

**Chats With Your Home Agent**

**Venison Cookery Tips In New Booklet**

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"Have you got your buck yet?" How often this question is asked around Heppner as more successful hunters return with their "bacon"—venison in this case. Our Home Extension units had considered venison cookery as the topic for their October lesson. Unfortunately we were not able to carry out plans for the lesson this year. However, we do have at the county extension office, copies of an excellent bulletin prepared by the Oregon Extension Service.

"Treats With Venison" reflects the pooled experience of hunters and venison cooks, in providing pointers for getting the meat to the table.

**Extension Unit Officers Leadership Training Held**

New officers of Morrow county's six home extension units met Tuesday, September 29, in the fair annex.

Mrs. Joe Wright, county Home Economics committee chairman, presided. Mrs. Carl Ebes, county committee member from Pine City, was hostess and was assisted by Mrs. Walter Hayes, county committee member from the Boardman unit.

Miss Muriel Scales, state extension agent, instructed the group in making introductions, as of a guest speaker. Secre-

taries and treasurers duties were reviewed by Mrs. James Pettyjohn, county committee member from Ione. Suggestions were given to help these officers in use of report forms and performing duties efficiently.

Donna George, county extension agent, presented tips for presiding and leading group discussion to the chairmen and vice chairmen.

The roles taken by persons in a group were examined to help the officers in involving all unit members effectively in their unit programs.

**Freezer Facts**

Where you put your food freezer, makes a difference in how well it operates, how convenient it is, and how much it costs to run it.

The most logical place for a freezer is the kitchen, utility room, porch or basement. But are these always the best places?

For the most efficient operation a freezer should be located in a cool, dry, well ventilated area out of direct sunlight.

It should never be placed where the temperature falls below 40 degrees. Or, in a room that's especially hot in the summer or heavily heated in the winter. Too hot a spot can add 15 percent to the cost of operating the freezer.

Also avoid placing a freezer in a niche in the wall or in a place with cabinets on three sides. There must be ample space at the back, top and sides so air can circulate around the cabinet. Circulation is necessary for the escape of heat given off by the condenser.

A dry basement is a good place for a freezer. But in a damp basement—even if there is no flooding—the dampness may harm the motor or cause the cabinet to sweat and the doors or lid to stick.

You may obtain other information about freezer purchase and care and freezing specific foods at the Morrow County extension office in the Gilliam and Bisbee building at Heppner.

**Painting Tip**

Following the sun when you paint your house, say specialists in the Forest Products laboratory of USDA's Forest Service. Paint the north side early in the morning, the east side late in the morning, the south well after noon, and the west side during the late afternoon.

**Planning To Buy A House?**

The number of mortgage foreclosures is increasing in the United States, according to a study done by the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency recently. The primary reasons given for failure to meet mortgage payments were family emergencies, including unemployment, death, or illness. But other major reasons were increased housing costs and debt loads that had become larger

**Examiner Coming**

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner on Tuesday, October 13, at the courthouse between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

**Unit Meets Tuesday**

The Heppner Extension Unit will convene for the first time this fall on Tuesday, October 13, at the home of Mrs. Joe Wright for a project lesson entitled, "What's New in Spices." Project leaders for this lesson will be Mrs. R. G. Watkins and Mrs. Bud Peck. There will be a potluck dinner at noon.

than the family could manage. Alberta Johnston, Oregon State University extension specialist in home management, cautions that families thinking about buying a home need to do some careful financial planning and consider not only present, but future finances. These plans should not stop with the cost of the house, but should include cost of needed repairs, improvements, equipment, and the expenses for other goods and services that the family requires for everyday living. Home buyers need to understand the full cost of ownership and its relation to total income and expenses.

Families should avoid the mistake of assuming more financial obligations for housing than they can handle. And they should remember the possibility of increases in some expenses; such as property tax and costs for maintenance and repairs—the trend is now upward. The cost of housing may take even a larger share of income in the future. Can your family pay this?

In many families, emergencies arise. These may include death, illness, unemployment, and others. House payments must continue during these times. Insurance, or a savings program, may help meet emergencies, but the best insurance is careful buying and credit shopping to stay within range of income expectations.

**Specialist Gives Family Tips**

Parents who try to develop responsibility in children by telling them about the importance of work don't get very far toward their goal. But involving children in family activities and sharing tasks that challenge children's ability and imagination will help, says Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, extension family life specialist at OSU.

She suggests that when children are uncooperative about home chores, parents should ask themselves these questions: Are some of his jobs his own choice? Did he have a part in the planning? Are they real jobs? Are they within his ability? Are they challenging? Do you reward with praise and a pleasant smile? Do you make him feel his job is important to the household? Are your standards too high?

**Farm Expenses Up And Product Cash Declines in 1963**

Oregon farmers found themselves getting less money for their products in 1963, while production expenses rose to a new record level, according to Mrs. Eivera Horrell, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

Cash receipts from farm marketings in Oregon last year are estimated at \$419 million by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. At the same time, it is estimated that it cost farmers \$387 million to produce the products they sold, Mrs. Horrell noted.

Some 56 percent of farm revenue came from crop sales, while 44 percent came from the sale of livestock and livestock products. Total receipts dropped about three percent, all from livestock. In terms of income, Oregon's top three commodities—cattle and calves, wheat and dairy products—all moved lower.

Despite the decline, cash receipts from farm marketings last year were the fifth highest on record, topped only by 1951, 1962, 1952 and 1959, in that order, she pointed out.

A drop in government payments last year also reduced cash income to Oregon farmers, Mrs. Horrell said. In all, government payments totaled more than \$13 million, with nearly a third from conservation payments and 21 percent from soil bank. On the other hand, non-money income gained a shade over 1962.

Higher production expenses, meanwhile, took even more than usual of the farmer's cash income, she continued. Increases were noted in both "current" operating and so-called "fixed" costs.

Taken item by item, only cost of livestock and net rent to non-farm landlords moved lower last year. Bills on all other operating items, such as feed, seed, fertilizer, repairs, taxes, interest and the like, continued to mount.

This means a double-barrelled squeeze, Mrs. Horrell explained. With gross farm income down three percent and production expenses up three percent, and allowing for a change in inventories, total net farm income dropped better than 10 percent.

Only \$105.6 million was retained by farm operators' families for living expenses last year. This was less than half the 1951 peak and the lowest since records were started in 1949, she pointed out.

However, the drop in net income per farm was cushioned a bit by the continued slight decline in the number of farms. Last year, each Oregon farm operator received an average of \$2,348, compared with \$2,598 in 1962.

Complete county data is not yet available for 1963, but in 1962, Umatilla county led the state in value of sales of all farm products, followed closely

**X-Ray Program Is Evaluated**

An evaluation of the present TB X-ray program was discussed by officers and the board of directors of the Morrow County TB and Health Association at its meeting Monday night, October 5, at the courthouse. There were 14 members present.

Under the leadership of president Mrs. Marcel Jones, ways were discussed in which the association's X-ray program could be improved. At the present time, free X-rays are being given on the first Wednesday evening of each month at Pioneer Memorial hospital. The public is urged to take advantage of this free service, offered to all residents of the county.

There was also some discussion on the reorganizational program that is being done at the state level of the TB and Health Association. As of now, 13 counties in Eastern Oregon have reorganized. This group does not include Morrow and Grant counties.

**Ginny Moore Plays Leading Role in EOC Dramatic Production**

Ginny Moore, freshman at Eastern Oregon College, has been given a leading role in the drama production, "The Girls in the Snow," according to a college release. Director of the play is Richard G. Hlatt, and dates of the production have been set for November 12-14.

Other leading roles will be played by Karen Keltz, La Grande, and John Stelle, Canyon City. Winning major supporting roles were Denise Hughes, Al Grande; Chris Lassen, Pendleton; Averitt Giddings, Hermiston, and Gary Bloomer, Durkee. The cast includes four additional students.

Ginny, a 1964 graduate of Heppner High school, is majoring in Secondary Education at EOC. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Moore.

by Marion and Malheur counties. These three accounted for a fourth of the state's total farm sales that year, while the Willamette Valley contributed two-fifths of Oregon's total sales value, she said.

California, with cash receipts totaling nearly \$3.5 billion in 1963, still ranks first in the nation in farm income, followed by Iowa, Texas and Illinois. Oregon ranks 32nd among the 48 states, excluding Hawaii and Alaska.

Arizona again topped the nation on net income per farm, followed by California and Florida. Oregon ranked 38th in this category in 1963.

**Junior Livestock Show Scheduled October 10 to 18**

The largest junior livestock show in recent years is forecast for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition when 4-H entries arrive at the North Portland show barns Friday, October 9, according to Cal Monroe, Oregon State University state 4-H extension agent.

Monroe, who is also general superintendent of the junior exhibits, said a total of 362 animals owned by 162 4-H club members from Oregon, Washington, Montana and California are expected to be entered in the 54th annual show which runs October 10 through 18.

Club members will show their animals starting Monday, October 12. Livestock judging teams of 4-H members from Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Idaho begin competition Saturday, October 10, when the junior stockmen place classes of dairy cattle, saddle horses and meat animals.

In addition, some 100 select wool fleeces from animals owned by 4-H club members will be on display in the Pacific International wool show sponsored by the Pacific Wool Growers.

The 4-H'ers will be special guests of Meier and Frank Co. Monday, October 12, for dinner and an evening program. Monroe noted. A new feature for club members this year will be the 4-H pancake breakfast Saturday, October 10, sponsored by the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.

In addition to competing for ribbons and show premiums, the young men and women will also be competing for five \$100 O. M. Plummer 4-H Memorial College scholarships, given annually to high school juniors

**Club Reorganizes For Coming Year**

The Sew-A-Longs 4-H club met Saturday, October 3, in the Junior High Home Economics room with Mrs. William Rawlins as leader. Purpose of the meeting was to close out the present year and reorganize for 1964-65.

Carol Rawlins was elected president; Nonda Clark, vice president; and Susan Drake, secretary and news reporter. Margaret Green, Jean and Joan Stockard are other members of the club.

The group will again carry the flower grower projects and also enter the "Make it Yourself with Wool" contest. Other items discussed included the results of the fair and this next year's projects.

Sewing meetings will be on the third Saturday of each month and flower grower meetings on the first Thursday after school. Susan Drake, reporter

and seniors participating in the show.

Market animals shown by 4-H club members grading high, good or better will be sold at the annual auction at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 14. Monroe added.

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