



MORROW COUNTY boys who returned recently from annual Oregon Youth Range Camp are (l. to r.) Ken Wright, Mark Murray, both Heppner; Tim Tullis, Ione, and Tony Doherty, Heppner. Week-long camp was deep in the Blue Mountains of Grant county where boys from throughout the state received instruction in range management.

## Over 50 Names Entered as State Fair Candidates

Over 50 names of Morrow county 4-H boys and girls were sent into the State Fair this week as entries in the Oregon State Fair in Salem, August 30 to September 7, according to the Morrow county extension office.

As a result of the Morrow county fair, the following were chosen to exhibit or attend:

Clothing: Phase II—Glenda Kay Van Winkle, Lexington, Sandra Carlson, Ione and Mary Kathryn Campbell, Heppner.

Phase III—Jill Padberg, Lexington and Linda Heath, Heppner.

Phase IV—Carol Rawlins, Ione, Cheryl Smouse, Ione and Theresa Munkers, Lexington.

Phase V—Karen Hams, Ione, Jean Stockard, Heppner and Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington.

Phase VI—Arleta McCabe, Ione and Leora Van Winkle, Lexington.

Phase VII—Judy Smith, Heppner and Lynn Burkenbine, Heppner.

Style Revue—Arleta McCabe, Ione (Senior), and Karen Nelson, Lexington (Junior).

Clothing Judging Team—Judy Smith, Heppner, Arleta McCabe, Ione and Lynn Burkenbine, Heppner.

Alternates — Jean Stockard, Heppner, and Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington.

Knitting: Beginner B — Jill

Padberg, Lexington, and Diana Cutsforth, Lexington.

Intermediate B—Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington and Jeniece McElroy, Irrigon.

Foods—Susan McCoy, Irrigon.

Foods Judging Team—Joan Stockard, Heppner; Frances Abrams, Heppner, and Carol Ann Harper, Boardman.

Alternate—Dixie Peck, Lexington.

Flower Arranging Contest—Susan Drake, Heppner.

Demonstrations—Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington (Int.); Berniece and Deniece Matthews, Ione, (Int. team), and Jean Stockard, Heppner (Sr.).

Photography — Bruce Jones, Irrigon.

Rockhounding — Terry Peck, Heppner; Robert Peck, Heppner, and Billy Stockard, Heppner.

Woodworking—Tammy Snyder, Irrigon; Jerry Hascall, Irrigon; Robert Buchanan, Irrigon, and Tommy Van Horn, Irrigon.

Beekeeping — Lonnie Wilson, Irrigon and Lynda Early, Irrigon.

Horse Activities — Marlene Fetsch, Lexington; Vicki Barratt, Heppner; Tim Tullis, Ione, and Karla Luciani, Echo.

Livestock Judging—Dale Van Blockland, Heppner; Kenneth Wright, Heppner, and David Hall, Heppner.

Dairy Judging—Sue Greenup,

Heppner; Martha Doherty, Heppner, and Maureen Doherty, Heppner.

Gun Safety — Leon Magill, Cecil; Leland Magill, Cecil, and Robert Ball, Ione.

All Moore business forms available through the Gazette-Times. You need not go out of the county to get the forms you need.

## Applegates Have Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Applegate of Portland are parents of a daughter, Tina Louise, born August 18 in that city. She weighed 6 lb., 8 oz. at birth. Also in the family is a brother, Billie, one-year-old. Grandparents are Mrs. Gertrude Applegate of Heppner and Ivan Applegate of Pendleton, Mrs. Frieda Slocum of Heppner. Great grandmother is Mrs. Gus McMillan of Portland.

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## Chats With Your Home Agent

### Choice of Good Melons Depends on Many Factors

By ESTHER KIRMIS

The melon stand of the Max Jones family on the Irrigon-Umatilla highway is always a delightful place to stop these days. Quite a few residents of Irrigon and Boardman are in the melon business right now as it is the season for the ripening of melons.

Umatilla county is Oregon's major production area for watermelons. (North Morrow county is also doing its part). Klondyke is the main variety grown in the Hermiston area, and these melons are noted for sweetness, redness, small seeds, and fine crisp texture. Some melons are also grown in Douglas and Malheur counties.

#### How Do You Choose Good Melons?

Cantaloupe: Vine-ripened cantaloupes have a saucer-like shallow depression at the end which is formed when the melon separates from the vine. A mature cantaloupe breaks easily from a rough scar with a portion of the vine—less mature ones have stem adhering to the melon.

You have the promise of a sweet mature cantaloupe when the netting on the surface of the melon is coarse, corky, and stands out in bold relief over the entire surface.

Distinctive, pronounced cantaloupe fragrance goes along with a ripe melon. However, this is not foolproof. If the melon is cold, you may not be able to detect much aroma.

Watermelon: Andy DuCan, OSU Horticulturist, says to look at the underside of the melon. Here a yellowish color is a sign of a ripe melon. White or pale green color indicates immaturity.

Choose melons that are symmetrical in shape, firm to the touch, and velvety in appearance.

Of course, the sure way is to cut a piece out of the melon and taste it! This is frowned on by most retailers. However, many stores do sell melons by the half

or sometimes by the piece. Thus, getting.

Spear Melons: These are another locally grown melon belonging to the muskmelon family. They resemble a cantaloupe, except that they are pointed at the blossom end. This melon usually comes to market in late August or early September, and is abundant through early October.

Watermelon and cantaloupes are most popular and best known melons. Some specialty melons produced in Irrigon and Boardman include:

Casaba: Large almost globular shaped melon, sometimes pointed at stem end. Rind is rough and wrinkled in furrows. No netting. Rind deepens into butter-yellow color on maturity. Flesh is soft, creamy white color, very juicy, but has little aroma.

Persian: Large round melon, weighing from 2 to 8 pounds, with a deep green rind. Very evenly covered with a fine netting. Flesh is a deep orange-pink, very thick, and mildly sweet. Flavor is excellent, and aroma is pleasant.

Crenshaw: This is a large green and gold melon with a thin rind. It is a cross between the Persian and the Casaba. It is pointed at the stem and round at the base. The flesh is thick, juicy, and very rich. (If you haven't eaten this melon, you've missed a real taste treat.) Ripeness is shown by a deepening of the yellow color of the rind.

Honeydew: This is a creamy-yellow melon weighing about 4 to 6 pounds. It is bluntly oval in shape, usually smooth, but may be slightly netted. A ripe honeydew has a faint, pleasant fragrance, and the flesh is delicate green, very juicy, very sweet, and of fine-grained melting texture.

#### Melons Provide Good Food Value

Melons are rich in vitamin C. A serving will supply nearly half the vitamin C recommended for the daily diet of a normally ac-

tive man. Watermelon and cantaloupe are also good sources of vitamin A. Melons are low in calories—one half medium cantaloupe has only 40 calories.

Melons served plain or made into glamorous salads and desserts make wonderful summer eating. High in vitamins, low in calories, and loaded with appetite appeal—let's serve them often!

#### Here's a timely melon recipe—MELON BOAT SALAD

Place boat shaped section of cantaloupe (rind removed) on bed of salad greens. Fill boat with seasonal fruits (blueberries, peach slices, grapes and honeydew or watermelon balls). Garnish ends of boat with sprigs of mint. Serve with a sweet French dressing, or a scoop of lemon, orange, or lime sherbet.

### Many 4-H Awards Go To Winning Entries in Fair

Encouragement was given to 4-H members to participate in extra 4-H activities at the fair by Morrow county's six extension units and Morrow county CowBelles, according to Morrow county extension office. Special awards in the form of cash, cookbooks, scissors, and other types of gifts are going to deserving 4-H members as follows:

Dixie Peck, Lexington, Best demonstration in foods (Rhea Creek unit donor); Susan McCoy, Irrigon, Best food exhibit (Rhea Creek extension unit); Cheri Carlson, Ione, Best demonstration in clothing (Ione extension unit); Deniece and Berniece Matthews, Ione, Best team demonstration in clothing (Ione extension unit); Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington, Best knitting demonstration (Heppner extension unit); Sue Griffith and Linda Eckman, Heppner, Best knitting demonstration team (Heppner extension unit).

Karen Hams, Ione, Best clothing construction, intermediate Pine City extension unit; Judy Smith, Heppner, Best clothing construction, senior (Pine City extension unit); Carol Anne Harper, Boardman, Best Demonstration using meat (Morrow County CowBelles); Karen Nelson, Lexington, (Style Revue delegate, intermediate (Boardman extension unit); Arleta McCabe, Ione, Style Revue delegate, senior (Boardman extension unit); Judy Smith, Arleta McCabe, Lynn Burkenbine, Jean Stockard, and Jeanette Ledbetter (the last three tied), high clothing judges (Irrigon extension unit); Joan Stockard, Frances Abrams and Carol Anne Harper, high foods judges (Irrigon extension unit); Judy Gentry, Julie Avers, and Sandra Flaiz, Heppner, high knitting judges (Irrigon extension unit); Lonnie Wilson and Lynda Early, Irrigon, special county award by Oregon Bee Keepers Association).

These awards will be given to the 4-H members by representatives of the organizations at the annual 4-H Achievement days in November, says Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

### Bank Debts Climb In Two Counties

Bank debts for the Pendleton area including Morrow, Umatilla counties increased in July, 1963, compared to July, 1962, the University of Oregon Bureau of Business Research has reported.

Debts for July, 1963, totaled \$37,636,930. For June, 1963, the total was \$32,071,137, and for July, 1962, the total was \$36,934,620.

Oregon, with 261 banks reporting had an increase in bank debts in July, 1963, of 13.7 percent as compared with June, 1963 and an increase of 14.4 percent as compared with July, 1962.

Total debts for Oregon in July, 1963, came to \$2,534,208,805 and for June, 1963, the total was \$2,228,461,460. For July, 1962, the total was \$2,216,157,131.

Metsker Maps of Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Umatilla, and Grant counties on sale at the Gazette-Times, \$1.25 each.

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