

The Ray Williamson family returned last Saturday from a week's vacation of fishing and sightseeing in Canada. Williamson was on vacation from duties with the Forest Service.

Wagenblast Wins District Award For Best Farming

John Wagenblast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington, was judged first place award winner in the Blue Mountain District Better Farming Award contest, according to notification this week from Ray Mainwaring, judging committee chairman of Hood River.

Eleven schools make up the Blue Mountain District. John was visited at his farm home June 12 by a committee of four judges for an "on the farm" interview. He has carried on an outstanding all-around program in Supervised Farming projects connected with Future Farmers of America activities. His wide interests are shown in the development of the following projects: 29 head beef (16 registered, 13 commercial), 7 head horses, 9 acres wheat, 12 fruit trees and 34 head sheep.

Based on superior rating of these, along with FFA record books, brought him the top award. His record book of last year was judged first place winner in the state.

Other winners in the contest were Dave Merz, Wy east, second place, and Bill Kopacz, Hermiston, third place.

Rhea Creek 4-H Club Hears Project Reports

The June meeting of the Rhea Creek Livestock club was called to order by acting chairman John Harris. A motion was made to pay a bill and was carried.

Dale Van Blokland gave reports on summer school, the Wheat League show, and "Know Your State Government."

Each member then gave a short talk on his projects. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Barton Clark and Mrs. Bill Rawlins.

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FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Reviews Now Sent From OSU Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

Morrow county ranchers who have been on the mailing list for economic information have received a letter recently which was very important, if you care to be kept on the mailing list for these market reviews.

This letter came directly from Stephen Marks, extension agricultural economist, and asked that you mark the reports you are interested in and return at once to that office. In past years, this has been mailed from my office so this is a change.

Those market reviews that will be available for the next year are for meat, animals and wool, grain and hay crops, fruit and nut crops, potatoes and truck crops, poultry and eggs, dairy products, farm forest products, production price and costs, Western Livestock Round-up and farm and market outlook.

For any who have not been on the mailing list for these and did not receive a letter directly from OSU Extension Service, please advise and we will have your name added.

Weed Handbook Available

At the request of those who attended the Weed Shortcourse held last February, a handbook of common county weeds was assembled for distribution. An item appearing in this news column attracted a lot of attention and many picked up books at this office.

We are having a lot of inquiry these past few weeks on control of perennial noxious weeds. The handbook includes up-to-date control practices. If you would like a copy, stop by the office or let us know and we will mail you one.

National Wheat Allotment Set at 49.5 for '65 Acreage

Last Friday Secretary Freeman proclaimed a national wheat allotment of 49.5 million acres for the '65 crop — the same as the '64 acreage allotment. This is the statutory minimum, used because estimated production adequate for the national supply — less carryover — would call for a 44.5 million-acre national allotment. However, present law requires that the national allotment cannot be less than 49.5 million acres. This total allotment does not show an estimated additional 3.8 million acres which can be grown on farms with less than 15-acre allotments.

A new feature provided in the Agricultural Act of 1964 is a special acreage reserve of 100,000 acres to be used to alleviate inequities on individual farm allotments in counties where wheat is a major income-producing crop.

The '64 law also provides that there will be no national marketing quotas for the '65 crop of wheat.

Australian Wheat Predicted To Be 10 Percent Increased

Encouraged by the record harvest and fast disposal of their 1963-64 wheat crop, Australian farmers are getting ready to plant an even bigger acreage in 1964-65. Production last year was 331 million bushels, and with the USSR and Communist China buying in large quantities, disposal of the crop has progressed rapidly.

Predictions on the increase for the 1964-65 crop are based on recent sharp increases in sales — largely in the wheat belt — of farm machinery suitable for wheat production and in sales of fertilizers. These reports indicate a possible 10-percent increase from the 16.4 million acres planted last year, resulting in a crop of 350-360 million bushels.

Beef Declared Eligible For Export Financing

Secretary Freeman announced that U. S. beef is now included among agricultural commodities eligible for export financing under Public Law 480 — the Food

for Peace Program. Under Title I, countries would pay with their own currencies; under Title IV, with dollars, under special long-term low-interest payment arrangements.

USDA Meat Research Station To Be Developed in Nebraska

USDA reported last week that the department is getting 10,000 acres of Federal land in Nebraska for use as a site for a National Meat Animal Research Station. The land, near Clay Center, was the site of a Navy ammo dump, closed by the Defense Department. Transfer to USDA is expected to be completed soon.

The proposed research station would provide working facilities for 45 scientists and about 150 supporting personnel, and would include a combination laboratory-office building plus specialized buildings and shops for cattle, hogs, and sheep. Eventually, the station would maintain about 5,000 cattle, 10,000 sheep and 3,500 hogs.

Economists Predict Increase in World Food Problems

Two things, especially, have prompted economists to take a new look at the world food problem. These are (1) a skyrocketing world population, and (2) a shrinking amount of land suitable for cultivation.

The study points out that from the beginning of Christianity until the end of the 16th Century, population grew at an average of 2% to 3% per century. Recently, it has grown about 2% per year. Total world population is estimated currently at around 3 billion.

By the year 2000, which is far ahead of us as 1928 is behind us, population is expected to hit the 6 billion mark. The biggest share of the increase will probably come in the less developed regions. This means that the less developed regions must add to their current food output an amount equal to the current world output.

Enjoy Canada Trip

Travels as far as Banff National Park in Canada were enjoyed by the Ray Williamson family on vacation for a week there recently. The family went via Penticton to Kelowna, B. C., where they enjoyed five days of fishing (but little catching). They found Banff to be exquisitely lovely, although rainy at the time they were there. Williamson said that camping facilities are "beautiful" and scenery is "terrific." The family returned on Saturday, June 20. He was on vacation from his position at the Heppner Ranger district, Umatilla National Forest.

Morrow County CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY For week ending June 26 (From Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.)

Haying is in full swing in upper elevations with yields well above earlier expectations. Hay in lower areas damaged from rain; now all put up. Fall grains filling good, early barley reaching maturity, some plan to start harvest next week. No rust, some foot rot showing up. Few warm days pinching barley. Spring grains still looking good but will need favorable weather to make good crop. No excess moisture to draw on. Ranches in high elevations excellent, low elevations very poor. Rod weeding, rye pulling, haying and getting ready for harvest main operations.

Bridge Club Holds Annual Meeting

By DELFRA JONES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Bridge club held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Lester Cox one night last week. Prizes were won by Mrs. William J. Van Winkle, high, Mrs. Robert Davidson, second, high, and Mrs. Beata Hunt, special prize. Others present for the evening were Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter, Mrs. Gene Cutsforth, Mrs. Oliver Creswick, Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Mrs. Don Belenbrock, Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, Mrs. Mervin Leonard and the hostess.

Through an error the names of Mrs. Ella Burgoyne and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse were left from

the HEC report of last week at the meeting at the home of Mrs. Norman Nelson.

Mrs. Forrest Binehart of Ukiah, who was visiting at the home of her sister and family, was taken to a hospital in Pendleton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cox were week-end visitors in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Sage and children of Heppner have moved into the Lexington Christian church parsonage.

Mrs. Vic Groshens was taken seriously ill at her home on Friday night and a doctor was called from Heppner.

Miss Joyce Peck is employed this summer at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch.

A Van Winkle family reunion was held at the Herman Green cabin last week-end. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Van Winkle and family, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klingler, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green and family.

The Lexington Christian church held its annual picnic at the Lone City Park on Sunday afternoon. Games were enjoyed after the potluck dinner and the young people enjoyed swimming in the lone pool.

Members of Holly Rebekah Lodge are busy this week with plans for the booth at Heppner Merchants Sidewalk Bazaar on July 10 and 11. The booth is to be built in front of Heppner Auto Parts and will specialize in caramel corn, pop corn balls and ice cold punch.

Sunday visitors at the Charles Colly home were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Koneig of Prosser, Wa.

John Spence is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner, having undergone major surgery on Wednesday morning.

Women's Fellowship Group met at the home of Mrs. William C. Van Winkle on Tuesday afternoon. As there was very little business a social afternoon was enjoyed by Mrs. Elva Ruhl, Mrs. Art Keene, Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Bill Klingler, Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, C. C. Jones and Mrs. Roy Campbell. Refreshments were served later in the afternoon by the hostess, Mrs. Van Winkle.

Mrs. Martha Chichster of Prineville was a Lexington caller Monday.

Many Contribute To Preparations For Summer Camp

By the time this article is read, the Morrow County 4-H Summer Camp will have come and gone. Approximately 26 boys and girls will have spent four days in the outdoors attending classes and having an experience in fellowship. Twenty-four older 4-H members who will act as counselors and 10 adults who have agreed to teach various classes will have contributed to this experience.

While there is much work involved in putting on such a camp, there are those who help to make the camp a success in addition to those who work directly with the boys and girls during camp time. I will admit that it was a long hard day on June 26 when camp preparations were made, tents set up and everything put in readiness for the camp. Like usual, a few did all the work.

Special thanks to Mrs. Bob Abrams and daughter, Frances, Mrs. Douglas Drake, and Mrs. N. C. Anderson who worked hard that day in cleaning up the kitchen and getting cooking facilities in order.

Fred Nelson, chairman of the Permanent Summer Camp, turned out with two, including his two sons, Keith and James, his hired man, John Edwards, and Chuck Nelson. In addition, Doug Drake, Pete Cannon and Bernard Doherty worked hard in setting up two new toilets, the tents, getting the light plant in running order and other numerous jobs that must be done each year.

Thanks go to Louis Carlson, Don Peterson and Marilyn Robinson who provided trucks for transporting the 60 boys and girls to and from camp. Mary Doherty and Mary Ann Barclay were errand girls who brought supplies to camp and kept things going.

Fish Small but Hail Big at Magone Lake

Fish proved small but halibuts were big at Magone Lake, according to a report from aangler who camped there on a vacation outing from June 16 to 22.

Don Gilliam, on vacation from his duties at the Heppner post-office, said that it hailed continuously for an hour at one time with the stones as large as the end of one's finger.

Fish caught were only in the neighborhood of seven inches. Nevertheless the group enjoyed the outing. Included were Leonard Gilliam, Earl Gilliam, Earl Blake and Paul Gilliam of Hillsboro.

Samuel Green Earns Army Drivers Badge

Army Specialist Four Samuel O. Green, 22, son of Mrs. Verle E. Green, Heppner, was awarded a Driver's Badge, June 4, for attaining a high degree of skill in the maintenance and operation of motor vehicles while assigned to the 125th Transportation Battalion in Germany. Specialist Green, a truck driver in the battalion's 126th Transportation Company near Karlsruhe, entered the Army in September, 1960 and arrived overseas in August, 1962.

He is a 1960 graduate of Heppner High school.

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