

Chats From Your Home Agent

4-H Workers Give Camp Site Facelifting

By DONNA GEORGE

Picnickers who enjoyed the facilities of Herrin Creek Park last Sunday found much activity in the 4-H camp area.

Sunday was work day, during which several parents of 4-H campers and some 4-H leaders were busy doing a variety of jobs in preparation for the 4-H day camp session which began Tuesday for the youngsters. Sweeping, scrubbing the kitchen, putting up tents, stringing a rope on the flagpole, setting up bales of hay for a backdrop for the archery range, assembling tables and beds and getting the refrigerators and stoves in working order were included. A great deal of credit is due those who assisted at camp work day, which was one good example of cooperation and willingness of local people to help make the 4-H program a success. I'm sure all 4-H campers' parents and camp staff wish to join in thanking them.

In addition to the clean-up and set-up jobs, some permanent improvements have been made at the campsite. A group of men from Gilliam county came over with Extension Agent Ernie Kirsch and built a shower on the cement block behind the storeroom. Additional sinks have been installed outside the kitchen for use by campers and a new water heater installed. Although electricity has not been extended to the camp as anticipated this year, the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op indicates this will be done soon.

CHILDREN AND MONEY

Many parents are too willing to sacrifice needs or wants of their own so their teenagers can have cars or the latest fads in clothing, according to OSU money management specialist Alberta Johnston. The real responsibility of parents, she says, is not in doling out large amounts of money to each child. Rather, it lies in helping their youngsters develop knowledge, attitudes and experiences in spending and saving money they receive and earn.

Miss Johnston suggests some guides for achieving this:

1. Set an example by making financial decisions in light of the family's situation—not on impulses resulting from advertising or a neighbor's purchase.
 2. Include the child in discussions of family finances including taxes, insurance and consumer credit.
 3. Make possible an allowance or opportunity to work which provides enough money to allow him to set up an all-inclusive budget. Permit freedom to spend his money as he wishes as long as he accepts the consequences of his decisions.
- Learning to use money wisely can be a satisfying experience if parents are willing to respect their child's judgment. However, if money is allowed to become the tangible evidence of other misunderstandings between the teenager and parents, it may be a frustrating experience. If only a few dollars are in-

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olved, the learning experience is much easier and the consequences affect only the decision-maker. If this experience is ignored until the young adult finds himself in the role of a wage earner, perhaps with responsibilities to a marriage partner, the learning has to be much more rapid and the consequences of a poor decision are much greater.

STOCK UP ON MEATS FOR SUMMER COOKING

With the summer outdoor eating season coming on fast, many family food buyers may want to watch the "specials" and stock some steaks in the freezer for summer eating. Mrs. Velma Seat, OSU extension food marketing specialist, says that in view of the current upturn in meat prices, buying steaks on sale early in the season may be a real economy for the family food budget.

Steaks at least an inch thick are most satisfying when charcoal broiled. Thinner steaks probably will not be as juicy or tender as the thicker ones. Favorite steaks for broiling come from the beef loin. Porterhouse is well liked because of the large amount of tenderloin, but is more expensive than T-bone, which has less tenderloin. Club steaks are smaller, with less fat and no tenderloin. The sirloin section is popular because a large thick sirloin can be broiled and then portioned easily. Rib steaks are less expensive than loin steaks, and can be delicious and tender.

Round steaks and chuck steaks are not as tender as those that come from the loin and rib section. However, high grade chuck steak and top round may be grilled satisfactorily. Be sure the coals are at "white-hot" stage, as too high a heat will toughen even a tender steak. According to Mrs. Seat, this summer's supply of steaks is not expected to be quite as large as last summer's—so buying early on special sales will make outdoor eating more economical.

Alfred Drake Joins Angus Association

Alfred Drake, 15, Heppner, has been granted a junior membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Mo., Glen Bratcher, secretary, announces.

This new junior membership entitles the member to the privileges of the association until the age of 21. At that time junior members are eligible to convert to lifetime memberships in the association.

This youngster was one of 167 young people in the United States to receive junior memberships last month.

Metsker maps of Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla, Wheeler counties on sale at the Gazette-Times, \$1.25 each. Others available on order.

Ag Department Reviews New Laws Going in Effect

The licensing and inspection of food processing plants and of milk shake freezers, the setting of egg grades and standards by regulation and the testing of milk for butterfat content on request from producer or handler—these are some of the new duties given the Oregon Department of Agriculture by the 1965 legislature.

Conservation Man State Field Tour Has Big Turnout

A record turnout of over one hundred Eastern Oregon wheat producers gathered at the Willis Nartz ranch near Ashwood on Thursday, June 10, for the Soil Conservation Man of the Year Field Day. The event is sponsored annually by the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

The visitors, most of them from Columbia Basin wheat areas, expressed amazement at the obstacles faced by Jefferson County wheat growers in wresting a living from the rocky soil and precipitous slopes.

"I never thought we flatland farmers had it easy until I see what these folks have to contend with," said one Morrow County grower. "We consider 10 feet of topsoil a shallow field, but here they're lucky if they've got four feet."

Rancher Nartz (who won the state Wheat League competition in 1964 as the Soil Conservation Man of the Year, guided the growers and their wives on tour of his 7200-acre ranch and pointed out the conservation practices that won him the title. These include stubble utilization, rotation of grazing land, extensive irrigation and clearing and seeding of raw rangeland. Nartz pointed out that exceptional flooding and erosion during the past winter had compelled him to replant much of his acreage with spring wheat. He and County Agent Jim Burr described the special cultivation techniques that are required to produce wheat on the arid hillsides and rock-studded lowlands.

"I guess you could say that a man had to be a born optimist to tackle this kind of terrain," Nartz told the grower group. "My efforts have also been supported by the strong feeling that I'm merely the steward of this land for a few years, and that I owe it to future generations to conserve and improve it."

Of his total acreage, Nartz has 1200 acres under cultivation, 500 of which is in wheat. Most of the remaining 6000 acres is natural grazing land, with some areas reclaimed and irrigated. The latter include 3300 feet of diversion ditching and 1700 feet of sod waterway. These systems are fed by four stock ponds, five spring developments, and two deep wells.

Following a luncheon at the Ashwood Grange Hall, the assembled producers heard from Don Vandervelden, Soil Conservation Service work unit conservationist.

"What Willis Nartz has accomplished here should be an inspiration to all of us," he said. "You're seeing the results of ingenious conservation practices and an astounding amount of plain hard work."

The Nartz ranch, originally sheepland, was homesteaded by his father and uncles in 1912. The present owner now farms what were once four separate family ranches. He is the first Jefferson County grower to win the coveted Wheat League conservation award.

About one dozen Oregon news media representatives attended the Field Day. Most of them spent the previous day on local ranches, where they obtained a first-hand look at modern farm operations and problems. The Editors' Farm Tour was also sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, which has offered the program for several years to generate interest in the wheat industry among the non-farm public.

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Nineteen of the laws passed by the 1965 legislative session affect the functions of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Two of these new laws carry an emergency clause, which made them effective immediately after the governor's signature. Two go into effect on July 1 of this year, six are delayed until January 1, 1966, and the remainder become effective August 13, 1965.

One of the first bills passed by the legislature session that directly affected the department was its budget of \$7,701,049 for the years 1965-67, with \$3,131,884 of this from the general fund and \$4,569,165 from fees, licenses and service receipts.

The two carrying the emergency clause were:

2.4-D PERMITS AND FEES—Extends until June 30, 1968, the pesticide fees on 2.4-D and 2.4,5-T-type herbicides and until June 30, 1969, the requirement of a permit for use of isopropyl ester of 2.4-D and esters of equal or higher volatility, with permits issued jointly by the director of agriculture, state forester and a designated research specialist at Oregon State University. Also extends until June 30, 1969, the authority for OSU to conduct research program to determine effect of herbicides and continues until the same date the restricted corridor around a protected district.

COMMODITY COMMISSION OPTIONAL ELECTION—Gives commodity commissions the option of electing commissioners and directs the department to set up qualifications for commissioners and procedures for election.

The department's budget goes into effect July 1, 1965, as does one other new law affecting department functions. This is:

PLANT ACCOUNT CONSOLIDATION—Permitting consolidation of all fees collected for shipping point inspection services for accounting purposes. New laws with effective date August 13 are:

AIRPORT WEATHER MODIFICATION EXEMPTION—Given free licenses and exemptions from the bonding provision of the weather modification law public corporations or political subdivisions operating airports, if they are engaged in clearing for their airport and own the plane doing the work.

FROZEN DESSERTS—Licenses milk shake freezers, provides for setting of standard of identity of milk shake mixes and for sanitation inspections of freezers.

BREAD LABELS—Removes requirement of end labels on all loaves of bread, except on the balloon loaf.

LIVESTOCK DISEASE—Amends animal disease control law and gives department disease control authority over all animals raised in captivity.

REQUESTED MILK TESTING—Gives department authority, upon request from a producer or handler, to make official butterfat content tests with the person requesting test paying the fee for the service.

RAGWEED—Adds Hood River County to the ragweed control area and appropriates \$20,000 for the remainder of the 1965-67 biennium to carry on the program.

PREDATOR FUNDS—Transfers certain accounting procedures for predator funds from the Secretary of State to the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

UNINSPECTED MEATS—Permits presence but not the sale of uninspected meat on the premises of a person licensed to sell meat but requires that the uninspected meat be labeled as "uninspected". Also requires mobile slaughter operators to record and deliver to department on all animals slaughtered.

FOREIGN MEAT—Requires retailers and wholesalers of foreign meat to label meat as foreign and indicate the country of origin and to display import sign or signs on premises.

The six laws not effective until January 1, 1966, are:

FERTILIZER—Amends fertilizer law to require payment of fertilizer inspection fee by the first purchaser in Oregon and clarifies definitions and labeling requirements for bulk fertilizer sales, custom mixes of fertilizers and pesticide-fertilizer mixes.

PESTICIDE FEES—Grants the department authority to increase certain registration fees paid by the industry to support pesticide testing program, requires registration of each formula under brand name and brings plant regulations under pesticide definition.

PLANT CONTAINER TRADE MARKS—Transfers responsibility of registering trade marks on certain fruit and vegetable containers to the secretary of state from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

DAIRY CONTAINER TRADE MARKS—Repeals law relating to trade marks on dairy containers, which was duplicated by the general trade mark law of Oregon.

EGGS—Substitutes a seal tax for a case tax on eggs, with the seal tax not to exceed one and three-fourths mills per dozen, provides for establishing grades and sizes by regulation after a hearing by the department and prohibits incubated eggs from going into channels intended for human consumption. Exempt from seal tax and licensing are producers selling own production directly to individuals for own use or consumption and producers of eggs of own production who sell to such outlets as bakeries, retail stores, restaurants and food plants but whose total yearly sales do not exceed 600 dozen.

FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS—Licenses food processing plants, including those doing custom processing, not now covered by any state law and gives department right of inspection in these plants. Exempt are food processing plants coming under federal inspection.

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