



FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Advisory Council To Unite County Extension Work

By N. C. ANDERSON

Don Kenny, Irrigon, and Mrs. Douglas Drake, Heppner, were elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively, at the first annual election of the Morrow County Extension Advisory Council which met recently. This group organized a year ago with 12 members representing various commodities from the many communities of Morrow county, have during the past year, provided a close liaison with the county extension agents' program here.

Continuing into the new year, plans were made for drafting a constitution for the group and a committee composed of Mrs. Andrew Skiles, Irrigon; Mrs. Douglas Drake, Heppner; and Norman Nelson, Lexington, will meet on March 29 to draft a constitution which will be considered at the next council meeting on April 5.

With a year's experience behind them, members of the coun-

cil suggested that a third representative of Home Economics be added to the council so that all phases of home economics including family life, foods and nutrition, home management, clothing and textiles, household equipment, and home furnishings would be well represented. At present Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon, represents North Morrow county home economics; Mrs. Douglas Drake, Heppner, South Morrow.

On the council are members representing livestock, wheat, irrigated crops, weeds, fair interests, soil and water resources, 4-H and home economics. A position for business has never been filled. The committee took official action at this meeting in joining with Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam, Wheeler, and Umatilla counties in forming a Mid-Columbia Extension Council and named Mrs. Andrew Skiles, Irrigon to represent 4-H; Mrs. Douglas Drake, Heppner, to represent home economics; Tad Miller, Heppner, agriculture, and Don Kenny, Irrigon, as chairman representative.

The Mid-Columbia Extension Council has been under consideration the past several months and several meetings have been held of the group, mainly in regards to coordinating extension programs across county lines. This new council will meet soon to draft a constitution and plan a program of activities for the year. Among the purposes of this council will be to assist in determining programs needed to develop the human and economic resources of the

area; advise all phases of the extension program, including agriculture, home economics and 4-H; provide leadership with state-wide extension advisory groups and represent the Mid-Columbia area in state program development; inform county governing bodies, legislators and congressmen as to program needs and contributions.

Among the other business of the Morrow county council was a discussion on plans for the housing clinic which is being held in Boardman this month. The clinic is aimed at assisting Boardman home owners with problems in moving their present homes to the new townsite. Budgets for the next fiscal year were discussed briefly and will be reviewed by the council at the April meeting.

This last minute reminder is timely and if you hurry after reading this, you can still be included in the sign-up for the 1965 Feed-Grain and Wheat programs.

Because of winter damage and change of plans caused by weather conditions, perhaps some did not realize that they need to make these revised changes in order to be in compliance. In the case of the 1965 Feed-Grain program, the sign-up period ends this Friday, March 26.

While the participation in the program is voluntary, the price support payments and loans, as well as diversion payments, are available only to growers who sign up and carry out the program's provisions. If you have not considered this, you had better contact the county ASC office today. Sign-up in the 1965 programs has been heavy, however there are some who have not yet indicated their intentions.

The spring of 1965 has been one of much interest in windbreak plantings. Maybe the amount of wind we had last spring and again this spring has had influence. Earlier we reported several windbreak plantings that had been made.

This past week trees have been ordered from the State Forestry Nursery for establishing some more. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon, is putting in a conifer windbreak, while Max Hellberg in the north Morrow desert area planned a windbreak for their new homestead. Don Evans added 500 Caragana to his windbreak and fence row planting made earlier this spring and the Douglas Drakes have a Caragana, Black Locust, and Ponderosa Pine windbreak planned. Ron Haguewood, Heppner Flat rancher, is establishing a four-row windbreak of Caragana, Black Locust, Austrian and Ponderosa Pine. The end of the season for ordering trees is fast approaching with the season ending in April.

An important meeting which will affect the Pacific Northwest in soil conservation activities was held last Tuesday in Spokane. Representing Morrow county, and more specifically the Heppner Soil Conservation District, was Kenneth Turner. I represented the Columbia Basin Extension Service. The day was spent in discussing conservation needs for the area.

Verle Kaiser, soil conservation service agronomist who so ably presented information on conservation needs at the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District last month, made a graphic presentation of the tri-state conservation needs and history. This was presented with colored slides and other information based on various soil types and rainfall areas in a 25-county area in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, which is second only to an in-

tensive row crop area in New York in seriousness of erosion.

A proposal for a soil conservation program to be tied to the National Farm program patterned after the Great Plains conservation program, was developed at the one-day meeting. During the day Earl McClellan, Idaho rancher and vice president of the Pacific Northwest Association of Conservation Districts, was named chairman of a steering committee that will plan such a program for the Pacific Northwest. The program will be called the Columbia Plateau Conservation program.

Represented on the steering committee in addition to Mr. McClellan, is Dr. Lewis Madsen, director, agricultural science institution at Washington State University, Pullman; Paulen Kaseberg, Wasco, Oregon; Louis Hargis, state ASCS, committee chairman, Ashton, Idaho; and Verle Kaiser, soil conservation service agronomist, Spokane. The committee will outline goals of the program and report within the next two months.

Appearing on the program was E. Pershing Vance, state soil conservationist, Bozeman, Mont., who explained how the Great Plains program works for soil conservation problems.

Sand Bar and Puncture Vine can be controlled on road shoulders with moderate rates of soil sterilant. Atrazine at 6 pounds plus two pounds of Amitrol-T or four pounds of Hyvar plus two pounds of Amitrol-T applied from early March to April 15 looks excellent. Repeated sprays with 1-1 1/2 pounds of 2, 4-D controls Puncture Vine. Respraying is needed for each new germination of the seed which follows each shower.

With 4-H enrollments completed, it is interesting to compare this year's enrollment with the 1964 figures. Actual project enrollments is about the same. In 1964, there were 429 different projects carried; this year we have an increase of 13, with 442.

Actual membership, however, has dropped by 41 members, with 276 this year compared to 317 a year ago. Main decline here was brought about when two health clubs which enrolled 53 members at the Irrigon school did not choose to reorganize in 1965.

A break-down of membership between 1964 and 1965 indicates that there are now 11 clothing clubs with 76 members, with an increase of 5 over 1964. Six cooking clubs with 60 members, with a 28 member increase; four knitting clubs, but 18 less members; one home improvement club is a new addition with 14 members. The seven livestock clubs have identical numbers as in 1964, 81.

There are 5 horse clubs with 61 members, an increase of 4; one electricity club with 3 members, an increase of 3; one wood-working club, with 3 members, a decrease of 14; a new poultry club with 11 members compared to none in 1964. One beekeeping club has the same membership, 6. There is one gun safety club compared to two in 1964, but the 23 members is an increase of four. There are ten individual club members carrying individual projects compared to 6 last year. These include knitting, clothing, photography, flowers, and woodworking. We have no organized forestry, flower or health clubs. While there were 41 clubs in 1964, we have 39 clubs in 1965. Much credit is given to 61 voluntary 4-H leaders who are responsible for the good enrollment this year. Enrollment was expected to be down considerably more with the loss of Joe Hay from the staff who spent over half of his time with 4-H club work.

Chats From Your Home Agent

Junior Four-H Leaders 'Learn by Doing' In Clubs

By DONNA GEORGE

"Learn by Doing" is a well-known tradition of 4-H. A major goal of 4-H club work is to develop leadership in youngsters so they can become good citizens with ability to work effectively with other people. The Junior Leadership project gives high school students opportunity to practice taking the lead in 4-H activities.

Here are some things Morrow county junior leaders are doing: Byron Hobbs, Irrigon, is contacting local residents to learn how many would like their mailboxes painted as a community service of the 4-H club and is teaching younger members in the gun safety club.

DeAnn McElroy, Irrigon, has prepared and taught a lesson on table setting to other members of the home improvement club. Bob Buchanan, Irrigon, plans to check younger members 4-H records at each meeting and attempt to organize a 4-H archery club for next year.

Tom Van Horn, Irrigon, helps teach livestock judging and other topics and will prepare articles for newspaper to publicize activities of his 4-H club.

Jeniece McElroy, Irrigon, will help knitting club members keep their records up to date and participate in the cemetery clean-up.

Nancy Doherty, Heppner, plans to discuss good grooming and clothing selection with other clothing club members and encourage them to give demonstrations.

Maureen Doherty, Heppner, plans to get information about providing a book for the Esther Kirmis book shelf at the public library.

Older 4-H members are seldom content with the same kind of adult supervision that suits 10-year-olds—they want to share in the responsibility and decisions. (And when given such responsibility they do a surprisingly good job.)

For his project, each junior leader chooses two topics and develops a plan considering his interest, his needs for learning and the needs of the club. Topics he can select include project work; organization (records, parliamentary procedure, etc.); demonstrations and judging; activities; recreation training; publicity; community service and citizenship.

Adult leaders say younger 4-H members often learn more easily from junior leaders. Usually the junior leader has himself experienced what he now teaches to others.

Extra Features Offered In Insurance Policies
If you or any of your family are thinking of getting additional life insurance the following information should be helpful.

Today's life insurance frequent offers additional or supplementary features, according to Alberta Johnston, Oregon State University money management specialist. Families should consider these as they purchase life insurance. Some of these benefits include:

The waiver of premium, designed to prevent the policy from lapsing (being discontinued) in case the policyholder becomes totally or permanently disabled. The insurance company in effect pays the premiums for him as long as he is disabled, so permanent-type policies, for example straight life insurance, continue to build up cash value.

Another type of disability benefit guarantees to pay a regular income if disability prevents the policyholder from earning a living.

Double indemnity provides an additional payment equal to the policy's face value. This means double the face value of the policy if death results from an accident.

A recent development in insurance is a policy that guarantees future insurability, and appeals especially to young families. The policy guarantees the husband the right to buy additional insurance regardless of his future health or occupation.

All of these special features add to the cost of insurance, so families need to weigh the value

of the benefit to their families against the additional cost for them.

Nonfat Dry Milk Adds Variety

Everybody needs milk every day, reminds Virginia Weiser, OSU Extension nutrition specialist. If some of your family members aren't very enthusiastic "milk drinkers," here are ways of including non-fat dry milk in other foods.

Use 1/4 cup of dry milk with each pound of ground meat for meat loaf, meat balls, or hamburgers for extra food value and a special flavor.

Add 1/4 cup of dry milk to each cup of potatoes about to be mashed. Use water the potatoes were cooked in or fresh milk to give the right consistency.

Cooked cereals will be more nutritious and a bit sweeter if you add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of dry milk to each cup of cereal before cooking.

Enrich white sauce or cream soups with four tablespoons of dry milk with each cup of milk or other liquid.

Custards, puddings, and beverages can be enriched by using 4 to 6 tablespoons of dry milk to one cup of water for each cup of milk called for in the recipe. Or you may add 2 to 4 tablespoons of dry milk to each cup of fresh milk.

Use nonfat dry milk in any of your own recipes calling for milk. For each cup of milk, add 4 tablespoons of powdered milk and substitute water for the milk. (Dry milk usually costs about half as much as whole milk and is more easily stored.)

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Polled Bulls Sold

Kirk & Robinson, Heppner, recently sold one registered Polled Hereford bull to Wayne K. McFaul, Echo; Dick & Virginia Wilkinson, Heppner; James Lindsay, Ione; and William J. Kenny, Heppner. Herbert Ekstrom & Sons, Ione, sold a one-fourth interest in a registered Polled Hereford bull to James A. Blum & Son of Mondovi, Wis.

Trail Ride Planned

The third meeting of the Ione Trail Riders 4-H club was held March 13. We decided to take a trail ride to the Gary Tullis ranch on April 3. Our next meeting is March 31, 7:30 p.m. at the Ione High school library. Maureen McElligott, reporter

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