday with the other 4-H horse club on May 11. We all took part in several games and learned how to show our horse for fair time.

David Wright, reporter

economics program in Morrow county was announced by Mrs. John Graves, Heppner, and a report on the value of saving commemorative stamps for UNICEF was given by Mrs. Nathan Thorpe, Boardman. Mrs. Joe Wright, Heppner, presented an interesting account of the Oregon Home Economics Council she and four other Morrow county women attended in Corvallis in early May.

An amusing skill on "Self-Improvement" was acted out by the Irrigon Extension unit. "Self-Improvement" tips have been given as "eye-openers" at the extension unit meetings this past year.

"Our extension home economics program has its backbone in six units with a listed membership of 157 women," described Esther Kirmis in her agent's report to the group. "It's been an interesting and active year and I'm happy to have been a part of it."

"Thank you's" were expressed by Mrs. L. A. McCabe who invited the group to attend next year's festival in Ione.

## Your Home Agent

# 'Help Days' Set To Assist 4-Hers Preceding Fair

By ESTHER KIRMIS

First steps are already being taken for the Morrow County Fair, August 20-23, when we inform 4-H boys and girls of the "Demonstration Helps" days coming up on June 5 in Heppner and June 6 in Irrigon.

We've found that the 4-H teaching device of demonstration helps young boys and girls in the "growing up" process. They learn to talk easily while they use their hands to show a useful practice.

Here are some suggested demonstrations for 4-H Home Economics girls . . .

**Food**—How to measure correctly, how to make a cold fruit drink, how to make brownies, how to choose a menu for a day (basic 4), how to cook cereal, how to make muffins, good manners at the table, how to shop at the supermarket, planning a teen-time party and variations in rolls.

**Clothing**—How to equip a sewing box, how to be a neat seamstress, the parts of a sewing machine, how to be graceful, how to be well groomed, how to lay a pattern, how to choose color in your wardrobe, how to measure for pattern sizes, how to choose accessories and how to coordinate pattern and material.

**Knitting**—How to make a pom-pom or tassel, how to equip a knitting bag, how to make any article (hat, slippers, jacket), how to ball yarn, how to care for woolsens, how to block your knitting and how to launder a wool sweater.

An informational booklet on 4-H demonstrations and a further list of suggestions for each project is being mailed out to all Home Economics 4-H leaders to give them the "Know How" in choosing, outlining and presentation of the demonstration for the fair this August.

Ribbons and special awards are given by the county extension units and CowBelles to demonstrators to encourage them in

## Relative in Arizona Wins Tennis Crown

Miss Sandra Causey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe S. Causey, Douglas, Ariz., and granddaughter of Mrs. Frank Monahan, Heppner, was winner of the class A state girls' singles championship for the state playoffs in Tucson earlier this month, according to word received here by relatives.

Miss Causey is a senior in Douglas High school and plans to enter the University of Arizona at Tucson next fall. Her tennis coach cites Dr. Causey as deserving much credit for his daughter's success, as he has been an outstanding athlete, and "has been throwing tennis balls at her since she was in Grade 7."

The Causeys have gained considerable recognition in their home town of Douglas, a city of about 12,000 population. Last year Mrs. Causey was named Woman of the Year by citizens there for her outstanding contributions to the community.

this activity. The new Morrow County Fair premium book will outline these. Also, the best demonstrations (single and team) in home economics and agriculture, junior and senior, will be sent to the Oregon State Fair in September.

Any interested leaders and members are urged to attend these "Helps Days" to talk over ideas and outline their plan with the help of the agent.

Meetings are scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. both days. Heppner's meeting will be held at the county agent's conference room. Irrigon's meeting will be held in the old Irrigon school cafeteria.

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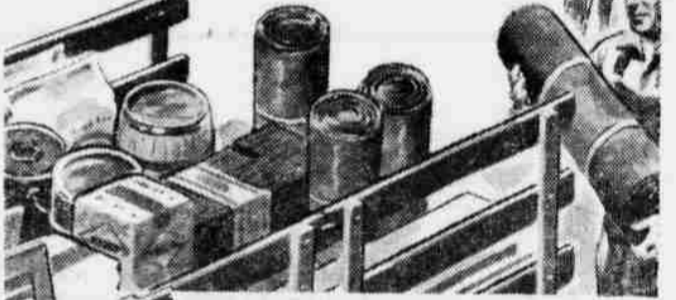
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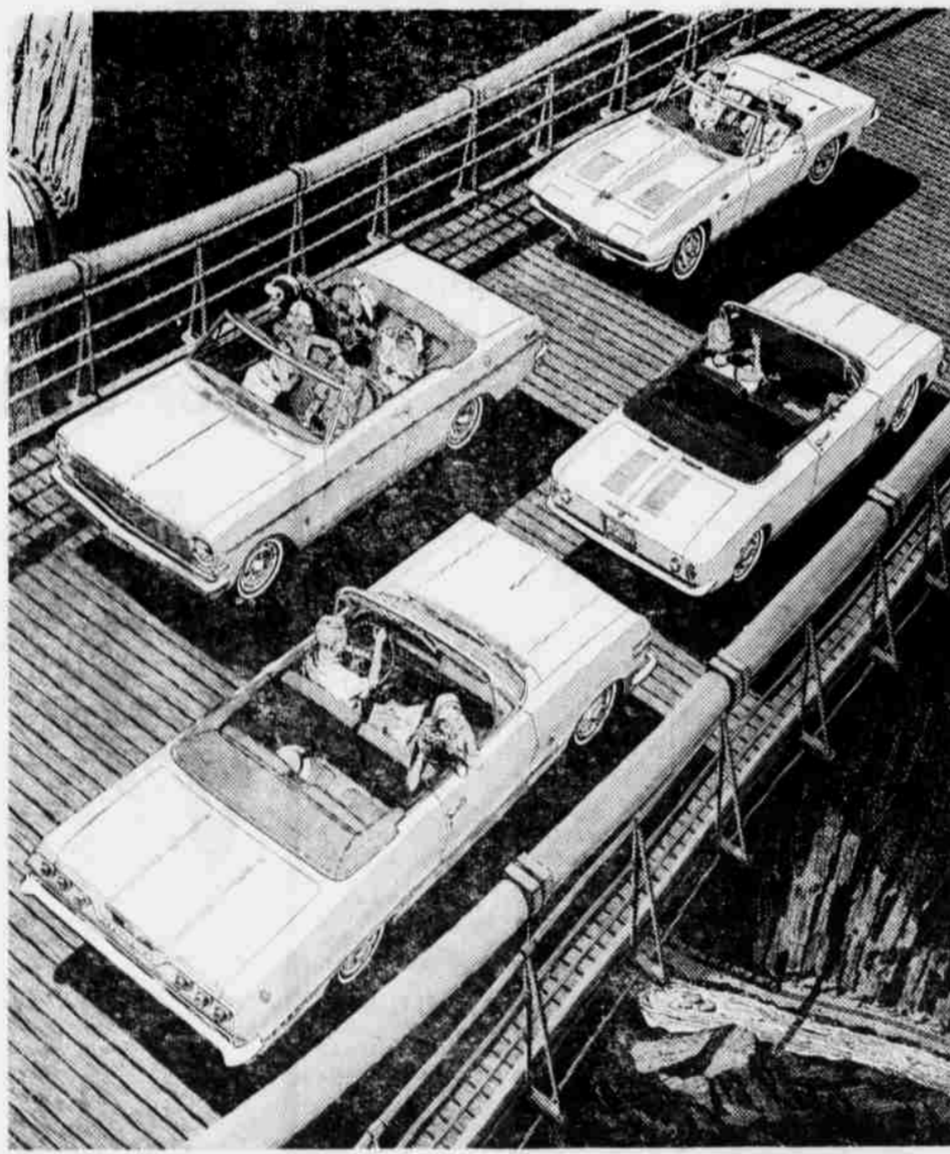
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