

FARM

County Agent's Office

League Executives Eye Valley Plan, Hear Allen Tom

Quarterly executive meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League was held in Pendleton on April 18 with 40 people in attendance. One of the features of the meeting was the presence of three men from the Willamette Valley who are interested in League activities there, and hope to organize in late summer or early fall. They are, Ted Rosser, and Rush Miller from the McMinnville area, along with the Yamhill county extension agent Hugh Hicker-son. This area produces about 20% of Oregon's wheat.

Allen Tom, The Dalles, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, gave a report on the Washington, D. C. office. As it looks now, one may expect acreage allotments at \$5 million next year. This does not include the 3.8 million acres from small allotments or an increase in acreage of about seven million. Tom emphasized the fact that we can still produce more wheat than we can find a market for and that increase in production should come gradual to avoid another buildup of wheat surpluses. Wheat stocks as of July 1, 1966, are expected to be approximately 600 million bushels. The production estimate for the 1966 crop is 1340 million bushels. The markets for this crop are expected to use 1300 million bushels with a carryover July 1, 1967, of about 400 to 460 million bushels.

Don Thompson of Moro, reported to the group that the reduced freight rates as announced by the Union Pacific on the Condon-Heppner lines has been suspended by the appeal board. These rates meant a reduction of five cents per hundredweight and were to have gone into effect April 16.

Marion Weatherford of Arlington reported on the Oregon-Agriculture Council which is being organized by farm groups and allied industries to improve the image of agriculture to the people of the state through a state-wide public relations program, is ready to move. The by-laws have been developed and if approved the agri-council will be incorporated.

Don Rydych of the Pendleton experiment station reported on the latest chemical control developments on cheat grass. At the present, 20 companies are testing various compounds which represent a total of one million dollars in research. Screening programs are being used widely to hasten the development of a desirable compound. At present Linuron looks the most promising of the new compounds.

OSU Beef Cattle Day Set May 13

The place of crossbreeding in beef cattle production will be one of the topics explored during the eighth annual Beef Cattle Day at Oregon State University May 13. Meetings will start at 9:30 a.m. in Withycombe Hall.

A noted geneticist, Dr. F. B. Hutt of Cornell University, will be a featured speaker. He has worked extensively on the effect of genetic variation upon nutritional requirements of meat animals.

Ralph Bogart, OSU geneticist, will discuss the advantages as well as the short comings of crossbreeding, as pointed out by research and experience. Bogart's talk will include a review of various crossbreeding projects carried on at experiment stations across the nation.

Other OSU staff members who will appear on the one-day program include: A. T. Ralston, Animal Science Department; V. H. Freed, Department of Agricultural Chemistry; G. Burton Wood, OSU Agricultural Experiment Station Director; D. E. Matteson, Extension Service virologist, and Guy Reynolds, Extension veterinarian; and Dean Frischknecht, OSU Extension animal science specialist.

Ralston will discuss physiological effects of hormone implantation at birth and at time of castration, particularly as related to the problem of urinary calculi in the feedlot. Freed will review some of the problems and prospects for expanded use of pesticides in beef production.

The OSU research program and its benefits for the cattlemen will be explained by Wood, while Matteson and Reynolds will explain their duties and how the work can serve the industry. It was largely due to sustained efforts on the part of the state's cattlemen that the posts of virologist and extension veterinarian were established recently at OSU.

Frischknecht will lead a question-and-answer session to complete the day's events.

The annual meeting is sponsored by OSU, the Western Oregon Livestock Association, and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

Any person interested in attending should contact the County Agent's office by May 11.

Extension Delegates To Represent County At Corvallis Meeting

Delegates who will represent Morrow county at the Oregon Extension Homemakers Council State meeting in Corvallis May 3-5 have been named.

They are Mrs. Iva Booker, Heppner, representing the Rhea Creek Extension Unit; Mrs. Lou-isa Shade, Irrigon, of the Irrigon unit; Mrs. Paul Warren, representing the Heppner unit, and Mrs. Frank Connor, Heppner, who is the County Home Extension Committee delegate.

Donna George, county extension agent, will accompany the delegates to Corvallis.

Work on 4-H Reports

On April 18 the lone 4-H Livestock club members met in the high school library to fill out their standard report forms for summer school. After a short business meeting our leaders helped us with questions we had about the report forms. Three members applied for 4-H summer school.

Keith Nelson, reporter

Cooking Club Meets

A business meeting was held at the home of our leader, Mrs. Arbogast, on April 16. Miss Donna George was there to tell us about the judging of cookies, and we judged three kinds of cookies. She told us the correct placing after we were through.

Gwen Drake, reporter



HERE ARE SOME of the sheep that were killed recently by coyotes in one morning at the John Hanna ranch. Carl McDaniel found two dens of coyote pups and destroyed them.

Coyotes Raise Havoc with Sheep; Ranchers Favor County Bounty

Coyote population apparently is on the increase in Morrow county, and it's a sure thing that their depredations are increasing.

Reports from ranchers show heavy losses to sheep, and Carl McDaniel, retired government trapper, estimates the coyotes cost Morrow county ranchers \$50,000 damage last year.

John Hanna lost eight sheep, including lambs and ewes, in one morning about two weeks ago. McDaniel came to his aid, found two dens of coyotes, and killed 13 pups. The older coyotes, however, got away.

Percy Cecil was having coyote trouble about the same time, and McDaniel killed one grown coyote and eight pups there. On Wednesday, Harold Wright complained of having trouble with coyotes and Cecil was having more problems with the predators.

McDaniel quoted George Rugg as saying that the latter had lost 500 lambs and 170 ewes in the mountain range last summer and that he had lost a total of 1000 lambs during lambing season from all predators—coyotes, ravens, eagles and others.

Tom Campbell at Lafave Prairie in the southwest part of the county reported losing 100 lambs during the past summer.

Lambs are worth about \$25 each at selling time, McDaniel said, so it is apparent that the ranchers are suffering a pretty heavy loss.

Petitions have been circulated to ask the county for a bounty on coyotes, but they haven't

been turned over to the county court. Those circulating them did not realize that the county budget meetings had been held, and thus they didn't get the petitions to the county for the current year's budget.

"Nearly everybody is in favor of the bounty," McDaniel said. John Hanna strongly emphasized that he was for it.

"The petitions received a 100% sign-up in some parts of the county," McDaniel continued. He said that the bounty suggested would be \$5 per coyote—whether pup or full grown.

"It is now costing the county \$20 to \$30 per coyote in the trapping program."

The bounty would be paid by the county. Gilliam and Wheel-

er counties have such a bounty, and Morrow also paid a bounty on coyotes at one time, but it was discontinued a few years ago.

Trapping is sometimes difficult because of the danger of ensnaring young domestic farm animals.

McDaniel, who last year got 38 bobcats and 74 coyotes, said that he knew of 23 dens of coyotes that he spotted in the woods last fall where the pups got away. At an average of seven per litter, this means that some 160 coyotes were allowed to mature.

When a litter is found and destroyed, damage to lambs drops because the adult coyotes feed the lambs to their litters.

4-H Horse Field Day To Include Training Program, Race Events

The annual 4-H Horse Field Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at the Wrangler Arena.

The program will feature Dr. Stan McCough with training on horsemanship and showmanship and points to consider in judging horses, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone should bring a sack lunch, but coffee and punch will be provided.

There will be a 4-H playday after lunch, with events for three age groups. Events will include barrel racing, ring race, back up race, pole bending race, rescue race, and musical ropes. Additional copies of rules for these events may be picked up at the County Agent's office.

Hold Knitting Session

Country Cutters 4-H Clothing and Knitting club met Thursday, April 21, after school at Mary Campbell's home in Condon for their second knitting work session. The first session was March 23 at Molly Becket's. Sweaters to be exhibited at the county fair have been started.

Debbie Warren, president, conducted the business meeting at the Campbell home. Demonstrations, summer school, and a dress work shop were discussed.

Molly Becket, reporter

Pomona to Meet At Willows Hall

State Grange Master Allen Wheeler of Portland is scheduled to be present for the Pomona Grange meeting at Willows Grange hall, Ione, on Saturday, April 30. Wheeler also holds the office of national Grange chaplain. It is expected that he will give a resume of state-wide activities which he has observed in his visits during the past year.

The all-day meeting, starting at 10:30 a.m., will observe the 40th anniversary of the Pomona organization in Morrow county. Program arrangements are under the direction of Mrs. Mary Lundell, lecturer. Business sessions will be conducted by Pomona Master Berl Akera, and the host grange will serve a noon lunch.

The evening session will start at 7:30 p.m., with Rhea Creek Grange in charge of initiation into the fifth degree. A luncheon will be served prior to this ceremony.

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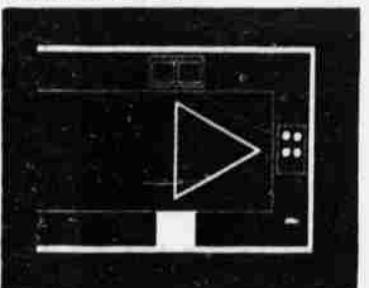
Good planning makes your all-electric kitchen even better!

Most important room in every house

Ever notice how your family seems to congregate in the kitchen? Small wonder! After all, the kitchen is the natural family center for American living.

That's why it is so important to have a well designed kitchen. It'll save you countless steps; lets you do more work with less effort; and lets you do it quicker!

A little planning can help you do wonders in making yours a low cost model kitchen. To make best use of existing space, plan your work around your three principal activities: (1) food preparation, (2) cooking, (3) clean-up.



Cooking area: use electricity to keep that "old-fashioned" flavor

Whether you choose a conventional "free-standing" or "built-in" range and oven, be sure you cook the modern way... with clean, safe electricity. It's the best way you can be certain of getting just the right temperature for every dish. Once you've established a superior recipe, you can repeat it time after time when you cook with electricity!

An exhaust fan over the range is a wonderful addition to any kitchen. It helps remove heat, moisture, and cooking odors. Plan adequate storage for cooking utensils near the cooking area; it'll save you hundreds of steps every day.

If a built-in unit is used, have the oven installed at eye level to save stooping and bending when you are baking. A "free-standing" range should be installed at the end of your

cabinets instead of in the middle. This will leave room for any size range you might buy in the future.



Preparation area: have adequate electrical outlets

The two most important features of a good preparation area are plenty of working space and adequate electrical outlets for all the appliances you'll use when preparing meals.

Counters should be waist high (34" to 36") and covered with an easy-to-clean material. Avoid cracks or crevices. Your refrigerator and other food storage areas should be close by. So should mixing bowls, knives, etc.

Be certain you have adequate wall outlets for your electrical appliances and for those you'll be adding in the



future. The outlets should be on a different circuit than your refrigerator to avoid over-loading.

Clean-up area: electricity takes drudgery from chores

Good kitchen planning can save you hours of needless work. Arrange your cabinets conveniently so there's plenty of storage for dishes and uten-

sils convenient to your clean-up area.

Today's modern electric dishwashers, with their giant capacity, lets you wash all the cooking and eating utensils at one time. And the water is super-heated to kill many



germs which might survive old-fashioned hand washing.

A garbage disposal is another helpful appliance which takes much of the "mess" from the homemaker's life. You can actually "wash" nearly all your garbage down the drain!

Bright and cheerful as a happy home!

Lighting plays an important role in your kitchen. We suggest every kitchen have adequate "general" lighting plus additional fixtures for the preparation area. It's a good idea to have light over the sink, too.

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Plan Field Trip

The sixth meeting of the Bee's Busy Buddies 4-H club was held at the home of Clint Krebs on April 6, at 4:00 p.m. Discussion was continued on the coming field trip. A demonstration about the practical uses of leather was given by Clint Krebs.

Clint Krebs, reporter

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