

Evening Unit Organized; Plans Welcome Project

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An organizational meeting for an evening extension unit was held at the home of Mrs. DuAnn McCarty on February 5. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Rita Walford; vice-president, Mrs. Pat Cassidy; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Donna Bergstrom. Plans for meetings to complete the extension year were made. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at the annex building at the county fairgrounds. Meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

As a civic project in conjunction with their extension programs, this evening extension group plans to welcome new families moving to the Heppner area. The group feels there is a great need in this area for acquainting newcomers to town with the various service clubs, churches and other organizations. A member of this extension group will meet soon with the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce to make plans for this part of their project.

'Sew With Knits' Underway

Two women teaching 70 women to sew? Sounds impossible, but that is just what is going on in Morrow county right now!

County project leaders Mildred Wright and Mabel Heath have completed training of leaders from each extension unit in Morrow county. These trained leaders are now teaching classes on sewing with knit fabrics to extension members and all other women of the communities interested in learning how to handle this versatile fabric.

Unit project leaders met at the dormitory on February 6 to model their completed garments and discuss the planned classes with County Extension Agent Mary Speckhart of Pendleton. Seventy women are enrolled in the classes throughout the county. Classes are now in progress in the Fine City area, Rhea Creek, two in Heppner, and a class will start in one this week. All project leaders who attended the coffee hour agreed this has been a very successful and popular extension program.

IFYE Student Presents Programs

Orrin Potampa, IFYE student to Korea found a busy schedule prepared for his stay in Morrow county. While in the county, Orrin was guest at the home of the Norman Nelson family near Lexington. Orrin presented programs at one high and elementary schools, Heppner high and elementary schools, Riverside high in Boardman and A. C. Houghton elementary in Irigan, and to the Soroptimist Club in Heppner.

At the invitation of the Nelson family Orrin remained over the week-end and presented a program for the Lexington Grange on Sunday. Orrin is very enthusiastic about the IFYE program and would encourage 4-H members in our area to give consideration to this interesting and worthwhile program. He also stressed the value of local farm families hosting foreign IFYE students.

Any farm family may apply through the County Extension office to host one of the students in their home. Students normally remain with a host family for a period of two to three weeks, and visits are usually during the summer and harvest months. Application to host students for the coming year must be filed in the county office by March 1.

Federal Savings Reports 6% Gain

First Federal Savings and Loan Association reported total assets of \$20,233,171, as of December 31, 1968. This marks an increase of 6 per cent from the \$18,990,530 reported a year ago, the association's annual report revealed.

The report, issued by Oren Allison, executive vice-president, showed that savings balances held by the institution amount to \$18,278,627, as compared to \$17,275,999 reported at the end of 1967. Allison said that while not as good a savings year as 1967, this year was far better than 1966, the year of tight money.

A record dividend totaling \$828,068 was paid during the year to the 6,852 account holders. A total of \$2,247,198 in mortgage loans was put on the books during 1968, bringing total loans to \$16,653,161.

In looking ahead to 1969, the annual report indicated that there would be even further increases in the competition for savings dollars. This would present challenges to the savings and loan business and the real estate and housing business.

Allison said, "1968 has been a good year for first Federal Savings and Loan Association. Our growth has been excellent and we have a feeling of deep satisfaction for our contribution to the community's thrift and home ownership practices. All in all, I think that 1969 will prove to be another year of progress and development for First Federal Savings and for the community as well."



CONFINED TO THE CLUBHOUSE by snow, President Craig Munkers of Heppner Two-Trackers 4-H club conducts meeting as Dovie Alderman, vice-president, and Karla Weatherford sit to his left, and leader Floyd Jones assists. With backs to camera are members Maryanne Greenup and Patricia Hughes.



ATTENTIVE TO THE PRESIDENT'S words, the other side of the circle shows members, Maryanne Greenup, Toni Toll, Patricia Hughes, Mark Mecham, Tommy Wolff, Cathy Cutsforth, Ramona Thompson, and far right, Lisa Collins.

Ronny L. Brisbois In Navy Exercise

Boatswain's Mate Third Class Ronny L. Brisbois, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brisbois of Spray, is participating in Operation Bold Mariner aboard the amphibious force flagship USS Eldorado.

The operation emphasizes a new aspect of Vietnamese operations, the accelerated pacification program. The program is aimed at removing enemy influence from the countryside and returning it completely to Vietnamese government control. Other units participating in the operation are ships of the U. S. Seventh Amphibious Force at Sea and Marines of the U. S. Seventh Fleet, elements of the Army's American Division and Army of the Republic of Vietnam troops.

Ag Director Says Future Feed Need Should be Planned

Even after the snow has melted it may be a month or more before pastures can meet feed needs for livestock. Even then it will be only partial in some areas.

State Director of Agriculture Walter Leth had this reminder for Oregon's livestock people as the cold spell that has gripped the state shows signs of easing.

He urged them to look ahead and locate sources of feed supply and to make sure they have adequate feed to carry the animals through until pastures are sufficient.

Leth said there may be a shortage of hay in some areas and prices are reported on the increase, with Washington prices said to be \$40 a ton or more. However, he said grain appeared to be in good supply, with that available including wheat, corn, sorghum and oats. Some can be secured under the federal government's emergency feed program for those who can qualify.

The director said application for the emergency feed supplies should be made through the Farmers Home Administration of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee and that information on the program can be secured from the county agents.

Leth said with increased prices of hay livestock people may find it more economical to use grain for at least part of their livestock feed.

Commenting on problems facing livestock people as a result of the snow and cold weather, the director said that except for a few counties and some isolated cases in other counties it had been possible to gain access to most of the stranded livestock by January 31. Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane Counties, he said, appeared to still be having problems in feeding their livestock at that time.

Emergency or disaster loans can under some circumstances be secured by farmers from the Farmers Home Administration but generally, Leth said, these are available only if funds cannot be secured from usual sources such as banks, Production Credit Associations, and so forth.

U. S. Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares account for approximately 23 per cent of the privately-held portion of the government's debt. They are described by Treasury officials as the keystone of the national debt structure.

4-H Horse Club Remains Active During Winter

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What do 4-H horse clubs do in winter? They meet to study, learn, and have fun.

One of the very active 4-H horse clubs of Morrow county is the Heppner Two-Trackers group led by Floyd Jones, Sharon Cutsforth and Gladys Alderman. This is a very energetic group of 4-H members. Something is always going on that keeps up the interest and enthusiasm of the young people.

When the winter winds and snow confine them to quarters they have movies on horses, give demonstrations and just talk horse — waiting for the days when the sun shines and they can saddle up to learn the lessons on horsemanship and showmanship taught by their able leaders.

The 4-H horse clubs are one of the more popular clubs in this county. The young people learn many valuable lessons that carry over into other phases of their life, as they care for their horses, and develop the responsibility and poise to show their animals in horse shows and competitions. The many hours of patient training and care given to this project is very obvious on the day of the 4-H Horse Show.

This congenial group has 26 members, both boys and girls, of all ages.

In visiting 4-H clubs in Morrow county I find the activities of these young people so refreshing and interesting that I think all our county people should have the opportunity to hear of the clubs and know the young people who are involved in this program. I hope to write a story and get pictures of each club as I visit them from time to time.

Dates Already Set For Game Seasons

Big game hunters as well as shotgun enthusiasts who like to spend their vacations in the field during the opening week of the fall hunts can make their plans early this year, according to action taken recently by the Oregon Game Commission at a public hearing in Portland.

To accommodate hunters who must make their vacation plans early each year, the Commission established the opening dates for the general deer season, elk season, and the season for pheasants and quail. Dates selected were October 4 for deer, November 1 for Rocky Mountain elk, November 15 for Roosevelt elk, and October 18 for pheasants and quail.

The Commission advised hunters that only the opening dates for these seasons were established, with length of seasons, bag limits, and other regulations for the fall hunting seasons to be established at the regular regulations hearings to be held later in the year.

Outdoorsmen present at the Portland meeting voiced general agreement with the selected dates.

Above Average Water Supplies Seen for Summer

Water users in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties can expect average to above average water supplies in the spring and summer of 1969, according to a report released today by A. J. Webber, state conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland.

Snow accumulation as of February 1 was 145 percent of average on the Walla Walla, Umatilla, McKay and Butter Creek watersheds.

Soils are well wetted because of above average fall precipitation. Profiles are 79 percent of capacity.

Stored water in Cold Springs is 30,600 acre feet compared to 26,000 a year ago. McKay has 31,700 acre feet stored compared to 18,000 acre feet one year ago. Both reservoirs should fill to near usable capacity of 50,000 and 73,800 acre feet respectively, given normal winter conditions from this date.

Winter precipitation, November 1 to February 1, has been 129 percent of the 15 year average (1953-67) according to the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Statewide, adequate to above average water supplies will be experienced by Oregon water users this spring and summer. January storms deposited generous amounts of snow on an already above average snowpack. Soil moisture is better than it has been for the past several years. Forecasted streamflow is average to above average in all areas of the state.

Tens of millions of Americans now own Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares worth \$52.2 billion.

Snow May Create Ceiling, Wall Woes

Melting snow on rooftops of houses may be a sign of moderating weather. On the other hand, it can mark the beginning of trouble on inside walls and ceilings.

Mike Huber, Oregon State University Extension agricultural engineer, says inside water damage sometimes occurs when snow melts on shingled roofs before it melts on the overhang. Water from the melting snow drains down into the snow remaining on the overhang. Here it freezes and gradually builds up an ice dam, which may extend up the roof past the interior wall line.

Ice accumulated in the gutter and downspout aggravates the condition.

A warm spell, heat from inside the house, or even rays of the sun while the temperature is freezing, can melt snow on the roof. The water, blocked by the ice dam on the overhang, seeps under the shingles and down through interior walls of the ceiling.

This can be prevented, suggests Huber, by removing snow from the overhang, up about three feet from the edge and above the wall line. A rake with a board attached, or an improvised rake made from a long 2x4 attached to a sheet of plywood, might be used to do the job.

Mr. and Mrs. John Venard attended a meeting in Portland recently for First National Bank managers and their wives from throughout the state of Oregon. The couple enjoyed renewing acquaintances with many old friends during the three-day meeting and report that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wishart, former Heppnerites, now making their home in Prairie City, were also in attendance.

Green Guard Aids Fire Prevention Almost 27 Years

For almost 27 years the Oregon Green Guard, youth branch of the Keep Oregon Green Association, has actively fought to help prevent man-caused fires in Oregon forests.

Since its beginning more than 165,000 youngsters have participated, according to Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of KOG. He emphasizes the organization is always seeking new members, and is open to any Oregon boy or girl aged eight through sixteen.

Members of the Green Guard are able to help prevent fires by being aware of fire danger, passing this awareness on to parents and others, and by knowing what to do if they personally spot a forest fire.

During the 1967 fire season a total of 79 Oregon Green Guards were presented with Service-Under-Fire awards, earned by reporting or helping to suppress a forest fire.

Membership is free and each applicant receives a Green Guard Fire Prevention kit containing a membership identification card, a Green Guard Shield to be worn on the clothing, and a window sticker. Also included is a manual of instruction on a variety of topics including fire danger weather, what to do if lost, forest markers, hints for the hiker away from the beaten path, aging trees, tree planting and more.

To become an Oregon Green Guard, send a written request to the Keep Oregon Green Association, 2750 State Street, P. O. Box 471, Salem, Oregon 97308.

For any kind of printing, call The Gazette-Times.

Medical Association Makes Appointments

Oregon Medical Association's president, J. Richard Raines, M. D., has announced the appointment of James A. Kronenberg to the OMA executive staff.

Demedde will assume duties as associate executive director in charge of public affairs, while Kronenberg will act as associate executive director in the area of communications, community affairs, and field service. Robert O. Bissell is Oregon Medical Association executive director, a post which he assumed January 1 after six years with the organization.

Demedde is formerly editor and publisher of the Oregon Voter, Associated Oregon Industries public relations director, director of public information for Pacific University, and most recently director of public relations at Lloyd Center. He is a graduate of San Jose State College and has done graduate work at Pacific University.

Kronenberg comes to the OMA from the Portland Commission of Public Docks, where he was assistant director of public relations. He is former sales and promotions manager of the Gray Line Company of Oregon and general manager of the Portland Civic Theatre. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

A week of skiing at Sun Valley, Idaho, was enjoyed last week by Libby Abrams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abrams. Libby traveled by train to the resort, where she was met by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Morrow, and daughter, of Palo Alto, Calif., who were enjoying a winter vacation there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl LaBree were Heppner visitors last month, traveling from Yakima, Wash., to attend the wedding of Mrs. LaBree's son, Tom Laird, to Sue Griffith.

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