

FARM

County Agent's Office

Sheep Shearing Schools In Four Towns on Agenda

By GAIL L. McCARTY
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It takes an education to do almost anything these days, even to shear sheep. Recognizing the need for maintaining this dying art, the Cooperative Extension Service at Oregon State University several years ago initiated several sheep shearing schools around the state.

This year's schools will be held at O.S.U., March 21-22 and March 23-24; at Baker, April 4 and 5; Ontario, April 6 and 7; and Grants Pass, April 14 and 15. Each class will be limited to 16 persons. Minimum age is 16 years and applicants should weigh 140 pounds or more in order to be able to handle the sheep. The fee for the course is \$2.00. Sheep and tools will be furnished.

Applications are available from county extension agents or vocational agricultural teachers. Deadline for sign-up is February 28 when applications must be in the hands of John Landers, Extension Animal Science Specialist, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

Records Show 10% Bulls Unproductive

Approximately 10% of the bulls in Oregon which have undergone semen evaluation

Large Cooking Club Divides Into Groups

A meeting of the Krispy Cookers 4-H cooking club was held at the home of our leader, Mrs. Arbogast, February 9. We decided to split the club into two groups of nine each, because there were too many members for one group. Each group will meet every other week for cooking instruction. There will be a regular business meeting the first Wednesday of each month, with both groups together. Mrs. Hague is our assistant.

At our January 26 meeting we made brownies and baked them during our business meeting. We played a game, sang songs and had refreshments of cookies and ice cream.

Gwen Drake, reporter

Efficient Use Considered Key To Water Woes

Water problems have been solved up to now almost entirely by building storage dams and making additional water available.

From here on, more efficient management is the key, says Dr. Emery N. Castle of Oregon State University, a member of the State Water Resources Board. He is dean of faculty and professor of agricultural economics at OSU.

U. S. Bureau of the Budget estimates indicate that Southern California would not need to import additional water for two decades if it would make efficient use of the water it now has. Castle observed in a talk before the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

Importing water is easier though than facing up to a difficult internal re-allocation problem with their existing water, he suggested.

Oregon is fortunate in its water resources and its preservation of recreational facilities up to the present, but difficult choices in water use must be made during the next 20 years, Castle cautioned.

The choices are not simple ones, he added. Choices may have to be made, for example, between irrigation or navigation and natural beauty or pastures.

The first requirement for wise decisions, he said, is detailed information on the problem and determination of exactly how Oregonians want their water used. The main danger is that Oregon will get so many public water groups at the local, state and national level that responsibility is not made definite and coordination becomes difficult.

An attitude of not considering diversion of Oregon water is unrealistic, Castle suggested. The federal government has the authority now to bring about interstate water transfer. So the most reasonable position for Oregon to take is to try to influence the conditions under which such diversion will occur, he observed.

If Oregon can define, measure and estimate surplus waters, there are waters that can be diverted, he noted. As important as out-of-state considerations are, internal decisions on water use will prove to be of greater importance in the long run though, he said. Economics is capable of helping tell the answers to some of the problems, too, Castle pointed out.

"If we cease protecting water from the same influences to which we subject other scarce goods and services, we will receive some automatic guides for its management," he concluded.

Your Home Agent

IFYE Schedules Talks On China For Coming Week

By DONNA GEORGE

Morrow county people will have an opportunity to hear about life in the Republic of China from IFYE David Shaad next week. He will show slides and discuss his experiences as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate there recently. The following schedule has been arranged for his appearances. Since many of these are at schools, adults are urged to attend there also.

10:30 a.m. MONDAY — Ione High school.

10:15 a.m. TUESDAY — Boardman High school.

12:45 p.m. TUESDAY — Irrigon Grade school.

7:30 p.m. TUESDAY — Seventh Day Adventist church, Heppner (Public invited).

9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY — Heppner Junior High school.

10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY — Heppner High school.

Noon WEDNESDAY — Heppner Soroptimist club.

IFYE is a two-way international exchange conducted by the National 4-H Club Foundation. It is privately financed in the United States by contributions from 4-H members, organizations, businessmen and individuals.

Each year four Oregon young people visit other countries as IFYEs. In exchange, young people from various other countries come here to live about two weeks in each of two or three Oregon homes. Together IFYEs and their host families seek to correct misunderstanding among people by sharing their cultures.

Being host to an IFYE from another country can be a very enriching experience for both adults and children. Host family applications are available at county extension offices. Applications for young people wishing to be IFYE delegates are available there also.

Home Extension Units To Study Meringues

"Magic with Meringues" will be the March lesson for Morrow county home extension units. It will include basic techniques for making both soft and hard meringues and other des-

serts such as cookies made from basic meringues. Scientific principles important for making these desserts successfully will be given.

Being relatively low in calories, these "egg white and air" desserts can be a welcome addition to the diet of many. They also have other advantages, being low in cost and easily stored for special party refreshments.

Project leaders from home extension units will be given training on this topic from Donna George, county home extension agent, Monday, February 21, at the Lexington Grange Hall. Homemakers interested in this program are welcome to visit unit meetings in their communities.

Medical Insurance Provided Under Medicare Discussed

The cost for medical insurance for persons 65 years of age or over under the new Medicare Program is \$3 a month or \$36 a year, according to Oregon State University home finance specialist Alberta Johnston. This amount will be matched by a like amount by the government to cover the cost of medical insurance.

This plan will not completely pay all of these costs—under the medicare if you draw medical benefits you must pay the first \$50 of medical bills in any calendar year. You must in addition pay 20% of total annual medical expenses above the first \$50. Medicare will pay 80% of the "reasonable" cost for the following kinds of services: doctor's bill for treatment or diagnosis; surgeon's fees, fees for up to 100 home visits by nurses, physical therapists; tests to diagnose an illness; X-ray treatments; rental of certain kinds of medical equipment needed by the older person, and other kinds of medical care.

If you are getting social security payments or railroad retirement benefits and wish to enroll for medical insurance under medicare, you need only to return the card sent by the Social Security Administration, indicating you would like this coverage. Costs will be deduct-

Field Day to Tell Cattle Test Results

Results of trials using hormone implants to control estrus in range cattle, will be reported during the annual Oregon State University Squaw Butte Experiment Station Field Day at Burns, March 22, according to William A. Sawyer, station superintendent.

Being able to synchronize estrus would help make use of artificial insemination more practical with range cattle.

Also scheduled during the all-day meeting at the experiment station near Burns will be discussions on production of choice steers by supplementing range forage. Feed costs, carcass data, and dollar return of these range-

ed from your social security payments.

Persons over 65 not receiving social security payments, should see their local representative for social security for help in enrolling. They will have to be able to prove their age in order to qualify for coverage.

supplemented animals will be compared with similar information from feed-lot cattle.

Nutrition and management of first-calf heifers, economic protein supplements for weaner calves, and control of cattle diseases will round out the morning session.

The noon meal will be served by the Poison Creek Grange.

The afternoon session will feature a tour of experiment station research facilities and trials now underway.

Highlights of this afternoon program will be examination of a group of weaner calves wintered on rye hay, comparison of performance tested bulls, and an explanation of problems and possibilities found in fall calving.

The field day is open to anyone interested in the cattle industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferguson left this week to join the Ambrose Chapins and W. E. Irwins at Apache Wells in Mesa, Ariz. for a month.

NOTICE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

Personal Property taxpayers are required to file a return as of January 1, 1966 with the Assessor on or before March 2, 1966. A penalty is provided for late filing.

Inventory owners (including all Livestock) will be eligible for a reduction of property tax for this year if filed on time.

Any person who has not had an opportunity to report by mail or personal contact may obtain the forms at the office of the assessor.

Time is getting short. Get your Personal Property Return in now.

ROD THOMSON

Morrow County Assessor

Card to Replace Federal Sticker

A gold-colored card, small enough to be carried in a wallet, will replace the bumper sticker as the entrance permit for designated Federal recreation areas in 1966.

Cost of the permit will remain the same, \$7. The card will admit its purchaser, and all who accompany him in a private automobile, to more than 7,000 Federal recreation areas throughout the nation.

The permit will go on sale in March at numerous Government offices and at entrance points to many Federal recreation areas. In addition to the card, single-day tickets will be sold.

Money from sale of permits, authorized by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, will be used by the states and Federal government to expand recreational opportunities for the public. The States of Oregon and Washington already have been allocated funds for planning, acquisition, or development of prime recreation sites.



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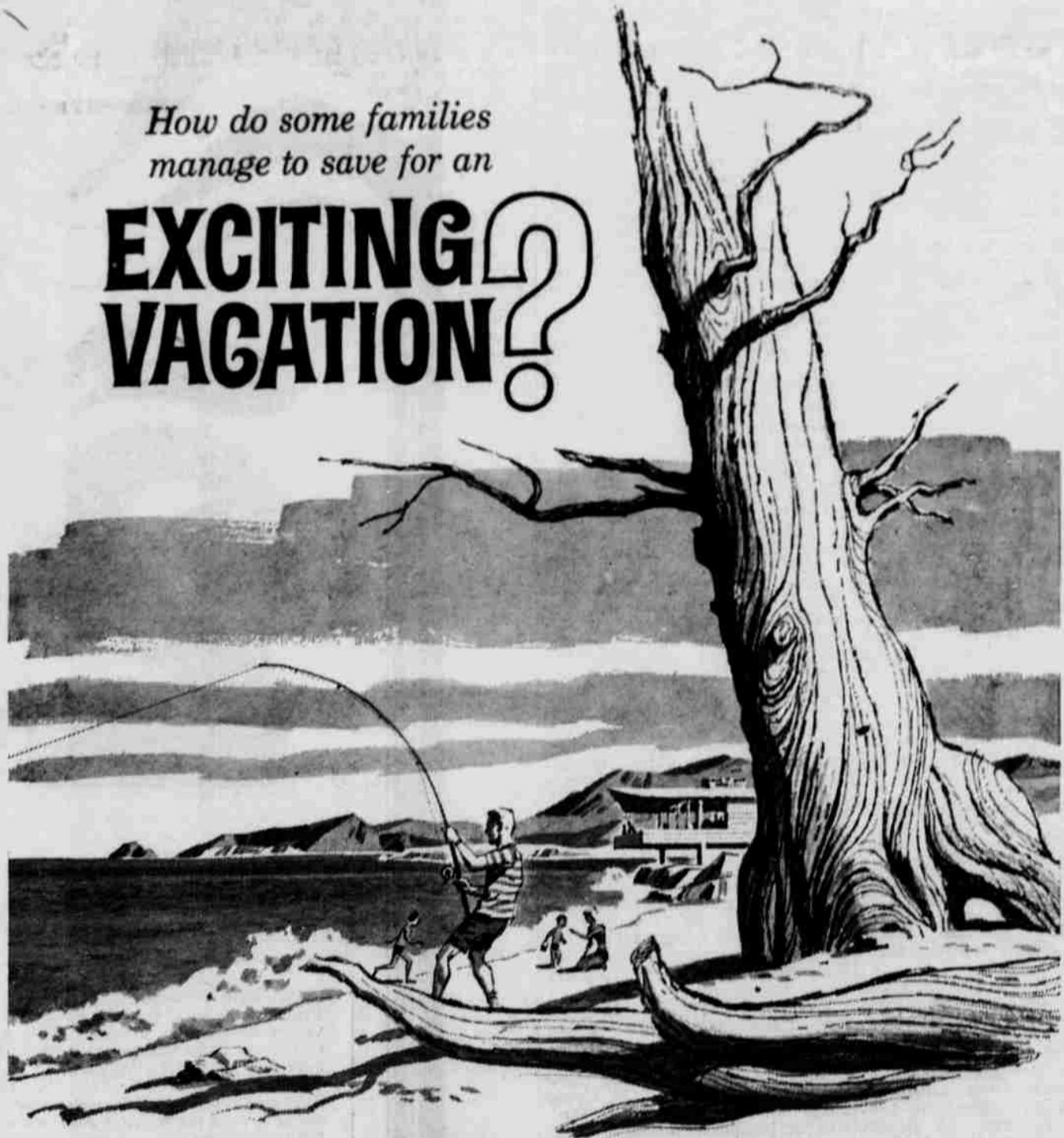
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