

# FARM

Chats With Your Home Agent

## Family Finance Course Possible If Interest Here

By DONNA GEORGE

Questionnaires mailed from the County Extension office to many Morrow county families ask if they would be interested in a Money Management Short-course.

If a sufficient number of these are returned to make it worthwhile one or more shortcourses will be taught in late winter. Each would be a series of three or four meetings dealing with topics relating to family finance. The survey results would be used to determine which topics will be included and in which communities the short-course would be given.

Any person who has not received the questionnaire and would like to learn more about family money management should contact the County Extension office soon.

### Irrigon 4-H Foods Club Prepares, Serves Dinner

Guests of the Cookey Cookers 4-H club Saturday evening, January 15, were privileged to see a very good example of 4-H work. This club of seven girls under the leadership of Mrs. Willard Miller, prepared, prepared and served dinner at the old school cafeteria in Irrigon. Guests included members of the boys' 4-H foods club, leaders and their husbands (Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart) and Donna George, county extension agent.

The menu included homemade potato soup, meat loaf, muffins, vegetable relishes and fruit salad dessert. Tables were attractively decorated in green and white, using the 4-H clover emblem in napkin rings and centerpieces. The girls showed their abilities as gracious hostesses and good managers as well as able cooks, each sharing in the work. Games were played following the meal.

Members of the club are Tammy and Ricki Snyder, Grace McGinnis, Vicky Hobbs, Betty Ritter, Donna Fumel and Frances McDonald.

### Reupholstery Class In Session for Leaders

Extension reupholstery workshop training is under way in Morrow county. Eight leaders are being taught by Donna George, county extension agent. Working at the Heppner Fair Annex on Mondays and Fridays, they are reupholstering chairs and will probably finish about the end of January.

Leaders trained in this workshop will in turn be available to teach other interested persons in their communities. Anyone who wishes to learn reupholstery techniques is asked to contact the extension office for an enrollment blank and more information if they have not already done so.

The leaders include Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck, Rhea Creek area; Mrs. Frank Connor, Mrs. Rachael Harnett and Mrs. Loren Luore, all of Heppner; Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Mrs. Lindsay, and Mrs. Earl McCabe, all of Ione.

### Extension Women Attack "Fagged-out Feeling"

"You vs. the 'Fagged-out Feeling'" will be the February lesson for Morrow county home extension units.

Project leader training for this lesson will be given twice—at 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 24 in the Heppner Fair Annex and at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, at the home of Mrs. Arnold Hoffman near Boardman. The project leaders will in turn present the program at the various unit meetings during February.

The topic deals with organizing housework to save energy and avoid fatigue. It is a follow-up of the January program which was "You vs. the Clock." Since saving steps in work saves time also, the two are closely related. Anyone interested in saving time and/or energy from household activities for their families, community activities or recreation is welcome to attend the unit meeting.

### New 4-H Clothing Club To Organize at Heppner

A new 4-H clothing club will be organized soon at Heppner under the leadership of Mrs. Albert Wright and Mrs. Rachael

Harnett. This club will be for girls who are beginning the clothing project and also for those in their second year.

Since the first meeting may be held within a week, it is important that girls who are interested call one of the leaders to learn the time and place of the meeting.

## Three Possible Irrigation Plans Open on Project

By GENE WINTERS  
Morrow County Extension Agent

The Willow Creek project is new nearing the stage where project irrigated lands need to be delineated. To facilitate this and provide a means of exchanging information, an organization of participating land owners is needed.

Oregon statutes provide for three types of districts which are often considered for sponsoring irrigation projects. The land owner committee should become familiar with the provisions of the laws governing irrigation districts, water control districts and district improvement companies before selecting one.

The advice of an attorney and the agency representative should be consulted.

In general the irrigation district with 84 pages of laws is designed for a completely involved type of district serving a large area. The district improvement company, having 16 pages of laws, is adequate for a less complicated smaller irrigation service area. In between these two in complexity lies the water control district.

The district improvement company appears to have advantages where the tracts of land to be served are scattered or there are landowners in the project area who wish not to be included.

The corporation for use and control of water can be formed quicker and cheaper than the irrigation or water control districts. It requires 100 percent voluntary participation of landowners, so could include only those wishing to benefit from the stored water of the project.

The board has three to nine members with no term of office prescribed. To be a board member a person must be a member of the corporation and take an oath of office.

Landowners in a district improvement company have one vote for each acre in the district compared to one vote for each landowner in the other two types of districts.

## 1966 Farm Programs To Be Discussed At Jan. 24 Meeting

A meeting to explain "The 1966 Wheat, Feed Grain and Cropland Adjustment Programs" will be held next Monday, according to an announcement by David McLeod, ASCS manager.

"With many changes for the 1966 crop it would seem advisable for all grain producers to attend this meeting," he urges. Anyone interested in the application of the programs offered for 1966 is invited to attend this meeting at the Fair Annex, Heppner next Monday, January 24, at 1:00 p.m.



DONNA GEORGE, Morrow county agent, told assembled 4-H officers the purpose of training day at the session in the Catholic Parish hall January 8. At the left are officers of Kettles and Spoons 4-H club who demonstrated a model meeting for the group. From left are Susan Melby, Sue Griffith, Frances Abrams, Sandra Flaiz, and Linda Cooper, club president. Mrs. Bob Abrams is leader of the club. (G-T Photo)

## Training Days Held for 4-H'ers

By DONNA GEORGE  
Morrow County Extension Agent

Aiming toward better quality participation in meetings and activities, about 100 4-H members and leaders took part in 4-H club Training Days the past two Saturdays. These programs were provided to train officers in their duties and give others better understanding of 4-H opportunities.

A model meeting was presented at the Heppner program January 8 by the Kettles and Spoons 4-H club. These 5 girls demonstrated correct procedures in conducting a meeting. A similar model meeting was given at the Boardman session January 15 by the Irrigon Community 4-H club.

Tips for demonstrations and a preview of coming 4-H events were presented by Donna George and Gail McCarty, county extension agents. They also explained various local, state and national aspects of 4-H.

Persons teaching the officers' sessions at Heppner were Nonda Clark and Susan Drake (recreation and song leaders); Wes Sherman (reporter); Gail McCarty (presidents and vice presidents); and Donna George (secretaries and treasurers).

At Boardman these classes were taught by Mrs. Arnold Hoffman (secretaries and treasurers); Donna George (reporters); Mrs. Delmer Hug (song and recreation leaders); and Gail McCarty (presidents and vice-presidents).

## J. W. Southworth Leaves Department

J. W. Southworth, assistant director in charge of livestock industries for the State Department of Agriculture since July, 1961, has resigned effective immediately.

Southworth asked for leave of absence last fall to avoid any conflict of interest when it became evident he might need to resume direction of his Grant County ranch. He now expects to return to that area.

The Salem position will be filled by internal promotion through Civil Service examinations, with final choice from the certified list to be made by the State Board of Agriculture, Director J. F. Short says.

Short said Southworth had made an outstanding record in the department service, adding, "I regret to see government lose a man of his caliber." Southworth, like Short, entered government service direct from ranches.

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## Water Outlook Report Slightly Below Average

Farmers, ranchers, and other water users in Umatilla, Morrow, and Gilliam counties can expect spring and summer water supplies in 1966 to be slightly below average unless snow accumulates at a faster than average rate for the balance of the winter, according to a report released today by A. J. Webber, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and prepared by W. T. Frost, State Snow Survey Supervisor, representing cooperating federal, state, and private agencies.

Stored water supplies are fairly satisfactory but watershed soils are probably much drier than average. Precipitation has been much below average.

Water content of the mountain snowpack at the end of December was only 45 per cent of the 15-year average (1948-62) and only 30 per cent of last year on this date. Early January storms brought some increase but heavy storms are needed if the snowpack is to

accumulate to an average condition.

Moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack was only 68 percent of capacity at the end of December. Soils probably absorbed some of the rain which came from early January storms but complete recharge will not come until spring snowmelt when soils will have to soak up part of the runoff.

Stored water supplies are well above average in McKay reservoir due to an excellent carry-over from last season. There now are 24,500 acre feet in storage compared with 30,800 acre feet last year and an average figure of 19,900 acre feet.

Cold Springs reservoir contains 15,200 acre feet compared with 22,200 a year ago and 20,900 acre feet which is the average figure.

Spring and summer flow of streams in this mid-Columbia area is expected to be below average. This picture will brighten only if above average snow accumulation occurs during the remainder of the winter season.

One indication of the dryness of the watersheds in northeastern Oregon is the extremely low flow of the Grand Ronde River at La Grande (Preliminary data furnished by U. S. Geological Survey, La Grande, Oregon). That stream flowed only 11 percent of the average (1948-62)

## Two Postmasters Attend Meetings

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA—Mrs. Bert Hoover, Kinzua, postmaster, went to Portland last Thursday with Alan Mathews, Fossil, acting postmaster, to attend the Midwinter Conference of Postmasters of Oregon and Washington at the Hilton Hotel.

The Friendship club has its regular evening of pinocle last Wednesday with Pat McMinn as hostess. High was won by Rita O'Neal, low by Dinah Jackson and floating by Vi Slinkard and Doris Stubblefield. Others playing were Naomi Rice, Rosemary Stubblefield, Mavis Oylar.

Mrs. Lee Fleming went to Heppner last Friday to bring home Mr. Fleming who had been in the hospital there for treatment of pneumonia.

In Condon Saturday for medical care were Mrs. Paul Oylar and Miss Sharon Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrel were in Heppner Tuesday for business and for medical care. Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Medlock and son John were in Heppner last Tuesday for medical care for John. On Thursday they went to Walla Walla, Wash., where John entered the General hospital for tests. They returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Hele nTroxell and children were in Heppner last Tuesday on business and while there visited her mother, Mrs. Harriet Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Norris were business visitors to Portland last Tuesday. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter at Lake Oswego. Ken enlisted while there in the air force and will leave March 8 for Lackland Airbase in Texas.

In December and the total flow from October 1 to January 1 was only 30 percent average.

Statewide, most Oregon water users can be real happy with the heavy storm situation which has prevailed since the day after Christmas, now that immediate flood threats seem to have lessened. The excessive rain and snow have combined to boost the mountain snowpacks considerably and, thereby, raise the statewide water outlook from fair to good for next spring and summer. Stored water supplies are excellent and the moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack is about average.

to take his training.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grogan of Weston arrived Friday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortimore went to The Dalles Sunday where Barbara took the bus back to Portland where she will have further medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Rhoton were business visitors to The Dalles last Wednesday. They returned to The Dalles Monday for Slim to have medical care. Visiting over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeMerrit were Mr. and Mrs. John Henner, Jr. and son Jack of Irigon.

Business visitors to Pendleton Friday were Mrs. Frank Ferrel and Mrs. Herschel Mudock. Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and daughter Cindy and Bob Kelso were in Heppner Wednesday for medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McDonald of Portland came Saturday to spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Walker and to attend the funeral services in Condon Saturday of Mrs. McDonald's grandfather.

## On EOC Honor Roll

Jeanne Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins, has made the honor roll at Eastern Oregon College with a grade point average better than 3.50 for the fall term, the college announces.

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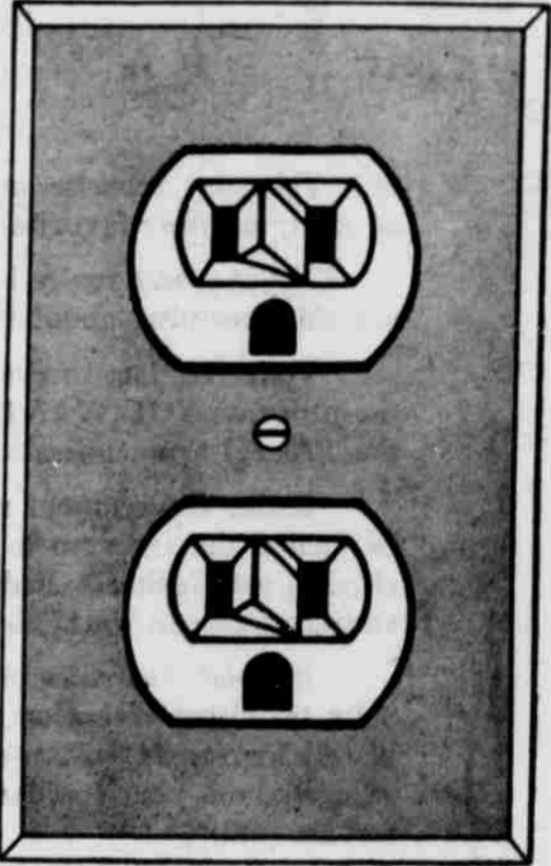
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