



FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

4-H Officers' Training Day Scheduled For Saturday

By N. C. ANDERSON

Officers, including presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, news reporters and recreational leaders of south Morrow 4-H clubs will have an opportunity for some special training beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 19, at the Heppner elementary school.

This is the officer training workshop that is held annually to help these boys and girls with the important duties that they have been elected to fulfill in their club.

Presidents will learn how to conduct a meeting in the proper manner; vice presidents will learn their duties in taking charge of a meeting when the president is absent or in carrying out special activities that they are responsible for. Secretaries will learn how to keep a complete and effective record of all 4-H meetings and what is required to participate in the Secretary Record Book contest. The recreation leader who might in some clubs be called the song leader will be given some special training in the "fun" part of a 4-H club meeting. News reporters will learn how to write and send news stories of their club meetings and activities to the newspaper.

The meeting is aimed at helping these officers to take their part in their responsibility in parliamentary procedure, planning interesting meetings, how to provide all members with a chance to be on the program sometime during the year as well as keeping a record of and reporting what the club has done.

The county agents will be assisted by leaders who will spend an hour in a discussion of the duties of each of these officers and then assist in holding a model club meeting. We hope all club officers will be on hand to participate in this training.

Hybrid Pine Developed To Grow Decorative Cones

Since this is the Christmas season and Christmas trees are vogue, those who are charged with the responsibility of decorating the Christmas tree will be pleased to hear of a new development that will ease this chore. There is a good chance that eight years from now some Christmas shoppers may be able to buy a new pine for Santa with its own ornaments of decorative cones, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Scientists at USDA's Institute of Forest Genetics, Placerville, Calif., are developing such a Christmas tree by crossing the Sierra Nevada lodgepole pine with the shore pine. The resulting hybrid grows to six feet within 4 to 5 years. From its thick dark green foliage this made-to-order tree grows its own decorative cones at 5 years of age just as it reaches Christmas tree size, say the scientists.

Growers are to get trees for field testing in 1967. Five years later, if all goes well, the tree may be on sale in some areas at Christmas time.

Duvall Ranch is Buyer
Our last week news item on the Sires-Anderson range bull sale omitted the name of Mrs. Amanda Duvall as a Morrow county buyer of these top quality bulls. The Duvall ranch purchased a polled bull consigned by Frank Anderson.

Jepsen Has Good Background For Wheat League Office
Congratulations to Bob Jepsen, lone rancher, who was elected second vice president of the Ore-

gon Wheat Growers League at its recent annual meeting. Bob has been an active worker in the league and is deserving of this honor.

As state chairman of the public relations committee in 1961 and 1962, Bob initiated some real good programs which have been helpful in making others understand the role of the wheat growers in our over-all economy. For the past two years, he has had the important state committee of marketing and transportation. He has spent many days in working for the wheat grower in reducing freight rates and making the marketing program more effective.

As the 1963 president-elect of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association along with this new responsibility, Bob will continue to devote a lot of time in attempting solutions for the problems and developing opportunities for the wheat growers.

Food for Peace Labeled Aggression by Red China Leader
An interesting slant on the "Food for Peace" program was reported in a recent issue of the Pakistan Report of Fred Schneider.

I quote Mr. Schneider, director of wheat associate, USA, Karachi, Pakistan. "You won't find it at the corner drugstore, but the news stands in Dacca are full of the current issues of 'Peking Review.' An article in the October 30 issue, by Laing Tsung-Chieh, was featured under the title 'Food for Peace—An Instrument of Aggression.'"

How does Red China look upon the PL480 program? Laing says, rather bluntly, PL480 serves "the interests of U. S. imperialism . . . to further U. S. aggressive designs." He explains, "Services such as the overseas school lunch program and cultural exchanges are used to cajole the people in the recipient countries, especially the younger generation."

He criticizes what he calls, "the predatory nature" of Food For Peace. And, his frenzy rising, Laing points out that the realities of international life have proved the Food For Peace program to be an imperialist instrument of plunder and aggression."

Laing's article stands, perhaps as one of the strongest yet endorsements of the Food For Peace program. It's vitriolic distortions attest to the fact that Food For Peace is winning friends for America . . . although Laing doesn't seem to be one of them. However, he did make one rather praiseworthy remark which got by his editors. He noted, "The over production crisis in domestic agriculture is a phenomenon to the capitalistic mode of production." (The emphasis is mine, not Laing's.)

Restrictions on Greenery Shipment Outside of State

At this time of year we receive many inquiries at the office on inspections for shipping Christmas greenery out of state. A recent report from the State Department of Agriculture says there are no restrictions on greenery or holly entering most

Chats With Your Home Agent

Extension Agents Meet for Conference

By DONNA GEORGE

Both the record of important accomplishments and the urgency of meeting new challenges were evident last week at the Oregon Extension Annual Conference which we attended in Corvallis. All Oregon county extension agents in agriculture, home economics and 4-H were present in addition to agricultural experiment station personnel and state staff.

The program theme "Resource Development" was explored to inform us of happenings and needs at international, state and local level and to define the new responsibilities given the cooperative extension service.

Dr. Margaret Browne, director of home economics of the federal extension service, discussed "The Human Element in Resource Development". This held

states but the department advises that Colorado, Arizona, Texas and New York require that inspection certificates accompany shipments. This inspection can be secured from a State Department of Agriculture inspection office. The department also warns that all greenery shipped out of the state should be in good condition and that any discolored berries or leaves should be removed.

Tax Guides Still Available

We have had a heavy run on the 1965 Farmers Tax Guide during the past week. Those who wish to have a copy to assist in income tax preparation and advise them on the new changes for 1965 should pick up a copy while they are still available.

Oregon Eligible for Funds For Outdoor Recreation

Recently Congress authorized a 25 year program of federal grants-in-aid for state and local outdoor recreation planning, land acquisition and development projects.

The program is called, "Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964". The act creates a special fund which will provide an estimated \$180 million per year during its first 10 years. It will be financed by admission and users fees of federal recreation areas, receipts from sales of surplus federal lands, existing federal taxes on motor boat fuels, and repayable advance appropriations.

Normally, 60% of the fund will be available to the state on a 50-50 matching basis, to develop plans to meet outdoor recreation needs and to acquire and develop necessary land and water areas.

There was a basic requirement: acquisition and development projects must be in accordance with the comprehensive state-wide outdoor recreation plans prepared by the state and approved by the Secretary of Interior.

Governor Hatfield has designated the highway commission as the agent in Oregon to develop a statewide recreation plan. Governor Hatfield has said that the new program will get underway on January 1, 1965. It will be administered by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Dept. of Interior, Washington, D. C.

Oregon will be eligible for funds in excess of \$1 million annually once the program gets underway. This is only one of the indications of stepped up emphasis on outdoor recreation that we will see a lot of in the near future, if my prediction is right.

helpful implications for our home extension program here in Morrow county. Mrs. Browne reported studies indicate half of our intellectual development is reached by age 4—home environment and parental attitudes are crucial to a child's later progress in school, 4-H, etc. (It reminded me of the saying, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.") We learned some steps that are being taken in home extension programs to work with underprivileged mothers in an attempt to reduce school dropouts, juvenile delinquency and poverty.

Other thought provoking topics discussed in the conference program included the new Economic Opportunity Act, research being done at Oregon State University, the Lane County Youth Project, water resource development in northeastern Oregon, and possibilities of increasing international trade living conditions both in Oregon and abroad.

A Reminder To 4-H Clubs
Officers of all 4-H clubs in South Morrow county are reminded that their Officer Training Day will be Saturday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Heppner Elementary school multipurpose room. Ways of effectively participating in a group learned here will be of value to the 4-H officers not only in their 4-H clubs but in other activities throughout life.

New Award for 4-H Membership
Since the maximum age for

4-H membership has been lowered from 21 to 19, several of our 4-H leaders and members have asked if a 10-year pin award will still be given.

At a meeting of 4-H extension agents in Corvallis last week we learned that the 10-year pin will no longer be offered. In the future a special award will be made to high school graduates who satisfactorily completed at least 5 years of 4-H work including their senior year in high school.

Must Pass Inspection

That holiday ham from a friend or relative overseas won't reach you unless it passes U. S. Department of Agriculture quarantine inspection.

It's not that USDA doesn't appreciate the spirit of the gift, its because meats fit for human consumption may contain disease viruses. If animals come in contact with the infected meat—with table scraps, for instance—the disease can spread like wildfire.

A case in point: The 1952 outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Canada which apparently began with cured meat brought in by a German farm worker.

To keep this from happening in the United States, inspectors of USDA's Agricultural Research Service routinely intercept meat mailed from abroad and dispose of it if it doesn't meet quarantine laws. Last year, it was necessary for ARS inspectors to destroy nearly 20,000 pounds of meat.

Over the holidays, intercept-

Grain Inspections Down in November

Inspections of export grain by the grain division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture continued to decline in November, but the month found the division still checking grain for shipment out of the Port of Astoria.

The first inspection of grain for export from that port in almost three years was in October. Grain export inspections made at Portland and Astoria by the division's Portland personnel totaled 132,791 tons. The total in October was 146,169 tons.

Incoming grain inspections in November were also below the previous month, with the November figure 155,662 tons compared with 183,103 tons in October.

Track inspections in Pendleton dropped from 205 in October to 111 in November, but at Merrill they were on the increase. Merrill's track inspections totaled 27 in November and there were no truck inspections. In October 10 track inspections and one truck inspection were made.

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