County Agent's Office

Final Column Writes End To 5,548 News Items

By N. C. ANDERSON

It's hard to write the last news column as Morrow county agent and for those who depended upon this column for some technical information each week it may be a waste of time for you this issue. But after 5,548 items, which I have written during my years here, I may just "goof off" this time.

There have been many good compliments on the column and it has drawn some criticisms, too. It's hard to write 5,548 news items and satisfy everyone's wants and resires.

We have especially enjoyed our good relations with Wes Sherman and the people of Morrow county should be thankful that they have a newspaper editor that is interested in improving the community as he is doing. Our office is especially grateful for the fine cooperation that he has given in all phases of our extension program, whether it be 4-H and other youth activities, conservation, home economics, agricultural recommendations or what we would classify as items of interest to the general public. Our farm clientele should know that he is for agriculture!

And, before we go any further, this would be a real good time to let everyone know that the Andersons enjoyed very much the special day for them last Sunday. It was good to visit with so many of our friends but we wished it would have been under a little different conditions. The many gifts will be remembrances of our good years in the county and we especially cherish the memoirs album and have enjoyed it immensely already.

As we have told many, "it has been a real privilege to work with the people of Morrow county over the past years and we will miss the daily associations." We have seen many changes in recommended practices of agriculture as well as the satisfaction of watching our 4-H boys and girls grow up, choose a career, most of them successful, have a family and see this "second generation" in 4-H club work.

Good cooperators are necessary for a good program and we feel that Morrow county has contributed more than its share of good cooperators and good programs. The county agent's program can be no more successful than the cooperation that the people give him. It gave a lot of satisfaction to have Ron Baker, an outstanding 4-H member of mine who is now a succuessful feedlot owner-operator, as master of ceremonies. Ron, with Reita (Graves) Hill, Jo (Graves) Pettyjohn, Betty (Graves) Carlson, Louis Carlson and Herb Ekstrom, Jr., 4-H members when I came to the county and their 17 sons and daughters, some of which are now 4-H members, were present. Again, the day was a big one for us.

While we have had many, many friends wish us the best of luck in our new adventure, and most of them envious of the good experiences we hope are in store for us, there are those who still think of Africa as a place of "cannibals and boiled missionaries." While we know the country is primitive, we

hope that like the story of "Billy Goat Gruff" they will think us too tough for a good well balanced meal. We hope life will not be so complicated that we will not have an opportunity to enjoy some new experiences and scenery.

An item that I clipped from a news periodical reminds me that there are a lot of things we should not worry about. I quote, "Life is so complicated these days the average American does not worry about the right things. For example, we worry about the Russians, then get run over by a Volkswagen. We worry about radio active fall-out, then get killed by nicotine, bad booze or garden spray. We worry about crashing in an airplane and fall off a ladder while painting a house. We worry about polio and then get crippled by a power mower. We worry about too little exercise and too many calories, then drive two blocks for another milkshake."

To people who have stopped by the office, called, or in other ways indicated their appreciation for the work I have done as county agent, I would like to point out that it is impossible to accomplish anything in a program of this kind without cooperation of people. I have appreciated all that our people have done to help make the program a success. Some of our top leaders need to be given some assurance now and then that they are headed in the right direction. Remember that organizations and groups are necessary in working for agricultural and other community development programs and activities.

A little poem that I have carried with me for many years and have not had an opportunity to use as often as I would have liked, should be left behind so that groups and organizations might practice it from time to time. The title, "Yes, Tell Him Now," goes like this—

If with pleasure you are viewing
Any work a man is doing
If you like him or you love him
Tell him now;
Don't withhold your approbation,
'Til the preacher makes oration
And he lies with snowy lilies
On his brow.
For no difference how you shout it
He won't really care about it.
He won't know how many teardrops
You have shed;
If you think some praise is due him
Now's the time to slip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombstone
When he's dead.

Salt is Necessary Part of Livestock Diet

Salt is necessary in the diets of animals, and additional salt is particularly important when livestock go on lush green grass. Coarsely ground iodized salt should be supplied to all livestock in the northwest, particularly since this is a possible iodine-deficient area.

Supply salt in a covered container that is reasonably well protected from the weather. Put out only enough salt for a two-week period, since iodine will deteriorate if left out.

It would be well to provide a container of steamed bonemeal, to supply some of the needed calcium and phosphorous.

Yield Increase Predicted With Recent Showers

The good showers of early Monday morning, with it still raining at the time of this news writing, makes prospects for a good crop in sight again. My prediction is that with another shower for spring grains a little later this month, and I am sure we will get it, wheat yields, even with all of the set-backs we have had this growing season, will crowd 30 bushels per acre.

Another bumper crop, barley, is in the making and the earlier maturing areas have a one ton crop made, barring hail or some real hot winds in late June. This is just another real indication how Morrow county "comes through" even with the rough weather we have experienced with a dry fall, some cold snaps, heavy run-off and a cold backward spring.

Cattle Guard Plans Available

Building plans for three cattle guards are now available from Oregon State University. OSU building plan No. 90 gives directions on building a cattle guard of concrete and wood, Plan No. 91 features a cattle guard of wood construction while Plan No. 92 is a guard of concrete and steel. We will have copies of the plans available in the office within the next few days if you are interested in having them.

FARM NEWS

Chats From Your Home Agent

Camp Counsellors And Staff Named After Interviews

By DONNA GEORGE

Older 4-H members who will serve as camp counsellors were named by the 4-H leaders camp committee Thursday evening after the committee reviewed applications and interviewed applicants at the Lexington grange hall.

Following orientation on camp plans and the interview procedure, the applicants enjoyed recreation and music supervised by Mrs. Paul Arbogast of Heppner and discussed camp ideas while waiting for personal interviews.

The selection committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall, Mrs. Ralph Crum, Mrs. Doug Drake and Agent Donna George. It was felt the interview method gave valuable experience to the young people as many kinds of jobs and recognition are based upon interviews. In addition to evaluating qualifications of the prospective counsellors the committee gained helpful ideas for the camp program.

The counsellors named are Cherilyn Smouse, Jean Stockard, Joan Stockard, Mike Partlow, Karen Nelson, Maureen Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Susan Drake, Susan Lindstrom, Tim Tullis, Sheridan Wyman, Barbara Bloodsworth and Nonda Clark.

Competent counsellors are very important to the camp program since one counsellor assists the youngsters in each tent, and each will also assist with a variety of activities such as singing, recreation, sports, ceremonies, and camp duties.

Adult camp staff named at this time include Mrs. Paul Arbogast, camp nurse and first aid instructor; Mrs. Elmer Zehner, crafts instructor; Mrs. Nels Anderson, head cook; Gordon Cook, 4-H extension agent at-large; and Donna George, county extension agent. Other persons who will come to the camp one day to teach certain classes include Dave McLeod, gun safety; a wildlife naturalist; and representatives of the Forest Service. Dates of the camp at Herrin Creek Park are June 29 to July 2. About 60 youngsters 9 to 12 years old are expected.

Morrow County Represented At Corvallis 4-H Summer School

Last week this column summarized major activities to be offered at 4-H summer school. when this week's pper reaches readers' mailboxes I shall be on the OSU campus in Corvallis assisting with this exciting event which is attended by some 1800 Oregon 4-H club members, ages 13-19.

Heppner area delegates include Gale Malcom, Nancy Doherty, Ruby Fulleton, Patti Healy, Steve Pettyjohn, Kit Anderson, David Hall and Mike Smith.

Those attending from Ione are Carol Rawlins, John Rawlins, Teresa Tucker, Kerry Peterson and Paul Proudfoot. The group members having Lexington addresses are Theresa Munkers, Christine Munkers, Karen Nelson, Keith Nelson and Chuck Nelson.

North Morrow county delegates are Anna Mae McQuaw, Tyra Nordstrom, Mike Partlow and Franell Walker, all of Boardman; and Byron Hobbs, Bruce Jones, and Lynda Early of Irrigon.

Mrs. Louis Shade, an Irrigon 4-H club leader, is chaperone and Leonard Munkers of Lexington is bus driver.

Livestock Members Plan for Stock Show

The Ione Livestock 4-H club met Monday, May 31, at the Ione Community church. They studied judging of meat carcasses and live animals in preparation for the Wheat League Fat Stock Show in The Dalles.

On June 7 six of the club members participated in the 4-H judging at The Dalles show. Kerry Peterson and Herb Ekstrom III showed Hereford steers at the show.

Attending 4-H Summer School at Corvallis this week from the club are Kerry Peterson, Chuck Nelson, Paul Proudfoot, and Keith Nelson.

Kristin Nelson, reporter

Examiner Coming

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, June 22, at the Court House between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

Wranglers End Play for Points, Plan Overnight

Last playday of the Wranglers Riding club for which points for trophies and prizes were awarded was Sunday, June 6, at the club grounds. Attendance was good for the noon potluck and games during the afternoon, the last of the spring series for points, although rides and playdays will continue to be held for fun.

Members are making plans for the annual big overnight trail ride to the mountain cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester on June 26 and 27. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ott will take care of cooking duties for Saturday night supper, Sunday breakfast and dinner. Riders will leave the rodeo grounds at 1 o'clock Saturday, unload at Cutsforth Park and ride in from there. Those needing horse transportation are asked to contact Jerry Doubherty. Those going are asked to get their money for meals now to Mrs. Roice Fuleton.

Top four places in pole bending for youngsters six years of age and under were Janice Healy, 1st; Krynn Robinson, 2nd; Cindy Dougherty, 3rd; and David Steagall, 4th. For ages 7-12 winners were Susan Healy, 1st; Becky Fulleton, 2nd; Pat Luciani, 3rd, and Mary Jean Adair, 4th. Top four in ages 13-17 were Ruby Fulleton, 1st; Alvin Ashbeck, 2nd; Gail Malcolm, 3rd, and Erna Winchester, 4th. In the senior division were Pat Dougherty, 1st; Bev Steagall, 2nd, and Cliff Adair and George Steagal, tied for 3rd.

Four groups competed in barrel racing, with winners for ages six and under Janice Healy, 1st; Krynn Robinson, 2nd; Cindy Dougherty, 3rd; David Steagall, 4th, and Tana Miller, 5th. Placing first in ages 7-12 was Becky Fulleton; Susan Healy, 2nd; Mary Jean Adair, 3rd, and Joan Healy, 4th. Top four in ages 13-17 were Ruby Fulleton, 1st; Erna Winchester, 2nd; Alvin Ashbeck, 3rd, and Gail Malcolm, 4th. For seniors, Bev Steagall took 1st; Charlie Daly, 2nd; Cliff Adair, 3rd, and Jim Farley, 4th.

In the ring races, taking top honors for ages 6-12 were Becky Fulleton, 1st; Susan Healy, 2nd; Patty Luciani, 3rd, and Becky Doherty, 4th. In the next age group, 13-17, were Erna Winchester, 1st; Alvin Ashbeck, 2nd; Patti Collins, 3rd, and Camille Malcolm, 4th. Top four in the seniors race were Roice Fulleton, 1st; Charlie Daly, 2nd; Bill Healy, 3rd, and Jerry Schubert, 4th.

Three groups competed in musical ropes, with top four in ages 6-12, Susan Healy, 1st; Becky Fulleton, 2nd; Mary Jean Adair, 3rd, and Lisa Collins, 4th. For ages 13-17 were Erna Winchester, 1st; Patti Collins, 2nd; Camille Malcolm, 3rd, and Sherri O'Brien, 4th. For seniors were Roice Fulleton, 1st; Jerry Schubert, 2nd; Cliff Adair, 3rd, and Bob Webb, 4th.

In the Wrangler's team roping, first go-around was won by Roice Fulleton and Bob Steagall, 1st; Cliff Adair and Charlie Daly, 2nd. In the second go-around, first place went to Bob Steagall and Roice Fulleton, with Charlie Daly and Cliff Adair, second.

Morrow County CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY

(Compiled by U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Portland)

For week ending June 11

Haymaking in full swing in all but higher elevation areas of county. Summer-fallow operations continue. Most all winter and spring seeded barley and wheat headed except in higher elevations. No leaf stripe rust showing. Cheatgrass ranges are drying up.

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Due to the drouth period during the season, we have a critical domestic and stock water problem in the lower part of the county. These hold precedence over use for irrigation.

Please remove all diversions and pumps so that water may flow more freely to needed users below.

Deputy Dwight Townsend will be making periodical checks to observe stream flow and consumption.

All cooperation will be greatly appreciated. If rules are not observed, more rigid action will have to be taken. This covers District 5 which includes Morrow and Umatilla counties.

This program will hold until more extensive rains or until further notice. At this time, however, this does not include new seedings.

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