

County Agent's Office

# Interest Runs High In Saddle Clubs

By N. C. ANDERSON

Leaders attending the monthly meeting of the South Morrow 4-H Council last Thursday night were quite interested in a report of the 4-H saddle horse project given by Floyd Jones, one of the 12 leaders assisting with the five clubs organized in Morrow county.

The report was one of several planned for leader council meetings to acquaint all leaders with the various projects available in 4-H club work. Answering how he became interested in becoming a saddle horse club leader, Floyd reviewed his interest in horses that started as a hobby and has now developed into a business with ten Quarter Horse brood mares and a profitable sale for all of the colts.

When he was asked to become a leader, he readily agreed because of this interest in saddle horses and the need for training boys and girls to become better horsemen.

Reviewing the objectives of the 4-H saddle horse project he pointed out that it aims to: 1. help 4-H members to develop leadership, initiative, self reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable traits for character. 2. Experience the pride of owning a horse and being responsible for its management. 3. Develop an appreciation of horse back riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation. 4. Learn skill in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising and training horses. 5. Increase knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injury to themselves, others and their mounts. 6. Promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them. 7. To be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting community horse project and activities.

Stressing the various objectives, Floyd said that much time was spent on safety. He pointed out that many of the younger boys and girls that have access to horses have no appreciation of the dangers of a horse in the way that they approach them and in many of their riding habits. The club, if nothing else, is stressing this important phase of safety.

He went on to further point out that the club meets the first Monday of each month at the Wranglers Club building and that after a short business meeting, and a review of what was done at the last meeting, they then concentrate on the program for this meeting. In looking over their program of work it appeared that it would be no problem of lack of activities for the year with the plans that this club have outlined.

Included in the program of work is instructions on how to tie a horse properly, safety precautions, how to take care of the horse as well as some time spent each club meeting in bringing records up to date so that the club member might know what the cost is of owning a horse. There are two overnight rides scheduled for this summer and when there is a job of moving the Jones' cattle from

Rhea Creek to the Hinton Creek ranch, all club members are invited to participate. Floyd pointed out that there was much to be learned in this club even for those boys and girls who have had past experience with horses. He pointed out that he had ridden all his life but had learned much in recent years about proper riding and other aspects of horse management. Of interest to the club members now is the opportunity to work in the new livestock barn at the fairgrounds where an arena has been erected and the boys and girls have been able to practice riding instructions at the club meeting. At the March 2 meeting there will be 18 horses at this meeting, Floyd stressed that if nothing else would be learned by the club members that they would be taught to enjoy their horse and be safe in doing so.

The club led by Floyd Jones, with the assistance of Mrs. Frank Anderson and Bob Bergstrom is called the "Two Trackers 4-H Horse Club." It is one of two of the Heppner community. There are sixteen members enrolled.

Other 4-H horse clubs in Morrow county are the Heppner Saddlettes led by Everett Struckmeier, Raymond French and Pat O'Brien, who also have 16 members enrolled; the Lone 4-H Horse club led by Gene Harryman with seven members; the Pine City Saddle club led by Charles Daly and Mrs. Leo Ashbeck with 12 members; and the Desert Riders Horsemanship club from the Irrigon community led by Mr. Ollis Lathrop with six members. Assisting with the various clubs as junior leaders are Tim Tullis, Ione; Carol Lathrop, Irrigon; Dick Struckmeier, Maralee Murray and Verina French, Heppner.

As a part of the next regular monthly meeting of the County 4-H Council, club leaders will become acquainted with the 4-H Forestry project. Bob Booth, Heppner leader of the 4-H Forestry Eager Beavers with 13 members enrolled, will explain objectives and project activities. This meeting will be held at the Fair Annex building on March 26.

Other business of the 4-H Council at their February meeting was planned for operating the 4-H Snack Shack during the fair, plans for a 4-H float for the fair and rodeo parade, a money management workshop for 4-H members to be held on April 4, planning for a 4-H Records Books Committee meeting, and plans for 4-H Summer Camp. The 1964 Summer Camp dates are June 28, 29, 30 and July 1.

### 17 OSU Students Visit Krebs Sheep Operations

An interesting annual event is a tour of the range sheep operation of Krebs Brothers, Cecil, which the Oregon State University Sheep Husbandry class participate in each spring. Scheduled as a field trip for these senior college students the tour includes a visit of the range management practices including herding of sheep on the range, with a visit to the lambing sheds to see actual lambing operations, care of the sheep and a discussion of the program carried out by the Krebs.

This year's tour, held last Friday, was particularly enjoyed by the 17 students with professor Dr. G. W. Fox from Oregon State. Henry Krebs, Jr., a graduate in Animal Science of Oregon State University, does an excellent job in explaining the Krebs sheep operation and in answering questions that the students have. The tour each year ends with the showing of a set of colored slides presented by Mrs. Krebs taken of the entire sheep operation including herding and lambing at the Cecil ranch, shipping to summer range in Montana, the summer range operation, shipping lambs to the South St. Paul market, a feedlot at Wilmar, Minnesota, where

### Plan Spring Ride

February 12 meeting of Pine City Saddle club was called to order by Mitch Ashbeck. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Carla Luciani. The spring ride was discussed. Of several locations, Arbuckle corral seemed best. The ride is to be in April or May. On Saturday, February 15, our club visited the Lee Foster Quarterhorse ranch. Mr. Foster showed us his new stables and his fine quarterhorses. Then we went to the Lee Farley ranch where Mr. and Mrs. Farley showed us their beautiful Arabian horses. They showed us two interesting films about the horses and served refreshments. Gary Frederickson, reporter

feeder lambs are finished, including a trip through the packing plant at south St. Paul and the Columbia Woolen Mills at Washington. There are about 50 minutes of colored slides that will illustrate this efficient range sheep operation.

Of particular interest this year was the management program that included shearing all ewes in late January before lambing. Henry pointed out that while they were a bit hesitant to take the wool off of these ewes in mid-winter, it has worked out real well. By shearing this has eliminated the need for tagging, it has made it much easier to lamb and to handle ewes in their individual pens. Following a complete pelleted hay ration this year, the Krebs have gotten away from feeding grain and by the looks of the flesh that the ewes were in and the amount of milk that they were giving as well as the thriftiness of lambs that is real satisfactory. Ewes are all self-fed in feeders other than the hand feeding of individual ewes and lambs in pens for the few days that they are held in this manner.

Practically all of the hay is now pelleted and with the new haying methods being followed at the Krebs ranch, labor has been cut to a minimum. Haying that only a few years ago required several men during the entire season is now handled by Dick Krebs' young son who runs the self-propelled swather, a baler operator and Dick himself who operates the Haro-bred that picks up bales in the field loading them automatically on this piece of equipment which is then used to transport the bales to the bale sheds, automatically stacking them without any hand labor.

Later the portable pelletter pellets the entire hay supply which when lambing time comes, it is augered into trucks equipped with self-unloading augers into self feeders cutting down handling to a minimum. The Krebs operation is a good example of an efficient operation that ranchers have been forced to in an attempt to cut down high overhead costs.

### Calf Is Valued Addition To Van Blokland Herd

The Wilbur Van Blokland family at Ruggs are real proud of a bull calf born last week to a Mill Iron bred cow which they have in their small herd. The bull calf, while only a few days old when I saw it Sunday afternoon, is perhaps the most promising Hereford calf that I have had the opportunity to see. Wilbur Van Blokland who has worked with cattle all of his life and has managed some good herds feels the same way. The calf, every "ounce" a bull, is thick set, deep with outstanding bone.

While most calves don't carry much of the characteristics of their sex when born, this calf has all the traits of a bull that carry through for a good sire. Sired by King Lamplighter 525, he has some good background on both sides of his breeding, much of it being from the Sid Seale Hereford herd at Condon. His grandfather is Northern Pump Silver King, an outstanding bull that Sid Seale bought at the National Livestock Sale in Denver. Those who like good cattle will be interested in watching this calf develop.

## Mrs. Hynd Will Instruct Better Dress Workshop

A Better Dress Workshop is scheduled by the Morrow County Extension Service to begin Monday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. at the Lexington school with Mrs. Bea Hynd, Cecil, as instructor, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow County Extension agent.

Mrs. Hynd has just completed a training course in Pendleton under the instruction of Elaine Carlson, OSU Clothing Specialist, and is well equipped to pass on these techniques, she notes.

This clothing session will be open to women who took Dressmaking I under Mrs. Roland Bergstrom this fall, and any other ladies who took Dressmaking II a few years ago, explains Miss Kirmis. This workshop and possibly another next fall should make all of these women ready for tailoring workshops next winter or spring.

"I recommend that all my students on the first day, make their pattern for a better dress out of unbleached sheeting," remarks Mrs. Hynd. "This way necessary alterations can be made before you cut into your good material of a blend, wool or wool-like fabric, silk, or even cotton suiting."

Items to bring the first day include unbleached sheeting, tape, pins, scissors, tissue paper, a portable sewing machine (if you have one) and the pattern you are thinking of making. It would also be good to bring along 2 shades of un-mercerized cotton or pearl cotton for making tailor tacks, she explains. (Hold off buying your material until after the first meeting.)

Letters will be going out to all interested persons from the county extension office this week with sign-up cards, notes the agent.

Bring a sack lunch to the Monday's meeting.

### Livestock 4-H Club Meets at Robinsons

The March meeting of the Blackhorse Livestock club was called to order by Maureen Doherty at the Don Robinson home. Flag pledges were led by Kirk Robinson and Mark Miller. Eight members were present.

We voted to contribute \$120 toward the IFYE fund. We will host another club on April 19 at a wiener roast. A committee was appointed to select a Father of the Year candidate.

Our next meeting will be at the Doherty home on April 5. Nancy Doherty, reporter

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## Many Participate In PTA Program

By LAVERNE PARTLOW

IRRIGON—Founders Day was observed at the Irrigon PTA meeting Monday night. Mrs. Don Adams, PTA vice-president, presided over the meeting, in the absence of Mrs. Warren McCoy, who was absent due to illness.

The Assembly of God primary and junior choirs both sang, followed by an acoustic spelling "Happy Birthday PTA." A Founders Day Fantasy skit was presented with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pummel, Donna Kay and Darrel representing the Stayhome Family, and Mrs. Vernon Stewart and Mrs. Albert Partlow taking the parts of Phoebe Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, the founders of PTA.

The evening ended with refreshments. Mrs. Charles Mead baked and decorated the Founders Day cake.

Past PTA Presidents present for the evening were Mrs. Harold Gagle, Mrs. Floyd Hobbs, Mrs. Harvey Warner and Warren McCoy.

### Houghton is Host To OEA

Teachers of Morrow county held their monthly OEA meeting at the A. C. Houghton school Monday evening. The general business meeting in the new library was called to order by President Ron Daniels. It was followed by a fried chicken dinner, served by the PTA to some 50 persons. A film along the theme "Schools Then and Now" was shown after the dinner hour, and a tour of the various classrooms concluded the evening.

Dewey West of Boardman visited at the home of his aunt, Mrs. E. A. Stephens, last Thursday.

Mrs. Ernest Jorgensen and Mrs. Howard Pulfrey attended a Lion's Auxiliary meeting held in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Taft of Umatilla last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Reed and family spent the week-end in Aurora visiting Mrs. Reed's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Netter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stephens were overnight guests of Mrs. May McKinney of Pendleton Tuesday evening. They returned to Irrigon Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Elgin and Mrs. Howard Hauser of McNary spent the week-end in Portland visiting the following former Hermiston residents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Worthington and Mrs. Hauser's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and children.

### Witherspoon Wedding Announced

Buford Witherspoon and Mrs. Wanda Robins were united in marriage at a private ceremony at the Irrigon Baptist church Friday evening, February 14, with the Rev. George Hash officiating. Matron of honor was Mrs. Clark Robins, and Terry Witherspoon attended his father. The candles were lighted by Dennis Robins, son of the bride. Wedding music was by Mrs. Albert Partlow. A reception follow-

ed in the church basement, with Miss Sheryl Witherspoon presiding at the guest book. The cake was cut by Mrs. Kenneth Eppenbaugh and Mrs. George Hash presided at the punch bowl with Mrs. Marvin Brown pouring.

The Irrigon Community 4-H club, led by Mrs. Maxwell Jones, held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday in the basement of the old Irrigon school. Forty-three members and four leaders were present. Reports from five clubs were given and also 4-H Sunday and 4-H week were reported on by Dee Ann McElroy. Square dancing and games followed the meeting. The next meeting will be March 12.

### Plan Joint Singpiration

The Irrigon Baptist church held its monthly potluck dinner Sunday preceding the evening service. A Singpiration will be held at the church Sunday evening, March 8, with the Boardman

Community church participating. Special entertainment will be the Hermiston Adventist orchestra directed by Louis Johnson. The public is invited.

Mrs. Dan Hill rode to Portland with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Cook, Rhonda and Allyn, who had spent the week-end in Irrigon with the Hills. Mrs. Hill remained in Portland for a week, and Dan Hill drove to Portland Saturday evening, bringing his wife back to Irrigon on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. John Kenney returned to Irrigon Friday afternoon after spending a week in Salem attending district council of the Assembly of God churches.

### Plans Get Final Approval

Planning Consultant Joe Kozlovski of Lake Oswego met with the Irrigon Planning Commission, City Council and Park Board Wednesday evening to make final approval on future planning for the City of Irrigon

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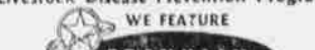
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