

Chats From Your Home Agent

# IFYE Delegate to China To Visit County in February

By DONNA GEORGE

David Schaad, Oregon 1965 International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to the Republic of China, will be in Morrow county between February 21-23. During that time he will be available to discuss life in his host country with interested groups.

Persons or organizations interested in this program for their club meetings or community gathering should contact Donna George at the county extension office in Heppner.

## "You Versus the Clock" Is January Extension Topic

Members of Morrow county's home extension units will begin the New Year appropriately with a lesson relating to time management. Entitled "You versus the Clock," this lesson deals with making decisions and speeding up work, with special emphasis on household tasks.

Extension Home Management Specialist, Bernice Strawn of Corvallis, was in Heppner Tuesday, December 14, to train leaders who will in turn present the program to their units in January.

Home extension unit members are reminded that this is a change in the year's schedule of lessons, as "You vs. the Clock" has been moved up to January. The February program will be a follow-up, entitled, "You vs. the 'Fagged-Out' Feeling." The latter deals with energy management.

## New Blenders Make Excellent Appliance Gifts for Families

Blenders will be a popular Christmas gift this year. There are now more than two dozen models from which shoppers may choose.

A blender will do a better job than a mixer for separating fruit juices, reconstituting dry milk, homogenizing ingredients into lump-free sauces as well as chopping and pulverizing. Bernice Strawn, home management and equipment specialist, OSU, explains this is not to say that

## Long Distance Rates Reduced

Heppner area telephone users will start benefiting from reductions in telephone rates for long distance calls within Oregon beginning Thursday, December 16, according to Dale Slusher, local manager for Pacific Northwest Bell.

"The reduced day station rates will apply only to those calls of 80 miles or more within Oregon," Slusher said. "Day station calls are those in effect Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m."

Prior to the rate cut, a three-minute station call from Heppner to The Dalles cost 60 cents. The new rate, effective Thursday, is 55 cents.

Also, prior to Thursday, a three-minute day station call from Heppner to Portland cost 90 cents. The new rate is 80 cents.

## 2 State Leaders Head Heart Fund

Two of Oregon's most prominent business leaders, Owen R. Cheatham and E. C. Sammons have been named to top positions in the 1966 Heart Fund Drive. It was announced today by John W. Kendall, chairman of the board of Oregon Heart Association.

Cheatham, founder and board chairman of Georgia-Pacific Corporation, will act as national chairman of the American Heart Fund Drive and E. C. Sammons, U. S. National Bank's Chairman of the Board (Emeritus) will serve as the Oregon State Heart Fund Chairman.

The nation-wide drive for public contributions to support programs of research, education, and community service of the Heart association will be

# FARM



AMONG THE PASTRY items displayed at the December 2-4 annual state meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League was this bread-baked "Wheat stalk." Shown admiring the exhibit in the Pendleton Elks' Lodge are (from left) Robert Jessen, Ione, newly-elected 1st vice president; Don Woodward, Pendleton, 1966 president of the farm body; and Melvin Pace, Enterprise, outgoing president. Others elected by the Wheat League for the coming year were William Hulise, Dufur, 2nd vice president, and John Welbes, Pendleton, executive vice president.

## Wheat Growers Seek Expansion Of Grain Exports

The Oregon Wheat Growers League rang down the curtain of its annual state meeting in Pendleton this month by calling for measures that would expand the export of U. S. wheat to iron curtain countries.

At its closing session, the farm body passed a resolution to remove the requirement that premium-cost U. S. Vessels be used to carry overseas shipments of wheat. The resolution also recommended that competitive credit arrangements be made available for East-West trade.

Elected as 1966 president of the Wheat League at its 38th annual meet was Don Woodward of Pendleton. Robert Jessen, Ione, and William Hulise, Dufur, were named first and second vice presidents for the new term of office. John Welbes, Pendleton, was re-elected as executive vice president.

The annual banquet of the grower organization, held at the Pendleton Elks' Lodge, honored winners of several Wheat League competitions. Selected as the 1965 Soil Conservation Man of the Year was Stanley Weishaar of La Grande.

Mrs. Tomako Baxter, Umatilla, captured contest. Winner of the state newspaper article contest was Linda Glennie, a Pendleton high school junior. Special recognition awards also went to outgoing Wheat League president Melvin Pace, Enterprise, and to former Oregon State University professors Don Hill, Russell Jackman and Charles W. Smith.

Other resolutions passed at the closing session of the three-day meeting of the Wheat League called for a 4c state tax on cigarettes and an increase in gasoline tax and license fees to aid county road improvement. Dates were also set for The Dalles annual Livestock Show, sponsored by the Wheat League, which will be held on June 5-8, 1966.

## Hereford Meeting Reelects Hayden

At the Annual Tri-County Hereford association meeting held in La Grande, December 7, Henry Hayden of La Grande, was re-elected president. Directors are Roy Duff, Pendleton; Crawford Oveson, Wallowa; Bill Andrews, Keating; and J. Dale Standley, La Grande.

The All-Oregon range bull sale will be held at La Grande, on February 9. Bulls consigned to this sale will be clean pedigreed or progeny tested.

The Tri-County Hereford association is the oldest Hereford organization in the Northwest and its sale is the oldest consignment sale to be held in the Northwest.

## Griffiths Have Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Don Griffith of Spray are parents of a boy, Gilbert Mac, who was born at the Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day December 12. He weighed an even eight pounds at birth. He has a sister, Donita, 8, and a brother, John, 6. Grandmothers are Mrs. Eva Griffith of Heppner and Mrs. Merna Toll of Redmond.

The Gazette-Times appreciates getting news copy early.

# Army Engineers Describe Procedures For Acquiring Willow Project Lands

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla district, has issued information of particular interest to landowners, tenants and other interested persons in the Willow Creek dam and reservoir area.

It comes in the form of an open letter to these persons from Col. Frank D. McElwee, district engineer, and is printed in full as follows:

OPEN LETTER TO: Landowners, Tenants, and Other Interested Persons in the Willow Creek Dam and Reservoir Area. This letter is to provide advance information to owners and tenants of land affected by the Willow Creek dam which will be located near Heppner, Oregon. The Willow Creek Reservoir will extend 1.5 miles up Willow Creek and 1 mile up the Balm Fork of Willow Creek. This project was authorized for Federal construction by Section 204, Public Law 89-298, approved 27 October, 1965; however, no construction funds were appropriated. We are not certain when such funds will be made available by Congress, but in the event is construction expected to begin before the spring of 1969.

Under a general procedure set out in Section 302, Public Law 86-645, approved 14 July, 1960, we provide affected landowners and tenants as much information as is available about land acquisition procedures and timing as soon as a new project is authorized. It is understandable that landowners, tenants, and others directly affected by the Willow Creek Dam are concerned about where the taking line will be and when they will have to move. However, detailed information will not be generally available until most of the detailed engineering investigations and studies are completed and construction is about to start. It could be expected that, if construction money is appropriated by Congress in the late summer of any particular year, land acquisition would start at the damsite the next winter or spring, and then continue progressively upstream through the reservoir area for completion in one or two years.

Continue Normal Use For the present, it is suggested that owners and tenants continue normal use of their properties. As the detailed project plans develop further information will become available through news media, public meetings, and brochures, and by personal contact with representatives of this office. Owners should be cautious in analysis of any information covering these projects as it may concern their properties unless it is provided by responsible officials.

Land and improvements are acquired on basis of real estate appraisals made by professional staff employees and private consultants. The appraisal procedure estimates fair market value by correlation of the three accepted approaches to value, namely, (1) comparison with sales of similar property, (2) reproduction cost of structures less accrued depreciation, and (3) capitalization of net income. Offers are made by the Corps with the objective of paying a fair and reasonable price without the added expenses to both the owners and the Corps of settling the amount in Court. However, if agreement on price cannot be reached any owner has the legal right to have the case submitted to Court. Under such procedure, the Government will deposit with the Court an amount estimated to represent just compensation. With this deposit, title to the land will pass automatically to the United States. An owner may then petition the Court for a withdrawal in advance and without prejudice to his right to judicial determination of just compensation.

May Stay in Interim Except where it would interfere with construction, the landowners generally can expect to be permitted to remain in possession after title passes and payment has been made. This would be arranged by paying market rental to the Corps until it is necessary to clear the area in preparation for raising the reservoir area to operating level which would not be earlier than December 1970, construction.

During this present pre-construction planning period before land acquisition is initiated there will be considerable surveying and/or sub-surface explorations in the project area, especially at the dam site, and to a lesser extent upstream in the reservoir area before land is actually purchased. Permits for such work will be requested from many landowners prior to land purchase. If the property is damaged by the Government during these activities, payment will be made.

In the meantime, we welcome written inquiries or visits to this office by owners and tenants to obtain the status of our planning as it may concern their properties.

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thigent, of course, on when Congress actually appropriates construction funds. Generally, the owners are given the option of retaining the right to reserve their improvements, with a deduction from the total price of a reasonable amount. In addition, the Corps may reimburse owners and tenants for certain of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in moving themselves and their personal property such as furniture, machinery, livestock, etc., to their resettlement site.

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