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Pick up Labo Exchange Trip application forms early

By BIRDINE TULLIS,
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While summer plans may seem distant, those who are including the Labo Exchange Trip to Japan should be picking up application forms and returning them to the Extension office right away. Our grapevine tells us there are a number of 4-H'ers who

hope to be a part of the annual exchange.

Any 4-H member ages 12 through 17 may apply to be a part of the large group of Oregon 4-H'ers who will travel to Japan to spend a month with a host family there. Adults wishing to apply as chaperones, too, need to make application by January 5, as all applications are due in

Corvallis, by January 15. Forms for both members and chaperones are available at the Extension office.

Procedure for applying is simple, and costs for the trip may be paid in monthly installments or all at one time, whichever is most convenient.

For complete information regarding the Labo exchange, call the Extension office, 676-9642.

FmHA proposes to simplify and speed up loan appeal process

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to simplify and speed up the appeal process for loans turned down by Farmers Home Administration.

"It would mean better, faster service for borrowers and would cut administrative costs," said FmHA Administrator Charles W. Shuman, "and we believe that if an applicant feels our decision has been in error, we owe the person a speedy review."

FmHA is a credit agency of the USDA and makes loans to farmers and other rural residents for farming, housing

and community development.

People have until Jan. 4, 1982, to submit comments on the proposed changes.

Shuman said the proposal would reduce the number of steps involved in an appeal to no more than two in the field and one in the agency's national office in Washington. This, he said, would cut administrative costs and the time it takes to process appeals.

Some of the proposed changes are:

- Pre-hearing meetings may be waived.
- Files must be made available for inspection upon re-

quest by the appellant before being mailed to the hearing officer.

-Tape recordings of hearings are optional rather than mandatory.

-Further appeals can be made within 30 days instead of 20, to give the appellant adequate time.

Details are available in the Nov. 5 issue of the Federal Register. Comments should be sent to: Directives Management Branch, Rm 6346-S, Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Wheat Growers Convention to be held in Pendleton Nov. 29-Dec. 2

What is power to a farmer? Power means labor-saving machinery, from combines to computers. But power also means a strong industry voice, said a Wheat Growers spokesperson.

These and many other aspects of power will be discussed at the 54th annual convention of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, November 29 through December 2 in Pendleton.

Exhibits from 33 manufacturers will be on display inside and outside of the Pendleton Memorial Armory, which also will be the site of

the conventional business sessions. The Pendleton Red Lion-Indian Hills Motor Inn will be the headquarters motel, but all convention events will be at the Armory.

"This will be a 'working' convention," says Oregon Wheat Growers League president Stan Timmerman. Speakers will provide grist for the meetings of the 12 committees of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Timmerman will speak at the annual meeting on the value of a strong association of wheat farmers.

Other speakers will include: State Senator Bob Smith, R - Burns, Oregon Senate Minority leader, on how farmers can wield power in the legislature.

-Bob Zimmerman, Almira, Washington farmer and inventor of a grain drill used in dry summer-fallow areas, on how to market ideas.

-Ray Stueckle, Boise, Idaho "machine innovator," who conducts clinics around the country to help farmers find the best combine settings.

-Ron Reed will speak on how computers can be used

in farming for bookkeeping, for market information, and even to make major farming decisions.

-Frank Nims, Cove farmer and chairman of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), on how farm programs will influence farm management decisions in the next year.

-Richard Olson, Chairman of the Board of the Association of Oregon Industries (AOI), Eugene, on how individuals can become more powerful through associations.

One of the most important developments of the Oregon Wheat Growers League in many years will be formally introduced during the convention. It is the new non-profit Oregon Wheat Foundation—the educational, scientific and philanthropic arm of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. The Foundation already has sponsored two educational programs for Oregon wheat farmers. Future plans for the Foundation will be discussed in the convention, said a spokesperson.

Senior Citizen News

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Senior Citizens are reminded that on Wednesday, Dec. 2, their noon meal and regular monthly blood pressure checkup will take place in the 4-H Annex at the fairgrounds.

It is wise for those wishing blood pressure checkups by volunteer R.N. Karen Thomas to plan to come about one-half hour before noon. During the

noon hour, Dec. 2, Senior Advocate Jo Ann Bugarski, from Pendleton, will be there to show a short film on hypothermia and to explain about good and bad effects that are related to that condition.

Ms. Bugarski will also help explain the 1981 winter fuel program which will begin soon in the ECOAC (East Central Oregon Association of Counties) to which the Heppner Mealsite is closely related.

Elks pinochle to begin Dec. 9

The second session of Elks pinochle club day will begin Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining should attend this session, said a spokesperson.

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