

Stamp collection program to aid the world's needy

CANCELLED STAMPS

With the Christmas Card season almost upon us, it seems a likely time to mention that Extension Homemaker's Committee collects cancelled stamps, sending them once yearly to a collection point. The president of Oregon Homemaker's Council tells us that 25,000 cancelled stamps will feed a child in one of the developing or needy countries a bowl of cereal and a glass of milk every day for a year! Anyone wishing to save stamps for a good use, may turn them in to the Extension office for the committee, or to a member of the committee. Those who serve on the Homemaker's Committee are Lyla Wilcox, Yvonne St. Denis, Juanita Ryan, Irrigon; Mildred Wright, Ramona Marshall, Heppner; and Debbie Sheirbon, Laura Broderick, Lexington.

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All leaders and 4-H families were recently mailed a "4-H Calendar" which includes dates of all 4-H events presently planned for our county, as well as due dates for application to attend a variety of events. As other events are planned, they will be noted in the Extension Newsletter, in order that they may be penciled in on the calendar. It is hoped that everyone will post the calendar on their family bulletin board and refer to it often. Dates listed start immediately, and go through fair next summer. Any family that did not receive the calendar, please call John or Birdine at 676-9642.

Seasonal food buys are outlined

This year many more apples are going into Controlled Atmosphere storage. In fact, the best apples are usually selected for CA storage. This has kept the current price for fresh apples a little higher than usual, but it should make for good quality apples throughout the year.

Bosc, Comice and D'Anjou pears are excellent for salads and desserts. For a quick and glamorous dessert, serve flaming halves of Comice pears. For the flame, light a sugar cube which has been saturated with lemon extract. Serve at once.

Don't be misled by the rather homely exterior appearance of Satsuma mandarins. They are seedless, sweet, flavorful and great for holiday munching. Grapefruit quality continues to improve as prices go down. Navel oranges are still on the expensive side but prices should start going down very soon.

Winter vegetables in good supply include cabbage, hard-shelled squash, sweet potatoes and yams, dry onions, potatoes, rutabagas, parsnips, broccoli and carrots.

Leaf lettuces are the better buy in salad greens right now. However, the price of head lettuce has started to decline as more lettuce is coming to market.

On a cost per serving basis, ground beef, beef liver and

4-H ENROLLMENTS NEEDED IN COUNTY OFFICE

We are offering a special plea to leaders to get their club enrollments in to the extension office as soon as

Extension Events... By Birdine Tullis

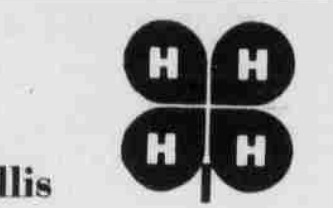
possible. Without your club enrollment, it is impossible for us to contact members with notices of events and activities. If you do not have all member cards, please send us the larger enrollment sheet listing name and addresses of your members, and send the member card later. Thanks, already!

NEW CLUB LEADERS READY FOR MEMBERS

Several new 4-H leaders in our county are eager to get their club meetings started. Contact the office, or call the leader directly. One such leader is Dwight Bailey, a new leader out on Buttercreek. He came to us with eight years leadership experience in livestock projects in Roseburg, and is all ready to start a year. Wayne Wilson and Paul Hanson are still taking members in their Mechanical Science club, Heppner. And there are others! If your young person wants to join 4-H, call 676-9642.

ERIN AND JAN'S TRIP TO NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS
It was more exciting than our two girls had planned! With the Portland airport fogged in on the day of their scheduled departure, they were the lucky ones who

managed to get on the only plane that left that day. Cards from both during their week in Chicago reported on special events, dinners and other exciting times—as well as appreciation for the opportu-



ities offered them through 4-H. After the full week of activities, their exciting times were not to cease, for Chicago weather also offered problems for their trip home. We hope they always wanted to see San Francisco, for that is the way their changed flight plans took them! Due to arrive in Portland in the morning, they finally arrived there late that night.

Excitement and memories to last a long time! We'll hear more about their experience later, as the girls have many slides to share with us.

Grain and potato harvest statistics listed for state

Oregon's farmers produced 51.9 million bushels of wheat in 1978, nine per cent more than last year. Since the harvested acreage was not much different, (5,000 acres less) the increase was all in higher yields per acre. Last year, the crop suffered drought conditions in Eastern Oregon; this year lower yields were experienced in western Oregon because of a cold, wet spring.

Winter wheat, the major part of Oregon's wheat crop, was estimated at 47.3 million bushels, five per cent more than last year. Acreage, down five per cent from 1977, was offset by improved yields up four bushels from a year ago. Spring wheat production, at 4.6 million bushels, was nearly double last year; acreage was 79 per cent larger and yields were up nine per cent over 1977.

The Oregon Crop and Live-

CowBelles elect leaders; launch beef certificates

New officers elected during the CowBelles annual meeting last Saturday at the Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner included Norma French, president; Ruth Nutting, first vice president; Betty Carlson, second vice president; Susie Ward, secretary, and Becky Evans, treasurer.

President French announced that CowBelles' beef certificates are now on sale at the First National Bank and the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Starting Jan. 1, the certificates will be available only at the Bank of Eastern Oregon's offices in Heppner, Ione and Arlington.

Krebs elected officer in Oregon Sheep Assn.

Henry Krebs of Ione was re-elected as treasurer of the Oregon Sheep Growers Assn., following the organization's annual convention last week in Portland. Bob Geaney of Myrtle Point was re-elected

president of the statewide group, and Bill Steiwer of Fossil. Tom Watson of Hermiston and Gary Williams of Bonanza were elected vice presidents.

Food drop for needy set for Friday ballgame

The Neighborhood Center in Heppner is holding a food drive for the needy during the current holiday season.

At Heppner High School's home basketball game this Friday night, boxes will be available in which to drop off non-perishable food items for distribution by the center.

Environmental statement on

Heppner District ready to review

The Heppner Planning Unit draft environmental statement is now available for public review and comment. Umatilla National Forest Supervisor

Herb Rudolph has announced. Copies of the draft or notices are now being mailed to those on our mailing list. In an effort to get the greatest distribution of the limited printing, due to cost and increasing demand, copies will be available for review at a number of city, county and college libraries

and all Umatilla National Forest offices.

A few, limited copies may be obtained while the supply lasts by contacting the Forest Supervisor's office, 2517 S.W. Halley Ave., Pendleton, 97801. Allowing for the busy holiday season and providing for the required review period, all comments on the Heppner Planning Unit draft environmental statement must be received by the Forest Supervisor at the above address by Feb. 19, 1979.

Lexington sets Dec. 18 for Grange potluck

Lexington Grange will meet Monday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall for a potluck dinner and their regular meeting.

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