

## OSU Extension Service News by Morrow Extension Staff

### LOCAL 4-H TO TRAVEL TO JAPAN

The Oregon 4-H Japan Labo exchange is a two way program, and one Morrow County girl is just as anxious to travel to Japan! Barbara Devine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bloodworth, Heppner, has applied to be one of the Oregon 4-H members who will spend approximately a month in Japan this summer. At this time, about 12 Oregon 4-H members have chosen this as their summer experience. They will be accompanied to Japan by Lois Redman, State 4-H Specialist and Chaperone.

### AMERICAN AGRICULTURE DAY—MARCH 22

America is celebrating the bicentennial year observance of American Agriculture Day, March 22. American agriculture is unique in the history of the world. No where else do 95 per cent of the people live away from the land and engage in making a living other than farming. In addition, American farmers help produce food and fibre for the 4 billion people now living on this earth. This figure increases by 217,000 new mouths to feed each day. In 1975 American farmers, ranchers and growers produced half the world's food supply, and 75 per cent of all food imported by countries that couldn't grow enough food of their own. That alone provided \$22 billion to help balance our balance of trade.

Another startling fact, since 1950 the average output of America's food producers has increased 2 1/2 times the rate of all other U.S. industries.

All of this has occurred and yet food is your best buy in today's market place. We spend 18 per cent of our take-home pay for food; the Japanese pay over 30 per cent. In eastern Europe and Russia it takes from 35 to 50 per cent and in some countries over 70 per cent. In the U.S. in 1950 we spent 22.2 per cent of our take home pay for food, in 1960 it took 20 per cent, and in 1976 only 18 per cent. We may have problems in balancing our family budget, but how would you like it if it took twice as much money each month for food?

### YOUTH RANGE CAMP 1976

Several fortunate youths from this area will be selected to participate in a week's Range Youth Camp, Aug. 1-7 at the Jackson Youth and Resource Center, Lakecreek Camp, according to Mike Howell, Morrow County Extension Agent.

The boys and girls are selected from applicants of high school age (Grades 9-12) who show skills in leadership, interest in range, forest and wildlife management. They must have written recommendations from two adults other than their parents.

The camp is located at the base of the Strawberry Mountains in Grant County. While there, the delegates will learn of range, forest and wildlife management in association with other boys and girls from all participating counties in Oregon. Instructors at the camp are from Oregon State University, USDA Forest Service and The Soil Conservation Service. Local business and organizations provide the scholarship funds for the participants.

Any boy or girl interested can obtain an application from the County Extension Office. Applications must be filed by April 30.

### SEW TO SAVE

More women are sewing at home today than ever before. They are creating not only their own clothing and articles for their homes, but also suits, jackets and pants for the men in their lives.

More can be saved by sewing garments such as coats, dresses, suits than by sewing such articles as children's nightwear and under garments. If the quality desired or a proper fit cannot be found in ready-to-wear, it will be a savings to sew it yourself. If high quality fabrics, designer type garments are what you want, you will save more by doing them yourself than by sewing a simple house dress.

Cost of sewing depends on your sewing enough to spread the cost of equipment over many hand made items, as the purchase of a sewing machine is a large investment. Many individuals purchase complicated machines that "do everything" and then do not use them to the fullest capacity. A simpler, less expensive machine would be a better investment in this case.

Cost of notions should be considered. Use left over materials, watch for good buys in quality fabrics, re-use patterns, zippers and buttons. Eliminate any unnecessary notions such as hem tape and linings whenever possible. Often, especially with knits, zippers as well as hem tape and seam binding may be omitted. On thing that should not be omitted is the interfacing, but by purchasing various weights you will often use and having them on hand when you wish to sew can be money and time saving when you eliminate a trip to town.

Sewing to keep older garments in good repair in order to wear them longer, altering or recycling garments can be real money savers. Sewing custom made items for your home such as draperies, will save as you eliminate the cost of labor.

Be sure you have the skills to accomplish the desired effect of well made items which you will be proud to wear or use, as any item on which you spend time and money must be worn or used or the costs are a loss. Sometimes taking a class to learn skills will definitely save you money.

### FLOOD PROTECTION

Local personnel of USDA agencies meet periodically to discuss items of mutual interest. In Morrow County this group includes Dave McLeod, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; Sam Miller, U.S. Forest Service; Bob Addleman, Soil Conservation Service; and Harold Kerr, Morrow County Sheriff. John Mollahan also met with us to discuss problems which could occur in connection with floods in our county. We discussed many items including the role of the Heppner Water Control District, and the land treatment projects which are planned, plus the work already accomplished on Shobe and Blackhorse Canyon watersheds.

The importance of channel clearance and the problems connected with working in streams and on stream banks was also discussed. The land treatment project on Willow, Hinton and Bain Fork is sponsored by the Heppner Water Control District, Columbia Blue Mountain RC&D, and the landowners, will, in the opinion of this group, go a long way toward providing flood protection for Heppner and the downstream communities of Lexington and Ione, as well as farm land in the Willow Creek drainage. These flood protection measures do provide relief from silt damage to homes and yards, plus the real benefit of keeping the soil back on the farmland where it belongs. We also discussed the public meeting scheduled on the Willow Creek Dam and urge citizens to attend and state their feelings pro or con.

The Heppner Water Control District Land Treatment Project is divided into 5 phases. Phase 1 scheduled to let the construction contract in the very near future, contains 324,000 feet of diversion ditches and 80 silt dams.

When completed, the project will include approximately 950,000 feet of diversion ditches and 400 silt dams. The cost of this project is shared as follows: 75 per cent RC&D funds, 10 per cent from the Heppner Water Control District and 15 per cent from the landowners.

## SPRAY NEWS

Mary Williams

Albert Frost was here from Hermiston Sunday attending a meeting in the interest of the forthcoming Spray reunion June 19-20. Tentative plans were made, with Albert Frost Clara Jenkins and Margaret Ashmead in charge of committee planning.

As of the first reunion, held in 1974, a supper will be served Saturday evening, a Sunday breakfast and potluck dinner and a morning church service at the high school gym.

Many other plans are underway, more than 500 invitations going out to former Spray residents, friends and classmates.

Bob Keys escaped with no serious injuries when he turned to avoid hitting a deer a few miles below Spray. The truck over turned and was badly damaged.

Don Troxell was dismissed from a hospital last week and after spending a few days at the home of his daughter, the Larry Brisbois, Boardman, he has returned home. Troxell fell while working in his shop, sustaining an injured spleen.

Flu is prevalent in this vicinity as elsewhere, attacking in varied forms including infected throats, pleurisy, and pneumonic conditions, similar only in the long recovery period.

Sid and Randy Britt, Echo, visited briefly with relatives in Spray Saturday enroute to Bend where they purchased a trailer. Marty, Shawn and Libby Dawn visited through the day at the Roy Britt, Billy and Merna Richards and Mimi Williams home.

There was a good turn out of American Legion and Auxiliary members Saturday and Sunday at the Legion Hall for the cleanup and repair day and potluck dinner.

Johanne and Carol Asher were attending business in Hermiston Saturday and Anita Cody accompanied Alice Deitz to John Day Friday for business and a day of shopping.

Mrs. Dave Stirewall and Sarah Pemberton were hostesses March 3 at a birthday party honoring Dave and Sarah's mother, Jeannie, at her home near Spray. The birthday cake, prepared by Jane Stirewall and an afternoon for exchanging memories with old friends was shared by Rose Pemberton, Grace Young, Cora Burnside, Alta Spaulding, Bobbie Hauser, Marge and Ray Davis and Eleanor Ordway with Robbie and Robin. Out of town guests included Mary Mattison and Glenna Barstad, Prineville.

with the latter's daughter, Debbie Barter and her children, Nikki and Shawn, John Day. Beverly McIntyre, Modesto, CA, with her daughter Gay Anderson and daughter Mandy Anne, John Day, Veenie Anderson, Brookings and the hostesses.

When Jimmy Stirewall came home for the weekend from Pendleton, where he attends Blue Mountain college, he was accompanied by the Jim Epleys children, Jimmy, Mark and Dani Dee.

Gregg and Linda Connor, with their sons Thad and Josh, are here visiting the Ben Connors. They were guests Sunday evening at the Donny Rardins home in observance of Gregg's birthday.

Dave and Jane Stirewall joined the Zack Keys Monday for extending birthday greetings. Jane did not disclose the number of candles lighted on the cake she and Dave presented Zack Sr.

Marion Winebarger was in Spray over the weekend, a visitor at the Don Collins and Jim and Jeannie Stirewall homes. Marion was enroute to Prineville from his home at Mesa, WA.

Cora Burnside is enjoying family members this week, her sons Earl Steagall, John Day and the Wilbur Steagalls, Lexington and their daughter and family, the Jerry Doughertys, Heppner. Also, Mrs. Burnside's sister Veenie Anderson, Brookings. On Sunday the group visited Cora and Veenie's sister, Martha Stockton, at her home here.

Wilbur and Judy Alford and son Jason are in Yakima, WA this week visiting Wilbur's mother, Bonnie, and other relatives.

Bud and Verne McCarty have returned from Wallula, WA where they visited their sister, Bernice Cummings. They stopped for visiting other relatives in Kennewick enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Green, Prineville and Jackie Lipper and son Jeff were in charge of Service-Creek Store and Cafe while the Jack Warrens were in Corvallis last week attending the wrestling tournament.

The Joe Worleins have had their grandsons Troy and Travis Hyatt, here from Heppner for a few days.

The Spray High School student body sponsored a dance March 6 with Condon's Barnstorm band. The student body served sandwiches and pop. Proceeds will go to the Jerry Crapo family whose home burned March 5.

The family of Roger and Beverly Asher hosted a party March 6 at the Grange Hall honoring their parents on their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Anniversary cake was baked and decorated with pink roses against a white background, by Lavere Peck.

Present for the enjoyable occasion were the Ashers children and their families, the Frank Howells, Spray, Bonnie and Gene Mortimore and son Billy Dean, Kinzua; Dean and Denise Asher and daughter Nicole, Heppner and the Asher's son Todd.

Others present were Roger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Asher, Robert and Anita Cody, Ellen Bowler with Misty and Jamie, Edgar and Jerene Enyart, Pat and Barbara Adams and Frank Asher and Dottie and Harry Davenport, Long Creek.

The Dick Larsons are announcing the birth of their first child at a Prineville hospital, March 7.

Amanda Jo weighed 6 lbs, 6 oz and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meadows.

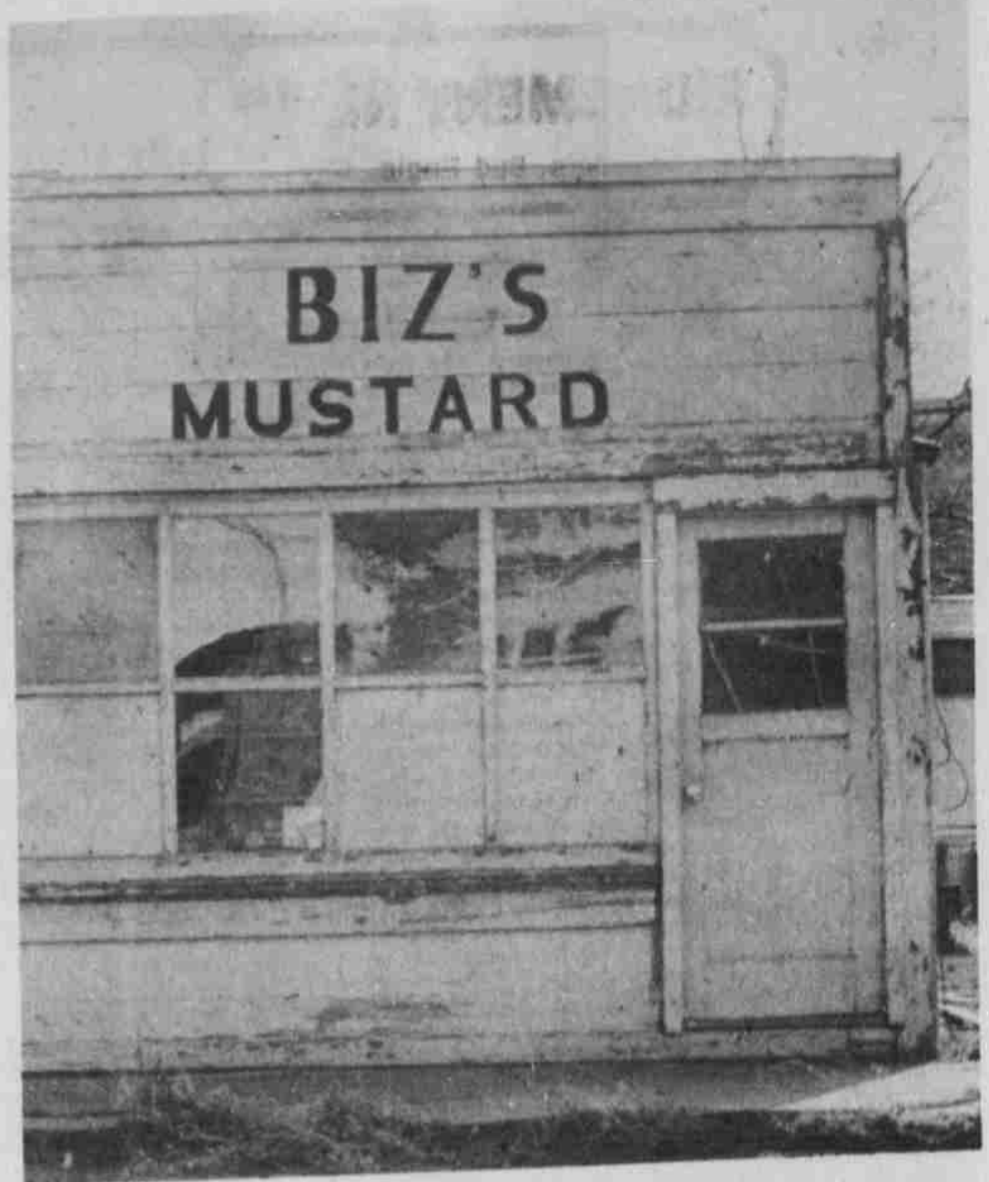
George and Amine Nichols were pleasantly surprised Friday evening when the Paul Nichols, stopped overnight. Paul and Maxine were returning from a business trip to Portland to their home at Council, ID where Paul is employed with Boise-Cascade Logging.

Mrs. Frank Howell left Tuesday morning for Corvallis where she attended a meeting in the evening. On Wednesday she was present at a workshop for classes in judging leathercraft. Valerie is an accomplished leather worker.

Celia Reed suffered bruises and severe head lacerations requiring seven stitches when she fell Tuesday. Gus Strecker took Mrs. Reed to Heppner for treatment and she was able to return home.

Margaret Ashmead was busied at her home Wednesday with amusecaneous household shower for the Jerry Crapo family whose home burned last week.

A good week ahead and say something nice to that person you haven't been speaking to. It will give you a nice inner glow. And they might be driving by tomorrow when your car stalls. On second thought, a lady on my favorite soap opera just now remarked, "Anyone can hand out praise... it takes courage to be a battle axe." It's your choice.



WHO IS BIZ?

### LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for Little League baseball will be held March 15 through April 3. Registration forms may be obtained at the elementary school offices in Heppner or Ione. The registration cards must be returned to the team managers before the first tryout to be held April 3.

Boys and girls ages 9-12 are eligible to play, however, they must have completed their 9th birthday before Aug. 1, 1976 and may not complete their 13th birthday after July 31, 1976.

All applicants must present a birth certificate before the season begins.

### SPRING VACATION NEXT WEEK

Morrow County Schools, like most other schools throughout the state, will be closed next week for the annual Spring vacation.

School will be closed for 5 days, beginning Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26.

School offices will be open during the week. School will resume Monday, March 29 with all activities on a regular schedule.

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