

# FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

## Portland Graders To Tour Morrow Farms In April

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Tentative plans were drafted last Friday for the Portland Eighth Grade School Tour which will be held in Morrow county on April 24, 25 and 26. The tour, fashioned after the successful experiences of such a tour in Gilliam county for the past two years, is aimed at acquainting city children with the agriculture of Morrow county.

Thirty-five Portland eighth graders will come to Morrow county to spend the week-end with a host farm eighth grader and family. Applications for host eighth graders are now being distributed through these classes in both lone and Heppner. Leonard Herrick, lone elementary school principal, is distributing his this week but Hillard Brown, Heppner elementary principal, has back most of the applications distributed to his farm eighth graders two weeks ago. Applications coming back show a lot of enthusiasm for this public relations activity.

Locally, the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association is taking the lead with several organizations backing them. Among these are the Heppner Soil Conservation District. It is hoped that the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, South Morrow Leaders (4-H) Association, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce will also assist.

The 35 boys and girls will arrive in lone for lunch on April 24 and will have an opportunity, after becoming acquainted with their host eighth grader, to see farming practices in the south lone area which will include a demonstration of machinery common to wheat farming, conservation practices and the operations of a grain elevator. Saturday will be spent in seeing more agriculture of the area with Dick Wilkinson, Heppner livestock operator, inviting the group to his ranch on Willow Creek to observe cattle operations. Included on the Saturday tour, will be a demonstration of aerial spraying for weed control, some more farm operations and a visit to some of the county's famous farm fish ponds. A Saturday evening gathering is planned for the entire group so that everyone might get better acquainted. After church on Sunday, the group will return to Portland to report their experiences to their eighth grade class.

Those attending the Friday morning committee meeting where tentative plans were made, were Hillard Brown and Leonard Herrick of the Heppner and lone Elementary schools; Louis Carlson, chairman, Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association, Public Relations Committee; Paul Tews, president, Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association; Bob Jepsen, former state chairman, Oregon Wheatgrowers League, Public Relations Committee representing the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District; Walt Jacobs, lone, chairman, Oregon Wheatgrowers League, Public Relations Committee; Dick Wilkinson, president, Morrow County Livestock-growers Association, and myself.

### Tree Fact Sheets Available

We have copies of a new Oregon State University fact sheet entitled "Dwarf Fruit Trees for Home Gardens." The fact sheet deals mainly with varieties including apples, pears, peaches, plums and cherries. For those making dwarf fruit tree plantings, this fact sheet should be of interest.

### French Silage Good If 'Pickled' Correctly

While trench silos have never been accepted as wide-spread in Morrow county, those who have used them are quite well pleased. One livestock operator, John Graves, Hardman, has ensiled

grass and alfalfa in trench silos for several years and is real pleased with the results. John is the first to admit that you cannot make good silage from poor feed and is quite particular to use young succulent forage.

From time to time, those who do not need all of their silage, ask how long silage can be kept in a trench silo. I was interested in the article in a publication recently for two reasons. One, was that the person quoted was a former 4-H club member of mine from Bowman, North-Dakota; the second was that it was found that the silage was still as good after 14 years as when put in the silo. This analysis was made by the State University determining nutritive value and other factors.

The extension husbandman said that the 14-year-old silage smells good and has a good color also. He referred to the silage as "pickled pasture" and says that farmers find trench silage the cheapest method of feed storage with the silage retaining its quality and volume if it is "pickled" correctly.

### Booth Organizes Boys In 4-H Forestry Club

After a few years without a forestry club, Heppner has an enthusiastic group who call themselves the Eager Beavers. Stopping by their meeting for a few minutes last week, I am sure that the name fits them well. Bob Booth of the local Forest Service is their enthusiastic leader. He is doing a real good job keeping the 13 boys engaged in constructive activities of this 4-H project.

This first year group will take hikes into the woods, learn the names of trees and other forest plants, learn about the animals and birds that live in the woods, how trees grow, the importance of Oregon's forest, enjoy healthful outdoor recreation as well as preparing their exhibit of mounts of foliage, seed, flowers or other forest plants, including 5 or more trees at the county fair.

President of the group is Loren Hopper; Robbie Booth, vice president; Tom Stockard, secretary; Jon Hedman, news reporter; Mike Swcek, recreation leader, with other members being Bobby Ployhar, Dave, Mike and Bryon Hughes, Mike and Steve Hedman, Cecil Berry and Dwayne Steers. The majority of the boys are 9 and 10 year-olds.

### Lack of Manganese Diet Cause of Deformed Calves

New research at Washington State University seems to have solved the problem of crooked calf, a deformity that has cost stockmen millions of dollars. A combination of atomic science, experimental feeding and range observations shows that the crooked calf problem is caused by a manganese shortage during the pre-birth period. The affected calves have bent legs, twisted necks or spines or a combination of all.

Using a nuclear reactor it was possible to determine that normal calves had two or three times as much manganese in their bones and tissues as the deformed calves.

Manganese supplementation, the solution to the problem, can be very inexpensively performed by mixing manganese with salt, according to the WSU extension specialists.

### Butterfingers Meet

The Butterfingers Cooking club met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Wolff on Wednesday, January 22. We made relish dishes. Next time we have to bring recipes. We will make hamburgers. Mrs. Earl Ayres brought refreshments. —Kathleen Ayres, reporter

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## 1964 Feed Grain Decisions Due

The time has arrived for producers to decide how many acres of feed grain to divert from production in 1964, says David McLeod, office manager, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

February 10 through March 27 is the period for signing the forms necessary to participate in the 1964 feed grain diversion program. All producers with a feed grain base may participate by visiting the local ASCS office and indicate their intentions.

A producer may divert from 20% to 50% of his base and receive a diversion payment, price support payment (on the acreage of feed grain produced in 1964), as well as being eligible for price support loans on all his 1964 production.

Those who are undecided to participate should take a look at the benefits of signing up and deciding later whether to comply or not, according to McLeod. Only through producers' cooperation can any program accomplish its goals and benefit those who make it successful.

For further information and assistance farmers may visit the county ASCS office.

## Grange Program To Feature Movie

LEXINGTON—A movie, "The Co-op Circle," will be a featured part of the program for the Lexington Grange meeting Saturday night, February 8, at the Grange hall.

The regular business meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the committee at the close of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Miles and children have moved to Lewiston, Ida., where Mr. Miles has been promoted to manager of Pacific Finance Co. Due to lack of housing facilities in Lewiston, they are living in near-by Clarkston, Miles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunbar and his wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Nolan, all of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth returned Saturday from a plane trip which took them to Albuquerque, New Mexico. They continued south to Mexico for a short visit before returning home.

Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Mrs. Edward Hunt, Mrs. Florence McMillan and Mrs. Charles Colley visited Mrs. Julian Rauch in Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Rauch is still

in a heavy cast, recovering slowly from injuries received in a car accident near Hermiston in December.

Mrs. C. C. Jones was among those who attended the conference of Grange Home Ec. club chairmen at Stefani's banquet room in lone last Thursday. She returned Tuesday from a few days in Portland, visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Eatch.

## Democrats Elect Five Delegates For Pre-Primary

Morrow county Democrats held an enthusiastic meeting in the old library last Thursday. Delegates to the Democratic State pre-primary convention in Corvallis were elected.

Because of Democratic victories in this county beginning with President John F. Kennedy in 1960 to the substantial margins given Democrats Wayne Morse for Senator and to Congressman Al Ullman two years later this county was given three extra or bonus delegates for a total of five. Those elected were Kenneth Cutsforth, Dee Jones, Betty Brown, Virginia Rosewall and Al Lamb. Alternate delegates named are Barbara Cutsforth, Bernice Lamb, and Mrs. Kenneth Cutsforth.

Announced candidates indicate that each county precinct will have an elected committeeman and committeewoman for the first time in many years.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Al Lamb with a eulogy on former President John F. Kennedy and expressions of gratitude for the training and fitness for the job of President Lyndon B. Johnson. The speaker said that no one today is better fitted to assume the office of the presidency than President Johnson. He urged the election of candidates friendly to the program initiated by President Kennedy so that a fitting memorial to his greatness could become a living and lasting witness to our martyred.

President Lamb also urged the end of "irresponsible charges" against the patriotism and motives of all candidates and elected officers, pointing out that so-called "hate actions" hold Americans up to ridicule and appearances of lack of maturity.

"Good sportsmanship in politics, with honest and objective differences, will further the progress of Americanism much more than will adoption of methods used by former and present dictators," he said.

The meeting voted to donate a copy of the Kennedy memorial book "The Torch is Passed" to the local library. The committee also urged all eligible voters to register and asked that addi-

### Two Trackers Meet At Wrangler Ground

Two Trackers 4-H club met February 3 at the Wrangler clubhouse. Meeting was called to order by our president, Judy Nyman, and Gail Malcom read the minutes of our last meeting. Roll call was answered by giving our horse's name.

Floyd Jones demonstrated the side step with his horse and we went over safety rules. Ora Evans and Betty Fullerton brought refreshments.

Marcia Jones, reporter

### Electronics, Radio Classes to Organize

The first of what is designed to be a series of classes on elementary electronics and radio theory and practice has been announced by Ray Smith, the instructor, for Monday evening, February 10. The organizational class will get underway at 7:30 p.m. at the Smith residence at 190 S. Chase.

Enrollment will be open to both beginners and more advanced students and is not limited to any particular age groups.

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## 160 Scales Checked In Morrow County

Weights and measures men of the Oregon Department of Agriculture checked a total of 160 scales, service station pumps and meters in Morrow county in 1963.

In their checks of these measuring devices inspectors condemned two for inaccurate weights or measurements. However, after being repaired they are rechecked and sealed by the state. The state seal is the sign of accuracy of those scales and meters tested.

The inspections in Morrow county included 40 small scales ranging up to 399 pounds; 10 medium scales in the 400 to 7,500 pound class; 24 stock or vehicle scales of from 7,501 to 60,000 pound capacity; four vehicle or grain hopper scales in the more than 60,000 pound class; 57 service station pumps and 31 meters, including six liquid petroleum gas liquid meters.

The department's figures on weights and measures work in 1963 show a total of 37,653 inspections made statewide with 1,569 condemnations. In 1962 checks were made on 35,848 measuring devices and total condemnations numbered 1,404.

Registration locations be set up, such as in the bowling alley, if agreeable, and to be manned by volunteers if necessary.

WANTED—Soft cotton rags. Gazette-Times Printing office.

## Needlettes Complete Hospital Project

At recent meetings of the Needlettes 4-H club we practiced different construction points before we started our main garments.


On January 28, we met at lone meeting, we discussed different types of inter facing for different High school at 3:30. At this garments.

We also made some pillow slips for the hospital as a community service project.

Shirley Hicks, reporter

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