

County Agent's Office

All Concerned Hail Tour 'Huge Success'

By N. C. ANDERSON

From comments heard from Portland 8th graders, their host boys and girls and families last weekend's get to gether was mutually enjoyed by all. The weather cooperated wonderfully and everything seemed to get off without a "hitch". The 35 Portland guests as well as their hosts seemed more attentive and interested to learn on both the Friday and Saturday tours.

We heard some making plans for a trip back this summer. Some parents told us that this was one of the best events they had participated in. Other parents told us how they had quite a time getting their guests off a horse or away from fishing in time to get them in to meet the bus for their return. We are sure that everyone enjoyed this event.

Applications Now Open For Range Youth Camp

Plans are underway now for the selection of four boys between the ages of 14 and 17 years to attend the annual Range Youth Camp. This will be held again at the Lake Creek Guard Station near Seneca in Grant county.

Sponsored by the Northwest Section Society of Range Management, about 60 Eastern and Southern Oregon boys have the opportunity to spend a week in the outdoors learning about trees, soils, camping and range management principles. County chairman is "Moose" Stevens, Heppner District U.S. Forest Service.

Applications are now being taken from any farm or town between the ages of 14 to 17 who is interested in the outdoors. Dates are August 2 through 7. Scholarships sponsoring the boys have been provided for several years by the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District, Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Mor-

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row County Livestock Growers Association and Morrow County Farm Bureau.

Much Interest Shown in Stocking Fish Ponds

While many of the farm fish ponds in Morrow county took quite a beating from high waters and silt of the December runoff, those that escaped damage are being restocked now. On May 1, 13,000 Rainbow and Kamloop fingerlings were released in 11 ponds on the Al Bunch, Harold Wright, Al Lovgren, Barton Clark, George Rugg, W. Weatherford, Joe Doherty, W. Lynd Brothers, Fritz Cutsforth and Ken Turner ponds. Continued interest was shown again this spring by a number of townspeople who purchased fish for restocking.

Dr. L. E. Tibbles, who can be given much of the credit for stimulating interest in farm fish ponds, stocked several ponds himself. Fred Mankin, Heppner, is a newcomer to the farm pond enterprise and is spending many hours in making the 2,000 fish he purchased produce their maximum growth quickly so that he might be able to do a lot of farm pond fishing. Gerry Rood, Bill Lowe and Jim West are others interested in this project.

Plans are being made for delivering another load of fish to the county late this month. Those who are interested might so indicate to Dr. Tibbles or this office in pooling this delivery.

Noxious Weeds Prohibited
Quackgrass, horsetail, rush, morning glory and Canada thistle have been recently classified by the State Dept. of Agriculture as noxious weeds. They will be prohibited in nursery stock sold in Oregon after September 1, 1965.

Panel Discusses Program Of Economic Opportunity Act
Members of the Morrow County Extension Advisory Council had as their guests at a meeting last week County Judge Paul Jones, County School Superintendent David Potter, Rev. Ken Robinson and Juvenile Counselor and Welfare Administrator Lowell Chally in a discussion of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

The group studied the provisions of this program which provides for a number of youth, community action, work experience programs; programs to combat poverty in rural areas; and employment and investment incentives.

There was a lot of discussion on program opportunities as the group analyzed statistical evidence of low income in Morrow county. While they found that

Morrow county ranked third in the state in payroll income, they found that 16.6% of our families had an income under \$3,000; 11.1% under \$2,000 and ranked 25th in the state in percent of families on welfare. They found that at the last census only 91.4% of Morrow county children 14 to 17 years were attending school.

These and other statistical evidence pointed to an opportunity for some type of program for Morrow county's youth and the group went on record as favoring an investigation of possibilities and programs in a joint venture with Umatilla county. It has been proposed that there be a survey of needs by a special joint committee working closely with the Blue Mountain College for such an activity.

The council discussed a recent meeting of the newly organized Mid-Columbia Extension Council with representation from the Morrow County Council of Dan Kenney and Mrs. Andrew Skiles of Irrigon, Mrs. Douglas Drake and Tad Miller Heppner. This council which consists of representatives from Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow and Umatilla counties was organized for the purpose of dealing with programs relating to information, education and development of resources in the Columbia Basin, both human and economic.

The group will meet periodically to discuss programs in guiding extension both from a county and area standpoint. They are giving much emphasis on water resource and economic opportunity development at present. Officers are Morris Wilson, Condon, chairman; Roy Penney, Hermiston (first vice chairman); Mrs. James Whitaker, second vice chairman, and Mrs. Roland Johnson, Wasco, secretary-treasurer.

Officers of the Morrow County Council are Don Kenney, Irrigon, chairman; Mrs. Douglas Drake, vice chairman, and myself as secretary.

South Africa Speaker On OSU Cattle Program

The annual beef cattle day is scheduled for Oregon State University for Friday, May 28. The program for the day looks interesting dealing with a review of livestock research pertaining to feed efficiency, finishing rations, pastures, fertility, cross-breeding, range seeding, and diseases.

The main attraction will be Dr. Jan Bonsma, Professor of Environmental Physiology, University of Pretoria, Union of South

IFYE to Jamaica to Make Talks in County

By DONNA GEORGE

Miss Nellie Van Calcar of Coos Bay, Oregon, who has just visited Jamaica through the International Farm Youth Exchange program, will make her first presentation about life in this Caribbean nation Thursday evening, May 13. This program at 8 p.m. in the Episcopal Parish Hall is open to the public. Persons of all ages are welcome to view her colored slides and discuss her observations of home, farm, social and political life there. Refreshments will be served.

In these days of jet flights when a great number of American people can visit other lands and international situations concern each of us, it becomes increasingly important that we learn what is happening in neighboring countries. The major goal of IFYE is to develop understanding leading toward peace between citizens of various nations. A tourist usually sees only the resorts and roadside life of a country but the IFYE delegate is able to gain

much deeper understanding by living with families of the host country as a son or daughter. Upon returning the IFYE shares these experiences with others as Miss Van Calcar will be doing in Morrow county.

On Friday Nellie will report at Heppner Elementary School (9:00 a.m.), Ione High school (10:30 a.m.), Boardman High school (1:00 p.m.), and Rhea Creek Grange that evening. Saturday evening the Irrigon community 4-H Club will host her appearance at the A. C. Houghton school.

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