

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Domestic Beef Gets Big Push

By N. C. ANDERSON

"We Recommend only Beef Grown in the U. S. A." This was the slogan that representatives of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association agreed upon last week when plans were made for a cooperative program with the Morrow County Cow-Belles to promote domestic beef. Bumper and window stickers, counter displays along with newspaper advertising will be employed to encourage consumers to buy domestic beef rather than imports. The push is on in an effort to regain strong markets which have been substantially weakened by foreign imports.

Working on the promotion is Gerald Bergstrom, chairman, Beef Promotion Committee; Dick Wilkinson, chairman, and Bob Peterson, vice chairman, Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. Mrs. Ron Currin, chairman, Morrow County Cow-Belles, has distributed material and contacted many of the local stores.

A welcome note was reported in the recent issue of "Meat Animals Market Review" that pointed out that imports of beef and veal from Australia and New Zealand will drop below the February agreement. The governments of these two countries have advised the Department of Agriculture that their shipments of beef, veal, mutton and lamb in 1964 will drop about 27% below last year's volume. The USDA reports show imports in March and April are well below the level of the year earlier. However, last year's imports were highest on record.

While meeting, this group made plans to encourage participation of all livestock growers in a beef barbecue planned for early June when the newly selected Father of the Year will be honored. Suggestions were also made for contacts in developing a program for the annual meeting which will be an event of November 6 and 7.

Gopher Getter Successful

Jim West, who is responsible for the hay and farming operations of the George Rugg op-

eration, visited the office one day last week and reported excellent results in gopher control on irrigated land this spring. They were one of 24 ranchers who used the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District owned "gopher getter." Jim used the gopher getter on 190 acres of irrigated alfalfa. As an indication of the scarcity of gophers in alfalfa this year, the farm dog that went with him at irrigation time last year "waxed" fat on the 10 to 30 gophers he caught per day. This year, he saw him catch only six all season which is quite a contrast. Other ranchers using the gopher getter report comparable success.

Many Are Awarded Thanks For Success of Student Tour

The Portland 8th grade tour is successfully completed. While a detailed report of the activities will be found in another part of this week's Heppner Gazette-Times, there are a few timely comments that I would like to make.

First, from the reaction of these boys and girls, I am sure that this is agriculture's top public relations activity. It is much easier to teach boys and girls than adults. Farm families that were host to these boys and girls did an outstanding job, as far as I can determine, in making the 8th grader's tour real educational as well as enjoyable. We had a choice group including the two chaperones that came with them.

While many "thank you's" are due, much of the credit for the success goes to Louis Carlson, Bob Jepsen, Walter Jacobs, Hillard Brown, Leonard Herrick and Wes Sherman. There are many others concerned. We are especially grateful to Leonard Munkers for the many hours that he put in beyond the call of duty in picking up the boys and girls at Portland, assisting while they were here, and delivering them back home again. This involved two trips to Portland by bus as well as a day and a half of tours in the county. We always enjoy working with Leonard because of his friendly attitude. He likes children and they like him.

The ranchers on whose ranches we stopped did an exceptional job of explaining their operation in a simple way to these boys and girls, many of whom had never been to Eastern Oregon and the majority who had never been on a farm before. Dick Wilkinson and Dick Payne at the Wilkinson ranch, Kemit Erickson at the Paul Tew's ranch, Walter Jacobs, Gar Swanson, Bob, Herb and Henry Peterson, Hugh Salter at the Morrow County Grain Growers elevator did an excellent job. Paul Hansen, local aerial applicator, did an exceptional job and was real popular with his aerial spray application demonstration Saturday noon.

There were many, many more that made the program a real success including Shorly Hudson and Glen Ward who donated the roller skating party Saturday night for about 75 guests and their host 8th graders. Mrs. Marshall Lovgren and Mrs. Bryce Keene with their helpers who provided refreshments were also popular. The committee would also like to acknowledge all of the offers of help by other town and country people and hasten to explain that the tour was scheduled for

Chats With Your Home Agent

Problems Answered At Laundry Clinic

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Recipes for washing whites, colored, wash 'n wear, delicate, bright colors, and woolsens were given to over a hundred women and high school students by Mary Behrens, home economist, from a well known washer company at the "Suds and Hi-Fashion" laundry clinic at Boardman on April 23. Included also on the program was Bernice Strawn, OSU Home Management Specialist, who spoke on laundry problems; and Herb Ekstrom, Jr., lone, representative of a water softener company.

Models of the "Wash and Wear" style show were furnished by the Riverside High school, Mrs. Della Lindsay, Home Economics instructor. They included Paula Williams, Linda Senn, Donna Eppenbach, Judy Friend, Gloria Senn, Toni Olin, and Pat Miller. Little Karen Baker and Donald Hug modeled children's clothing. Users were from the school and hostess were furnished by the Boardman Extension Unit. Members of the Heppner Home Economics classes and Mrs. Grace Schmidt, instructor, also came over for the laundry show.

L. A. Moore Furniture of Hermiston displayed a washer and dryer and Ekstrom brought along a water softening plant.

Bulletins containing the six recipes for washing mentioned above are available at the County Agent's office, if you'd like one.

Here are a few hints Miss Behrens gave at the high school girls modeled the examples:

Whites—White cottons and linens show soil readily and give it up reluctantly. They should be laundered in hot water (at least 140 degrees) for

boys and girls to stay with farm families and this is the reason that many townspeople who offered their homes had to be turned down. We are looking forward to the 1965 tour which can be even better with this year's experiences.

Council Promotes Research Facilities for Animal Diseases

The newly organized Oregon Animal Health Council is attempting to come up with some of the answers to the need for providing adequate animal diagnostic research facilities to serve all of Oregon. The Council is composed of representatives from livestock groups and the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association, with representatives from Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of agriculture in an advisory capacity.

One of its goals set at a recent meeting was a security facility where animal diseases could be studied without contamination of other areas. Cattlemen also pointed out the need for enlargement on the present diagnosis laboratory and an increase in its research staff.

Eastern Oregon cattlemen told the veterinarian that a field veterinarian working out of the diagnostic laboratory at Oregon State University was badly needed in Eastern Oregon and said they did not feel the cattlemen there would settle for less. Pat Morrissy, Baker County cattleman who is chairman of the new organization, pointed out the heavy losses that are occurring in the cattle industry in Eastern Oregon. He said that Baker county alone averaged losses of \$750,000 a year from the disease that has been causing excessive calf losses and reminded the council that the industry was of such economic importance to Oregon that proper diagnostic and research facilities for the state were long overdue.

10 minutes. Use the same recipe for diapers and heavily soiled play clothes and work clothes.

Colored—Pastel colored bath towels, colored table linens, and children's play clothes (except wash and wear) are typical for this recipe. Avoid hot water on pastels and matching mates. Always launder matching mates, such as tablecloths, with matching napkins, skirts with matching blouses, under same conditions.

Wash 'n Wear—The three types of wash 'n wear clothes are (1) resin treated cotton, (2) 100% man-made fiber, (3) blends of these fibers.

Wash resin finished cotton garments in warm water with regular agitation and spin dry. If a garment made from 100% man-made fibers is lightly to moderately soiled, wash it in cold water with regular agitation and spin speed. For heavily soiled garments, use warm water and gently washing action.

If the item is a blend of fibers, wash as if it were 100% the predominant fiber.

Delicates—Delicate garments—lace, crocheted items, elasticized articles, and garments requiring "hand washing" should be laundered with warm water and a gentle agitation and spin for about 3 minutes. Choose your detergent for the fiber.

Bright Colors—Bright or dark colors may have a tendency to fade or lose their beauty when washed in warm or hot water. Use cold water for garments where color is important.

Woolsens—Articles which may shrink, or lose special finish because of warm water or too much laundering, may be successfully laundered with cold water, gentle agitation and spin, two minutes wash and eight minutes soak. Cold water soap or light duty liquid is advised.

Both home economics advised pretreating stains promptly, measuring your detergent, and using bleach sparingly.

Mr. Ekstrom was busy testing over 50 samples of water the women brought, then advising them for better results.

All in all, "Suds and Hi-Fashion" was quite a show!

Eight Delegates To Attend Meeting

Eight women from the Morrow County Extension units will attend the annual State Home Economics Extension Council in Corvallis May 5-7, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent. It's one of the largest delegations we've ever had, she adds.

Attending will be Mrs. Douglas Drake, Mrs. Albert Wright, Mrs. R. G. Watkins, Heppner; Mrs. Warren McCoy, Mrs. Max Jones, Irrigon; Mrs. William Seehafer, Mrs. Bernard Donovan, Boardman; and Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn, lone.

Besides business sessions, the council will include tours of the new William Jasper Kerr Library, Food Technology Department, Oceanography and Forest Research on the campus.

Outstanding speakers scheduled include Loretta Cowden of the Federal Extension Service, Washington, D. C.; Wayne Darrel of Cleveland High school, Portland; foreign exchange students and International Youth Exchanges.

Workshops in ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World); traffic safety and health; project leaders, and leadership workshop are scheduled for the women.

Drop-out Rate High in College, OSU Records Show

This June, only about one out of every four freshmen who entered college four years ago will graduate.

Another one of the four, on the average, will graduate in the fifth or sixth year or even later but "far too many capable young people are failing to complete college, just as only half of the brightest high school graduates go on to college," says Wallace E. Gibbs, registrar and director of admissions at Oregon State University.

The result is a significant loss to the individual and society, he adds.

Gibbs points to a study made by Oregon State in 1960 that indicates that "more than half of the students who drop out of college are just as capable academically as the ones who graduate."

The OSU registrar's office charts the "mortality" of each entering freshman class. Records show that only 24 percent of the 1820 freshmen who entered the Oregon State in September, 1959, graduated four years later in June, 1963.

These figures—typical for the nation—don't tell the entire story, Gibbs hastened to explain. Another 10 to 15 percent of those 1959 freshmen will graduate this year having taken five years (in some schools, such as pharmacy, five years are required).

Reasons for drop-outs are var-


ied—academic problems, illness, finances, marriage, military, personal.

Reasons for "staying in" are sometimes overlooked by students and their parents, however, Gibbs believes. These include the chance for personal development, acquisition of knowledge, greater opportunity for accomplishments, greater opportunity for accomplishments, greater earning power, etc.

Scholarship programs, loan programs, counseling and guidance helps are all available to help the student successfully complete his studies, he added. And career opportunities after graduation are better than ever before, Gibbs concluded.

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