

Chats From Your Home Agent

County 4-H Clubbers Back from Corvallis

By DONNA GEORGE

A "tired but happy" busload of Morrow County 4-H'ers returned home Saturday from Oregon 4-H Summer School in Corvallis.

At this event on the Oregon State University campus they had opportunity to get a taste of college routine, including educational classes, living in the college dormitories, and participating in social and recreational activities.

Mornings the 1800 delegates were found scurrying to classes on topics varying from "You and Your Future" and "It's Fun to be a Model" to "Beef, Sheep, and Swine" and "People-to-People Programs."

This was the Golden Anniversary of 4-H Summer School which provided an interesting theme for assemblies and special programs. Special guest speakers included James Jensen, OSU president; Linda Schild, Oregon Dairy Princess whose topic was "Health is Golden"; and John Salisbury of Radio Station KXL, Portland, who discussed "Individual Responsibility".

The 4-H members had opportunity to learn more about 4-H events and programs both by visiting with other 4-H members and agents and by hearing reports from delegates to events such as National 4-H Club Congress, International Farm Youth Exchange and Uruguay, Australia and New Zealand shared their international experiences.

Free-time and recreation activities included a track meet, hootenanny, folk and ballroom dancing, delegates' talent show, international fiesta and farewell parties.

A WEEK OF INSPIRATION

It has been a real inspiration to accompany our 27 Morrow County 4-H members to 4-H Summer School the past week. I'm sure that the many dedicated 4-H leaders and parents throughout Oregon who have helped make this program possible should be proud of the 1800 4-H'ers there. After all that we hear about crime, juvenile delinquency and school dropouts these days it is certainly encouraging to see such a fine group of youngsters who show promise of growing up to be responsible citizens. (Some of you may think this opinion is prejudiced but I would challenge you to find a more reliable, well-behaved but lively, enthusiastic and friendly group of youngsters!)

Four-H Summer School is one of those events where one can be kept busy just about every minute of the day helping keep all running smoothly. But it is all so exciting and rewarding that we manage to enjoy the work despite the full schedule and lack of sleep! And many of us can recall having similar feelings about such events we attended as delegates.

Among those working as a part of the Summer School staff were many 4-H leaders including Mrs. Louis Shade of Irrigon. She led a group of about 20 girls to classes and assisted with supervision of activities in the Women's Buildings and Memorial Union in addition to playing a very active part in all phases of the program as chaperone for the Morrow County delegates.

Another busy person was Leonard Munkers who drove the bus for the Morrow county delegation and remained at summer school to drive shuttle bus and assisted with events including a jamboree and track meet.

Local Groups Sponsor 4-H Summer School Scholarships
Several individuals, merchants and organizations made it possible for youngsters to attend 4-H Summer School by provid-

ing \$25.00 scholarships. Special recognition should be given these donors for their contribution to the 4-H educational program. Following is a list of the Morrow county delegates to 4-H Summer School and those providing their scholarships: Tyra Nordstrom, Umatilla Electric Co-op & U. S. National Bank, Hermiston; Anna Mae McQuaw, Greenfield Grange, Boardman; Theresa Munkers, Lexington Grange, Lexington; Gale Malcom, Phil's Pharmacy, Heppner; Karen Nelson, First National Bank, Heppner; Franell Walker, Boardman Soil Conservation District; Carol Rawlins, Soroptimist Club, Heppner; Merri Lee Jacobs, Morrow County Grain Growers; Nancy Doherty, Lexington Implement Co.; Ruby Fullerton, Turner, Van Marter & Bryant, Heppner; Sheila Luciani, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner; Christine Munkers, Padberg Machinery & Del's Market, Lexington; Lynda Early, Irrigon P.T.A.; Patti Healy, Mahoney and Abrams, Heppner; Teresa Tucker, Willows Grange, Ione; Mike Partlow, Pendleton Grain Growers, Hermiston; Bruce Jones, Irrigon Grange, Irrigon; Steve Pettyjohn, Elks Lodge; Heppner; Bryon Hobbs, Inland Empire Bank, Umatilla; Kit Anderson, Humphreys Drug, Heppner; David Hall, Safeway Stores, Portland; John Rawlins, Rhea Creek Grange; Mike Smith, Central Market; Keith Nelson, Lexington Oil Cooperative, Lexington; Charles Nelson, Heppner Auto Sales, Heppner; Kerry Peterson, Ione P.T.A.; Ione; and Paul Proudfoot, Pomona Grange.

Four-H Summer Camp To Begin Tuesday

Herrin Creek Park will be turned from a quiet mountain picnic area to the scene of a 4-H camp filled with lively, industrious youngsters Tuesday. About 60 campers plus counselors and adult camp staff are expected.

Parents of youngsters attending camp are reminded that trucks will leave the Heppner fairgrounds at 2 p.m. Friday haul campers, bedding, etc., to camp. They will return to the fairgrounds at 2 p.m. Friday where parents may meet their youngsters.

Additions to the camp staff who were not included in last week's list include Mrs. John Privett, cook; and Jack Krieger, who will teach classes in forestry. Also we made an error in reporting names of camp counselors to the paper last week. Martha and Maureen Doherty (rather than their sister Nancy) will be among the counselors.

Several of the counselors have

FARM NEWS

Grain Divison Fee Changes Told

Many of the grain inspection and certification fees of the Oregon Department of Agriculture will be increased in an order issued by the Department, effective July 1, 1965.

Regular hourly rates for inspection services are increased from \$3.60 to \$4.50 per hour. The new schedule increases the fee for certification of grade for a railroad box car of grain at Portland from \$1.75 to \$2.25. The fee for certification of grain for a railroad hopper car is increased from \$4.50 to \$5. No increase was made for truck certification of grade and weight at Portland.

Other fee changes at Portland were: Sanitation analysis from \$1 to \$1.50; copies of certificates and weight sheets from 35 cents to 50 cents each; certification of grade and weight for ships and barges and transfers from 6 cents per ton to 7 cents per ton and sample inspections for grade certification of grain from \$1 to \$1.25 each.

New on the fee schedule is a \$1.50 fee for file sample review in grade certification for grain. At Pendleton the fee for grain grade certification for a railroad box car will be increased from \$3 to \$4; the fee for railroad hopper car from \$5 to \$6 and for truck \$3 to \$4.

For the sampling of grain in a railroad box car the fee will be increased to \$2 from \$1.50 and for a railroad hopper car it goes up to \$4 from \$2.50.

Sample inspections for grade certification of grain will be \$2 at Pendleton, an increase of 50 cents. The file sample review fee is set at \$2.50.

Portland had no change in fees for sampling of flour but at Pendleton the fee for sampling and checking of flour in a railroad box car is to increase from \$2.50 to \$4 each.

Changes in the fee schedule at Merrill for grain grade certification include: Railroad box car \$4 to \$7.50; railroad hopper car \$6 to \$10; truck \$3 to \$5; and sample inspection \$1.50 to \$2.00. The file sample review at Merrill is \$2.50 each.

In announcing the increase in fees, T. Ralph Harry, chief of the department's grain division, pointed out that these are the first major fee changes made in about 10 years and costs of operating the service have continued to increase. The law requires that fees pay the cost of operating the inspection service.

been busy this week outlining plans for their roles in the camp program under the supervision of extension agents Donna George and Gordon Cook.

Facts Show Food Better Bargain Than Ever Before

People spent more money for food last year than ever before and expect to spend even more this year. Even so, food is a modern day bargain, particularly when measured against statistics from the "good old days."

In 1964, Americans spent approximately \$80 billion for food, some five percent more than in 1963, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist. Increased volume accounted for most of the gain. Retail prices moved up only about one percent.

So far in 1965, sales at both retail food stores and restaurants are ahead of last year, according to U. S. Department of Commerce reports and other information, she adds.

Despite the increased dollar spendings, food costs in percent of disposable income dropped from 19 percent in 1963 to 18.5 percent in 1964. Mrs. Horrell points out. The \$80 billion food bill averaged about \$8 per week for the median-sized family of 3.36 persons, or a total yearly food bill of \$1,400, including both domestically produced and imported food.

Even though dollar expenditures this year may be higher, incomes are rising faster than outlays for food and the food bill is expected to take even less of the family's disposable income in 1965, she comments.

A few facts and figures from the past illustrate how Americans are eating more, and better, for less of their disposable income, the economist stresses.

In 1914, for instance, the factory worker received 22.1 cents an hour for his labor. At that rate, it took him 23 hours and 36 minutes to make enough money to fill the family's weekly market basket.

The market basket represents the retail cost of U. S. grown foods purchased annually per household. It does not include fish or imported foods.

By 1929, factory wages had risen to 56 cents an hour, an increase of 2 1/2 times. The market basket that year cost \$436. It

State Board Gives Warning on Ticks

A recent case of tick paralysis and a case of Colorado tick fever have brought a warning from State Health Officer Dr. R. H. Wilcox that persons visiting recreational areas in Oregon should be on the alert for ticks which are prevalent during the spring and early summer.

Ticks are bloodsucking parasites related to spiders and mites. Their bites cause local irritation and may cause possible infection, tick paralysis, or one of several infectious diseases including Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Colorado tick fever and Q fever.

There is little or no pain from the initial bite of a tick and persons are surprised when they find a tick attached. Parents would be wise to check their children for ticks if they have been playing in brushy areas.

Children are most susceptible to tick paralysis. Little girls often become victims because the ticks remain unnoticed in their long hair. Tick paralysis has long been known to cause death; recovery from the disease is normally rapid once the tick is removed.

Because ticks are widespread throughout Oregon the following suggestions are made to minimize the chance of tick attachment:

Stay on established trails and roads avoiding contact with high grasses and shrubs.

Check camping areas for presence of ticks by dragging a cloth over shrubs and grasses.

Wear tightly woven, hard-finished clothing with pants tucked into the tops of boots and shirts under the belt.

Use an insect repellent on clothing and exposed parts of

the body.

Check yourself for ticks several times during the day. Practice good personal hygiene.

If found soon enough, ticks may be removed by several methods:

The tick may be grasped with tweezers or by the fingers and is generally removed if a steady pull is maintained. The pull should be sustained over a period of time because the tick will probably be slow in releasing its hold.

Other theories for the removal

of ticks include the placing of a lighted cigarette against the tick or dabbing the protruding portion with kerosene or turpentine.

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This money was credited to you as your share of the profits made during the 1953 crop year on the basis of patronage. Again we wish to point out that our storage charges were no higher and our buying prices were no lower than any of our competitors during 1953. This refund or payment is therefore an addition to your income for that year, over and above what you would have received had someone else handled your grain. The total payment to all growers will amount to about \$125,000.00 and should prove a real boost to our county's economy.

You were required to pay federal income taxes on this sum when it was issued so no more federal taxes will need be paid if you can show these earnings were declared when you filed your tax report.

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