

Extension Events... with Birdine Tullis



Tour North Morrow

The pond is filling at the PGE plant; new homes, as well as industry and businesses are springing up all over! So it is time for another look at that fast developing part of our county.

Anyone interested is invited to sign on right now for a guided tour of North Morrow County on May 23. Harold Kerr, famous for his guided

tours, will again be pointing out the newer developments, agriculture, and other items of interest along the way. Bus Clough, PGE, will join the group at noon, to share information on what is new at the coal-fired plant.

Luncheon will be no-host at one of the Boardman restaurants. Transportation cost will be small, and will be collected on the bus.

The tour is sponsored by the Homemaker's Advisory Committee, and is open to all interested, both men and women.

To reserve a seat on the bus, call 676-9642, or write extension office, Box 397, Heppner 97836.

Take a Learning Vacation... Attend Mini College

Oregon women and men will have a choice of two mini-colleges this June, each an opportunity to take a learning vacation on a college campus.

Registration forms are available now at extension offices for the OSU Mini College, Corvallis, June 19-23, and the Grande Ronde Mini College, EOSC, La Grande, June 23-25. The fifth annual OSU Mini-College offers a choice of 90 different classes ranging from auto mechanics and kitchen planning to public school financing and genealogy...or the many interests in between!

The OSU event attracted nearly 700 women last year, and promises to be even more popular this year. Classes are filled on a "first come" basis, with final registration date of June 1. Cost to attend is only \$60 for the week, which includes room and board... which is a bargain, anyway you want to look at it.

The Grande Ronde Mini-College offers three days of learning, with other events unique to the area, such as a geology tour and gondola ride in the Wallowa Lake region.

Registration for the La Grande event is due by June 16, with a wide variety of class choices available. Housing is \$4 per person each night, registration \$15 for each individual, and meals, \$6.50 a day. Children are welcome to attend along with parents.

Housing is on campus of Eastern Oregon State College. So take your choice...both are planned for you. Everyone is welcome!

4-H Home Ec Members and Leaders Tour to Portland

Something new is in the planning stages for 4-H members and leaders...a tour of Portland on June 13. A bus has been scheduled to take all interested members, sixth grade and older, and their leaders for an educational and fun day in the city.

The tour will include an educational program at Daisy Kingdom, a popular fabric store in old town Portland, and one other educational stop, with some time allowed for just exploring old town.

Cost will be \$2.50 for transportation, plus lunch and dinner to be paid individually. One requirement is that a leader or parent accompany each club group. Reservations will be taken on a "first come basis".

Leaders may call 676-9642 to reserve seats for their club, or

return the registration form which was included in the May extension newsletter, with reservations due June 1.

Homemaker's Day...A Day to Remember

The annual extension women's day held in Irrigon last week proved a day to remember...memories or past events were vividly brought to life by "history" complete with pictures. Happy times were recalled by all as Maud Caswell Fluent, Bev Doherty, and Grace Drake, former agents, shared their memories. The slide, narration history of women's events in the county, was presented by Dorris Graves and Jean Nelson. Many women who had been active in the events were present to share the remembering, adding their own memories to the program.

A look back at fashion trends from the late 1800s to

4-H Leader Salute

Des Witt

present, was provided by a style show of old garments, modeled by 4-H'ers, Erin Evans, Joan Partlow, Tamie Rock, and Lori Witt, with comments by Birdine Tullis, to add a light hearted interlude to the program. A reading by Ruth Bentley provided further entertainment.

Mistress of ceremonies for the event was Vera Cooley, chairman of the Homemaker's Advisory Committee. Members of Irrigon study group served as hostesses for the day, with each study group assisting. A special day—to remember!

Des Witt, Irrigon, 4-H horse club leader for the Desert Riders, our north Morrow club...and a "hand" with horses and kids! Des is presently serving his second year of leadership in Morrow County, having moved to the Irrigon area from Hermiston a couple of years ago. He is busy from daylight to dark with his farm management...but not too busy to take time for horses and kids. The Witt family are well known in the quarter horse circles, for Des raises horses, and daughter Lori shows them all summer! The other two family members area wife, Ann, and son Scott, a senior at Riverside High. Aren't we lucky to have leaders like Des...sharing their skills and love of horses with our 4-H'ers? You bet!

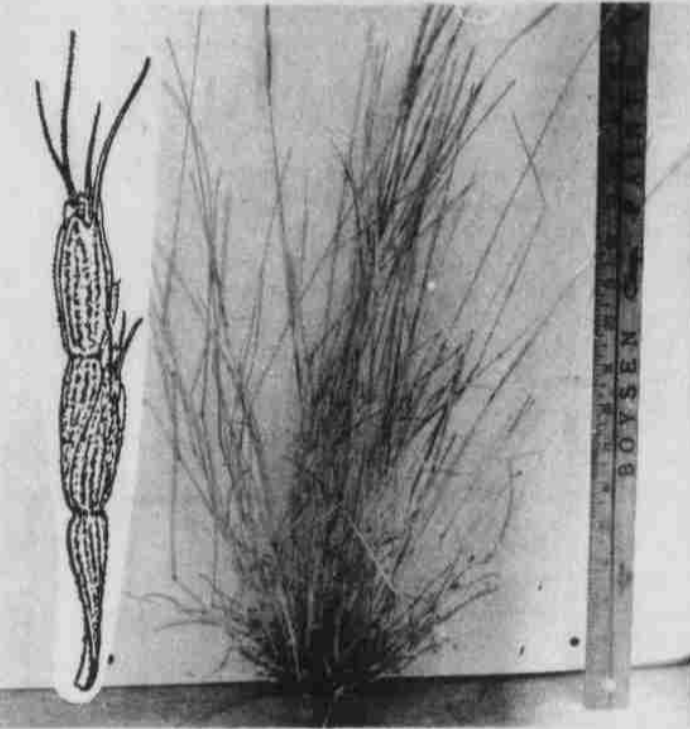
Winter wheat planting down from last year

Oregon growers have planted 1,265,000 acres of wheat for 1978, according to the latest early spring acreage survey by the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Winter wheat acreage is placed at 1,150,000 acres which is four per cent less than last

year. Spring wheat is estimated at 115,000 acres, 47 per cent more than a year ago.

Nationwide, food grain acreage (wheat, rice and rye) is expected to decrease 11 per cent from last year to 70.9 million acres.



Jointed goatgrass

Jointed goatgrass (shown above) invading Morrow County wheatfields can be controlled by planting clean wheat seed and rodding just prior to seeding. Insert shows spike detail.

Area Goatgrass spread worries County Agent

Jointed goatgrass is a winter annual weed which is spreading rapidly in the winter wheat-fallow areas of Eastern Oregon and could pose a serious threat to dryland wheat farmers in Morrow County.

County Extension Agent Harold Kerr said the weed has been turning up locally for about the past three years and has been found in every area of the county. Kerr said the goatgrass has the potential to be as bad a problem for farmers as cheatgrass.

The weed competes with winter wheat for moisture and fertility and greatly reduces grain yields. It is principally found in wheat fields but also

spreads to roadsides, waste areas and grassland.

Kerr said planting clean wheat seed is the key to controlling the goatgrass. He suggests planting at the latest recommended date and rodding just prior to seeding to insure good weed control. If rain occurs near the planting time, wait a few days for the jointed goatgrass seed to germinate. The new seedling plants can then be killed with tillage prior to wheat seeding.

Even small infestations in a winter wheat field should be destroyed and seed production of goatgrass near the field, such as in roadside and waste areas, should be eliminated. Harvesting equipment

should be free of weed seed before moving into the field.

Morrow County Grain Growers manager Larry Mills said winter wheat grain that contains jointed goatgrass seed is docked at the grain elevators.

Roger Martin believes that land use planning will not be practical until it is brought back to the county level.

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