

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Yearling Steers Needed for Feed Experiment Use

By N. C. ANDERSON

The Beef Advisory committee of the Umatilla Branch Livestock Experiment station is calling for 700-pound yearling steers to be used in their next feed lot experiment, which will get underway immediately. The livestock station, set up from voluntary contributions of livestock men in the area, has been carrying on at least two experiments in livestock feeding each of the years since it began operation. Morrow county livestock growers made substantial contributions to the station and provided livestock for experimental use each year.

Ron Currin and Bob Peterson, Morrow county members of the advisory committee, have been asked to get from Morrow livestock growers two groups of good quality uniform yearling steers weighing in the neighborhood of 700 pounds. Each group will consist of 12 head. This experiment, to get underway September 15, will involve concentrate wheat feeding to these cattle and will compare a high wheat diet with that of barley. One hundred and twenty yearling steers will be allotted to 10 pens of 5 different rations. The wheat and barley will be steam rolled and the alfalfa and the straw chopped.

At the end of the experiment, complete carcass data will be collected. Since this information should be of considerable interest and value to our growers, especially in view of the expected cheap wheat prices, which is hoped will result in more feeding in the area, we are hopeful that there will be steers available here. Anyone who has steers of these qualifications should contact Ron Currin or this office.

Tordon Given Weed Test

A new promising weed chemical, Tordon, is being used in a number of experimental plots throughout the state to determine its value for the control of various perennial noxious weeds. In Morrow county we have Tordon used on two different ranches for the control of Canada thistle and recently with the cooperation of the Pendleton Branch Experiment station established an extensive comparison trial on morning glory at the Don Robinson ranch. Two smaller plots set up for demonstrational purposes were established last week on morning glory at the Kenneth Turner and Dick Wilkinson ranches. These will be observed as to effectiveness, using rates from 1/2 pound to 2 pounds per acre. TBA was used as a check comparison. We will visit these plots on various tours during next year as farmers wish to see results of the new chemical.

Fed Cattle Percentage Doubles

Within the last two and a half decades, beef eaten in the United States has gone from about 55

to 88 pounds per person annually. And a growing share of this beef comes out of feedlots. In the past 20 years, the number of fed cattle marketed has increased four fold. The percentage of fed cattle produced to all cattle produced went from 30 percent in 1930 to 61 percent in 1962.

Conservation Tour Planned For 4 County Sixth Graders

The last of the detailed plans were completed this week and work books prepared for the first annual Bull Prairie Forest Conservation School tour. With plans begun early this year for such a tour for our sixth grade schools, interest was high and Gilliam, Wheeler, and Grant counties asked to join Morrow county in the tour. The tour, to be held on September 18, will provide in the field conservation education for the sixth grades of these four counties including forest soils, range management, fire control, pruning and thinning, commercial timber management, tree identification, wildlife and outdoor manners.

Participating in the tour will be representatives of the Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service, State Game Commission, Kinzua Corporation and State Board of Forestry. Bob Abrams, local attorney, agreed to handle the "outdoor manners" station which has to do with camping. In addition to these agencies, the Extension Services of these four counties have had the responsibility for planning the event.

The group will meet at Bull Prairie at 10:30 a.m. to hear a brief history of the Bull Prairie recreational area development and plans for the future. After an early picnic lunch they will proceed with the 2-hour educational program returning to their schools in early afternoon. Adults who might be interested in this tour are invited to participate.

Agency Offers Farm Credit

We have just had word from Merlin Halderson, County supervisor, Farmers Home Administration, who has his office in Pendleton, that this agency serves eligible farmers with credit needs for water development and soil conservation measures. Credit needs may include sprinkler systems, reservoirs for irrigation and stock water, land leveling, drainage, and other soil conservation needs. Loans for shifts in land use, including the development of recreational facilities are also made to non-profit associations in rural areas or towns under 2500 population. The interest rate is 5% with repayment up to 40 years. Each applicant must be unable to get credit from private sources at interest and terms he can reasonably meet.

County Fair Judges Express Appreciation To Friends Here

With fair just a memory in most peoples minds, we would like to pass on to those who worked so hard to make it the success it was—word from two of the 1963 judges. This letter came from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waud, Othello, Wn.: "Just a note to express sincere thanks from us, for the opportunity to work at your county

fair. Your fair is the best we've ever been around. I say that because the people are so friendly, cooperative and interested. We also fully enjoyed the opportunity to visit with our friends in the area. I'd appreciate your passing along to the Fair Board and superintendents our congratulations for doing an outstanding job."

Judging a fair is no easy task. It is hard to please everyone. There are winners and some that are not winners. We think the Wauds have done an excellent job with their judging and we have had many good comments from 4-H leaders and parents who appreciate the reasons and special help that they give, especially to 4-H members that are not at the head of their classes in order that they might improve another year.

Your Home Agent

Pleasant Start In First School Years Important

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Little Rickey Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson of Heppner, is among the 30 some young fry that are enrolled in Heppner kindergarten this year. Mrs. Gerald Jonasson is the instructor.

"Going to school" is exciting for the kindergarten student or first grader. He's looked forward to and talked about school for what seems to him like a long time. The beginner is eager to learn and to demonstrate his big brain by going to school. But he's probably heard some comments about school that make him wonder if he'll measure up, says Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSU Family Life specialist. Quite frequently parents, older brothers and sisters, playmates and other significant people make comments to the effect that "once you get into school the teacher won't let you get by with that." In fact, the way we talk to children they sometimes must feel that the magic of school is going to make them over.

Mothers sometimes talk about how glad they'll be when school starts so they'll have some peace and quiet around home, continues Mrs. Fraiser. Little ones may wonder if school is punishment rather than a learning opportunity. Some of the remarks of adults cause hardship to a child because he puts his own meaning on them. The younger the child the more likely he is to misinterpret.

Children frequently take literally comments made with a joking intent by adults. Joking about not passing or about the teacher may tie into some real fears of the child and he may not realize the grown-up is only teasing. Add to these experiences that concern most people of any age have at facing a new and strange situation and we have the right conditions for a build-up of first day of school tensions, says the specialist. It helps if parents recognize that most youngsters feel some tension at the beginning of school regardless of how experienced they become. The kindergarten and first grader are most anxiety prone. Older youngsters who are changing schools or adjusting to junior high or high school are also at a critical spot. Wise parents are alert to these stress situations and help the youngsters by talking about the experiences ahead of time. They also make allowances for out-of-the-ordinary behavior during the time of initial adjustment.

Ruth Peterson and Bernice Thomson, both working in Portland, visited their parents, Mrs. Lucy Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomson, over the Labor Day week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cason and grandchildren, Peggy and Steve Estberg, Beaverton, were week-end guests of Mrs. Mary Bryant. Other guests were Kay Moore and Lois Lathrop, Beaverton; and Diane Bartruff, Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Jones and family vacationed last week in Portland, Oregon Coast and at Long Beach, Wn. They enjoyed clamming and deep sea fishing.

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Five Girls Get Blue Ribbons At State Fair

Arleta McCabe, and Carol Rawlins, Ione; Lynn Burkenbine, and Mary Catherine Campbell, Heppner; and Susan McCoy, Irrigon, all are proud 4-H winners of blue ribbons from the Oregon State Fair in Salem this week, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow County Extension agent.

Arleta's award was won on a light green wool sheath with matching hat which she made under the Phase VI project. She also modeled this sheath in the State Fair Style Revue on Sunday. A cardigan suit of green-taupe plaid was exhibited by Lynn Burkenbine (Phase 7); Carol Rawlins showed a dark red cotton plaid gingham school dress (Phase IV); and Mary Kathryn Campbell, Heppner, listed a gathered skirt (Phase II). Susan McCoy baked a pan of dinner rolls under the Foods IV project.

Red ribbons were given to Judy Smith, Heppner, Linda Heath, Heppner; Jill Padberg, Lexington; Sandra Carlson, Ione, and Glenda Kay Van Winkle, Lexington (all in clothing).

Jeannette Ledbetter, Lexington and Jeniece McElroy, Irrigon, garnered a red on the sweaters they knitted under Intermediate Knitting B.

Tammy Snyder, Irrigon, placed a red with her bird house in her woodworking project and Bruce Jones, Irrigon, was awarded a red in photography.

Proud 4-H leaders of this group of winners include Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Mrs. William Rawlins, Mrs. Louis Carlson, Ione; Mrs. Lewis Shade, Mrs. Harold Van Horn, and Mrs. George Sawyer, Irrigon; Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Lexington; and Mrs. Eva Griffith, Heppner.

Wool Style Show At Tapadera Room Set for Oct. 12

Young seamstresses, 13 through 21, who take a couturier approach to their fall sewing are natural contenders in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" home sewing contest, according to Mrs. Robert Hoskins of Ione, district contest chairman.

She notes that the large number of early entries point up 1963 as the "record year" in the local contest which will be climaxed with judging and a public style show in Pendleton on October 12, at the Tapadera Motel Banquet Room.

"Girls in the 4-H clothing projects are the 'early birds' of the contest," said Mrs. Hoskins. She stresses that garments made for 4-H—even those winning awards at the Oregon State Fair—will be eligible for competition in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest as long as they meet qualifications for the division and are made of 100 percent wool loomed in America.

However, all school girls, young "marrieds," and career girls are urged to enter the wool sewing contest—the 17th nationally.

"The growth of the contest points up its popularity," declares Mrs. Hoskins. "In 1961 the contest became national when it expanded from 21 states to all 50."

The contest is the major project of the Womens' Auxiliary to the National Wool Growers' Association in cooperation with the American Wool Council. Mrs. H. W. Wait, Rickreall, is state contest chairman.

County competition is the first step in the contest that offers such prizes as a 14-day tour of the Caribbean via Pan American jet plane, college scholarships, savings bonds, and other enticing shares of some \$35,000 in prizes.

Contest divisions, the chairman explains, are "Sub Deb," restricted to the county level to give beginning seamstresses, 13 through 15, "Experience in the contest-with-a-future;" "Junior

Irrigon Council Awards Contract

IRRIGON—The Irrigon City council recently awarded a planning contract, using Urban renewal funds, to Joe Kozlovski of Lake Oswego.

The contract, which will cost the City of Irrigon \$1,140.00 and the Urban renewal fund \$2,280.00,

Division," for girls 14 through 17; and "Senior Division," for girls, 18 through 21.

Junior and senior winners from each of Oregon's 16 districts will take part in the Oregon finals in Portland on November 3 and 4. State winners will receive expense paid trips to Albuquerque, New Mexico, on January 20 to model in the national finals.

Entry forms are available from fabric departments of most department stores, from the County Extension Service, and from Mrs. Hoskins of Ione.

will provide for the following:
1. Prepare a base map of the city and adjacent area covering approximately 12 square miles.
2. Make a survey of land use and prepare a land use map and analysis of existing land use.
3. Assemble information regarding the existing street system.
4. Evaluate relationship of highway improvement to city development.
5. Prepare a preliminary street plan.
6. Prepare a preliminary land use plan.
7. Consolidate the various studies into a general plan map as a color overlay on the existing land use map.

The plans will be developed following preliminary conferences with local officials and project studies will be presented at appropriate community meetings. The size of the study area is related to the influences of the John Day Dam pool and the relocation of highway 730. Mr. Kozlovski met with the City Council and the planning commission Wednesday evening, August 28, to go over preliminary plans, and it was decided to schedule public meetings for September 23, October 28, and November 25, at the school house at 7:30 p.m.

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