

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Conservation Tour Set For June 5

By N. C. ANDERSON

Meeting last Tuesday night, supervisors of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District completed plans for their annual 5th grade conservation tour. Supervisors Kenneth Turner and Vernon Munkers, with conservationist Ralph Richards, provided information to the group during the tour which viewed many conservation and better farming practices in the Blackhorse, Sand Hollow, North Lexington, Ione, and Willow Creek areas.

Soil Stewardship Week, W. C. Rosewall reported that posters were up and Soil Stewardship Week materials in the hands of each of the ministers and publicity for the local paper.

Ralph Richards reported that Boeing had applied for a soil survey and range plan for land under lease to them in the Boardman bombing range. This survey will be made by conservationists from throughout Oregon who will be hired with private funds from Boeing to do the survey in a hurry.

The report of conservation progress for the month of April included two new cooperators, Bert Corbin and John Wood; a conservation plan for Franklin Lindstrom and Sons with surveys made for 17,420 feet of diversion ditches for Bert Corbin, Bob Jepsen and Don Peterson; 78 acres of contour strip cropping for Bert Corbin; 19 acres of land leveling, Albert Wright; two irrigation ponds, Bob Mahoney; and 400 feet of irrigation ditch for Pat Mollahan.

Completed during the month was 4,250 feet of channel and irrigation ditch for Terry Thompson, Everett Harshman and Pat Mollahan. Thirty-one acres of land leveling for Robert Mahoney and Everett Harshman; 47 acres of land smoothing for Everett Harshman and Joe Doherty. Nine acres of sod waterways, Orville Cutsforth, Jr., and Holmes Gabbert; 360 acres of hay and pasture seeding by 18 farmers.

The annual Conservation Tour that was scheduled to be held May 21 has been postponed. The date is now set as June 5. Watch for further particulars.

Some Stripe Rust Showing

Dr. Bob Powelson, Plant Pathologist, spent a few hours in the county last week to discuss stripe leaf rust. Rust spores have been picked up in each of the three rust spore traps which are located in the Lexington, Gooseberry and north Lexington areas. Wednesday, while inspecting some fields, rust infections were found but have not progressed much from the stage they were in six weeks ago. Dr. Powelson predicts, however, that

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Netherlands IFYE Is County Alumni Speaker May 20

"Land of Tulips" will be described to alumni county advisory committee women on May 20 by Suzanne Lozier, Oregon's 1963 IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) to The Netherlands. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Graves, Hardman, beginning at 10:30 a.m., according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

With the aid of colored slides Miss Lozier, now home service advisor with the Pacific Power and Light Company, of Walla Walla, will describe her six months in the low country. Methods of marketing, reclaiming land from the sea, farming, farm animals, and Dutch home life are a few of the things she will touch on, explains the agent.

Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo; Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon; Mrs. Joe Wright, Mrs. Albert Wright, Heppner; Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn, Ione; Mrs. John Graves, Hardman; Mrs. Carl Rhea, Lexington; and Mrs. Walter Hayes, Boardman, the present county advisory committee for extension units, will host the event, says the extension worker. A "get acquainted" party and a white elephant gift exchange for the benefit of Lady Aberdeen Scholarship are on deck for the morning festivities.

County committee members serve for three years and then become alumni, explains the agent. These gatherings are a means to keep these alumni members acquainted with the present Extension home economics program. In some counties the alumni organize to assist the program with scholarships, craft fairs, etc.

Duties of the present county committee include:

1. To assist the agent in determining home needs.
2. To determine how the county agent can serve the home.
3. To help the agent understand the community and its home life.
4. To help the agent to share in community life.
5. To assist in developing a community understanding of the Home Economics.
6. To help the Extension service coordinate with other groups in its work of home and family life.
7. To help the agent develop an adequate program in home-making.

Joining the ranks of county committee members for the new year are Mrs. Carl Rhea, Lexington, and Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo. Some more moisture than it looks like we will have this crop year. Some have estimated that they will harvest a 20 bushel crop under the present circumstances which includes no additional rainfall between now and harvest. They hasten to add, however, that this depends on it not getting too hot and there not being any hot scorching winds. All have indicated that they have always harvested a crop regardless of the year even with the extreme drought situations in the mid 30's. I believe I will wait a while before making a prediction for a good 1 inch rain could make the predictions sound considerably better.



SUZANNE LOZIER

ington (Pine City) and Mrs. Albert Wright, Heppner (Rhea Creek), for three year terms. They will replace Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo, and Mrs. John Graves who are retiring, informs Miss Kirmis.

Ruralettes Meet

In April the Ione Ruralettes 4-H Sewing club held a meeting at Christine McCabe's home. We did demonstrations on health. At our next meeting, May 9, we worked on fair demonstrations. Mrs. Hoskins was a guest.

Mary McElligott, Julie Zinter reporters

Morrow County CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY

Week Ending May 8, 1964 (Compiled from Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture).

Summer-fallow operations mostly completed; no moisture to bring new weeds. All grain and hay making extremely slow growth. Some barley heading, but small grains suffering for moisture. Ranges are extremely dry and cattle will be out of feed soon if no rain comes. Some cattle being sold because of feed shortage. A serious drought situation prevails; rain is desperately needed.

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Chats With Your Home Agent

Extension Women Attend State Extension Council

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Over 900 Extension unit women from Oregon gathered in Corvallis on the Oregon State University campus last week for the 32nd Oregon Home Economics Extension Council. The theme, "Better Homes through Research and Education," was developed by the main speakers, Miss Taskerud, extension assistant director, Corvallis; Wayne Durrell, Cleveland High school principal, Portland; Dr. James Jensen, OSU president, Corvallis, and Miss Loretta Cowden, federal extension service, Washington, D. C.

Standing committee workshops in ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), traffic safety and health, careers and youth (4-H, project leaders, and leadership) were held on Wednesday afternoon of the convention.

Attending from Morrow county were Mrs. Warren McCoy and Mrs. Don Acock, Irrigon; Mrs. William Seehafer and Mrs. Bernard Donovan, Boardman; Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn, Ione; Mrs. Douglas Drake, Mrs. Albert Wright, and Esther Kirmis, Heppner.

Quotes From the VIPS—

"A child receives 40% of his education before he is five years old. Don't expect our schools to remedy the mistakes you, as parents, have made in teaching them morals, religion, and disciplines." —Wayne Durrell, Cleveland High school Principal, Portland.

"A good extensive home economics program is worth every tax dollar you as taxpayers spend. It's a preventative program. It prevents divorces, mental health breakdowns, welfare cases, juvenile delinquency, etc. All these do cost the tax payer, with little hope of betterment." —Esther Taskerud, Assistant director—OSU Extension.

"Extension women are the best 'problem identifiers' I know of"—Dr. James Jensen, OSU president (referring to the program planning methods we use in extension).

"Extension stands for two words—Research and Education." —Loretta Cowden, Federal Extension staff.

"Commercial firms give you consumer information, but only Extension gives you unbiased

consumer education!" —Loretta Cowden, Federal Extension staff.

"Next time someone asks you to do something, say 'I'd love to' and you'd be surprised how soon others are doing the jobs you used to do!" —Mrs. Betty Hamlin, 4-H committee chairman.

"We're very proud to have Mrs. Warren McCoy, Irrigon elected District VII director of Umatilla, Grant, Gilliam and Morrow counties." —Esther Kirmis, Morrow county Extension Agent.

Words to a song we sang . . . "What will we wear in the year 2000 . . . Spun glass hose and plastic undies . . ."

Lois Redman, State 4-H Agent, Corvallis (Song leader for the convention), Homemaker's Festival—May 13

We'll report on the annual Morrow County Homemakers Festival held in Ione, May 13, in next week's issue.

"ACWW, Down Under" is the theme with Mrs. Athalie Lage, Hood River, speaker.

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Ione Livestock Club Works on Projects

Twelve members of the Ione Livestock club met at the home of Jim Pettyjohn, May 2 at 9:30 a.m. to practice the fitting and grooming of beef and sheep projects. Each member participated in one phase of the grooming or fitting.

After lunch the business meeting was held. We reviewed our goals to see how many we had accomplished.

Earl Pettyjohn, reporter

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