



JOHN HARRIS, chapter president, left, received the Public Speaking award. Steve McDaniel holds his Agriculture Mechanics award.

4-H Livestock Clubs Have Special Meeting

By BIRDINE TULLIS

Gooseberry 4-H Livestock Club and their guests, the Lone Livestock and Crops Club looked at beef animals from a new point of view at their meeting Sunday.

Club leader Louis Carlson feels that a member must really understand the purpose for which his beef animal is intended, and what the housewife looks for in the meat counter, to really turn out a prime animal.

Acting on this suggestion, Agent Gail McCarty prepared a

slide presentation on carcasses and cuts of meat to present to 4-H clubs. Approximately 25 members and 12 parents and leaders attended the meeting at Valby.

Gail's presentation was unique and educational as he used slides of two beef carcasses simultaneously—one extremely fat and over finished, the other a trimmer more desirable carcass. Carcasses had been frozen standing and sliced in sections which revealed all desirable and undesirable muscle and fat formation.

It was apparent these kids know about beef animals as they sparked the discussion with well chosen and thoughtful comments and questions.

A brief business meeting preceded the slide showing at which each member was reminded he must take the responsibility of determining growth of his animal and for which livestock show he plans to finish it out. Members' ages vary but they all seemed ready to assume responsibility! Growth gain, feed rations, etc. were discussed with knowledge.

This is 4-H at work—building better boys and girls to meet the challenge of tomorrow and today. Can you think of a more rewarding way to spend a Sunday afternoon?

Wheat Men Look at Nitrogen

This year with the amount of moisture we have received many wheatgrowers are considering the application of nitrogen to their wheat crop, notes Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent.

At a meeting last week with Hugh Gardner, Extension Soil Specialist, at Oregon State University, this question was discussed. It was pointed out that with the amount of moisture we have received this winter that the nitrogen level in the soil may have been moved downward to a point where the young wheat plant may be short of nitrogen.

Gardner pointed out the nitrogen level in the soil may be in the lower 2-3 ft. of soil and may not be easily reached by the young wheat plant. He stressed that the nitrogen is not lost but with continued cold weather the plant may not be able to reach the nitrogen at these lower depths.

If nitrogen is added the single most important factor to consider in deciding which form of nitrogen to use is the cost per pound of available nitrogen. Caution should be used with "shanked in" forms to be sure that the least amount of damage is done to the plants and that the nitrogen is not lost to the atmosphere. Dry and liquid forms applied to the surface require additional moisture to move the nitrogen into the soil.

Growers that seeded hard red winter varieties such as Wanser and McCall should give special consideration to applying nitrogen as these varieties are best suited to low rainfall areas and may have a lower protein level than desirable without adding nitrogen this spring. Hard red winter varieties are exactly the opposite from the soft white varieties such as Gaines and Moro which are preferred when protein levels are on the low side.

A soil test for nitrogen is available from Oregon State University to help in determining nitrogen needs.

Filing Deadline Near in County

Gar Swanson and Lawrence Lindsay have filed for positions on the Port of Morrow Commission, according to Sadie Parrish, county clerk. They have filed to succeed themselves.

March 17 is the deadline to file for county positions. To date Paul Jones, Democrat, has filed to succeed himself as County Judge; Joyce Ritch, Democrat and Jack Van Winkle, Republican, have filed for the office of Assessor; C. J. D. Bauman and Homer Hughes, both Republicans have filed for the position of County Commissioner vacated by Jack Van Winkle, and Charles O'Connor and M. V. Nolan, both Democrats have filed for County Commissioners. Bob Baggett has filed for county surveyor.

April 25 is the deadline for registering to vote in the May Primary.

Small Appliances Home Ext. Study

By MOLLY SAUL
"Buying Small Appliances" will be the subject of all Home Extension unit study meetings in March. The lesson will include information on the role of portable electric kitchen appliances in the home. Those taking the lesson will learn how to select, care for, and use the many small appliances now on

the market. Special emphasis will be put on the blender and its many uses. Demonstrations will be given of a variety of food products suitable for a blender. Electrical requirements of small appliances, warranties and guarantees, and use of instruction books will also be included in the study lesson.

Project leaders who will teach

the lesson received their training from the home agent. Leaders are: Boardman—Mrs. J. L. Meinicke, Mrs. W. G. Seehafer; Heppner—Bonnie Clow, Sandy Graham, Mrs. Sonny Biddle, Mrs. Omer Huston, Mrs. Kenneth Batty and Pine City—Mrs. Ron Curran.

Any interested homemaker is invited to attend a unit meeting in her area. Extension membership is not required. Informa-

tion on time and dates of meetings may be obtained from any Extension office. Anyone interested in recipes suitable for a blender may write or phone the Extension Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rood and Deanne were in Hermiston for the bowling tournament Sunday. They visited Mr. Rood's mother, Mrs. Helen Williamson and the Roy Roods and family.

Young folks home from college last weekend included Mark Tullis, who is a freshman at Portland Community College. Earl James Pettyjohn was home from Oregon State and Sue Chally was here from Northwest Christian College. Teresa Harshman came home from Northwest Business College. She will go into junior accounting this summer and then plans to attend Southern Oregon College.

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