

Club Clips

The American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Friday, Nov. 5, with 13 members present.

Hulda Dorsch and Wanda Dowdy reported on the Support Our Soldiers project. They talked about the generous gifts that the community provided for the items as well as the postage. Mrs. Dorsch and Mrs. Dowdy shared pictures of them working along with Cory Underwood and Afton Krien, who volunteered from the school to help box these items.

Then Mrs. Dorsch reported on all the preparations and packaging that went on in Hays.

"This was quite an experience," Mrs. Dorsch said.

They packaged 500 boxes to go to servicemen from Kansas or who have relatives in Kansas. The volunteers in Hays got them ready to go so the packages were ready to be mailed to Iraq on that Monday.

Members were reminded about Christmas gifts for the Veteran's Administration Hospital again this year. Nov. 12 will be the day to get these tallied and boxed up.

There was a letter inviting everyone to the awards dinner for the 4-H on Sunday at the Legion Hall, Nov. 7.

Mrs. Dorsch will have her annual Christmas Dinner for the Auxiliary on Dec. 3. She will need reservations to be made by the Nov. 29 or 30. It was decided that each member attending should bring a gift for a game of fun.

Gwen Boswell and Marlene Young had a program for the day. They showed a video about Mount Rushmore and Mrs. Boswell shared about a trip to South Dakota and what she enjoyed while being at Mount Rushmore.

Member enjoyed a time of fellowship and delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Boswell and Mrs. Young.

McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development met on Wednesday, Nov. 3 with 17 members present. Bud Mosier called the meeting to order and reports were given.

McDonald Area Development will be receiving \$500 from the Parks and Commission and it will

be used for trees, paint and lumber for the picnic tables at the Highway 36 Park.

Laurie Leonard has volunteered to help the group get an E. I. N. number and a tax number.

Members decided they will not sponsor a Fall Family Fun Day. The fun and games will be incorporated with the Fourth of July celebration and ice cream social.

There is still painting to be done at Highway Park, but it may have to wait until spring. The windmill will be in place by spring.

Christmas bingo was discussed. In November letters will be sent to persons who donate prizes or money for bingo. This is the only time during the year that the club asks for donations. The Lions Club Pancake Day, Santa Day and bingo will be held on Dec. 18. McDonald Area Development will help the Lions make up fruit baskets. Some Christmas decorations and lights are in need of repair. Ray and Marlene Johnson were to purchase lights and garlands for repair. Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. was set for repairing the decorations. The lights will be in place before Thanksgiving so that lights can go on the day after Thanksgiving.

Derrick Trail of Atwood was introduced as the new manager of the Hardware. His hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 to 3.

Hospital Guild

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the St. Francis Senior Center on Nov. 1 with 12 members and one guest present.

Vickie Reuber, the director of the Home Health Care at the Good Samaritan Village, gave an interesting program on the services they provide. She explained the PACE program.

Reports were given and the committee appointed to decorate the waiting room wall of the hospital, reported that the project is completed. Scott Schultz helped hang the arrangement. The cost of the project was told and it was decided to pay the bill.

Members voted to have Sherry Schultz buy a table and chairs for a children's corner.

The meeting was adjourned and Naomi Holliman and Alice Lampe were hostess for the afternoon.

The next meeting will be Dec. 6.



THRESHER SHOW—Larry Henry and Norman Dorsch are still keeping busy at the Thresher Show Grounds. The two men are building a box for a tractor.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Extension Notes By Tye Faulkender

Leaf rust showing up in Kansas wheat

Cool, damp weather has been welcome through much of Kansas this fall, but the conditions have sparked leaf rust in wheat, Kansas State University scientists said.

Producers are expressing concern that their fields are turning yellow and wondering if it's wheat streak mosaic, said K-State Research and Extension crop specialist Jim Shroyer. In this case, however, there are chlorotic (dying) areas with large orange pustules on the leaves. That is what's giving the field the yellow color and how it can be identified as leaf rust.

"I don't recall it ever being this widespread before," Specialist Shroyer said. "We always see some of this in south central Kansas, but it's quite unusual to see it so far west," he said, citing calls he's received from Wichita, Smith, Logan and Comanche counties, among others.

"Leaf rust has been observed throughout the state from south central to northwest Kansas and in north central Oklahoma as well," said K-State Extension plant pathologist Jim Stack. "Last week, I saw severe

leaf rust in fields of volunteer wheat in Cheyenne and Sherman counties as well as in newly-emerged wheat."

"The number one question is, will it hurt the wheat? Generally, the answer is no, but I've had reports that some small wheat is dying," Specialist Shroyer said.

Although the severities in some fields are high, the probability that it will impact winter survival or final yield remains very small, Pathologist Stack said.

Specialist Shroyer said the sooner wheat goes dormant, the better. Conversely, the longer wheat keeps growing this fall, if temperatures don't get cold enough, the rust could continue to develop.

Growers sometimes ask if leaf rust can overwinter and damage the wheat in the spring, he said.

"Generally, the answer is no, it won't overwinter if we have a normal cold winter. However, if we have an unusually warm winter, then it's possible leaf rust could overwinter and get an early start next spring," the agronomist said.

He explained that the relatively early wheat planting, coupled with

fairly good moisture and foggy, cool, but not cold conditions kept wheat leaves damp for long periods of time. These are conditions that foster leaf rust growth.

No research has been done on leaf rust treatment in the fall, Specialist Shroyer said, because the threat usually disappears with cold weather.

"It appears that most of the leaf rust is on the old leaves and the newer leaves are okay - that's a good sign. If it stays warm, the newer leaves may become infected as well. I just can't imagine that a fungicide would be profitable or practical," he said, adding that the situation is different this year than in most years. In most years the wheat goes dormant "and that's the end of the story."

Pathologist Stack said that Bob Hunger, a long-time wheat researcher from Oklahoma State University, has said he has never seen a case of fall leaf rust affecting final yield and that fungicide applications in the fall are economically unwarranted. Unless the winter is unusually mild, most of the rust spores will be killed by low winter temperatures.

Men quintet to perform

Ensemble Amarcord, a men's a cappella quintet, will perform at the Atwood High School auditorium on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m., presented by Western Plains Arts Association.

All five members of Amarcord trained in the prestigious St. Thomas Boys Choir in Leipzig, Germany. Blending comedy and vocal skills, their program will include a broad range of delightful repertoire. The

ensemble consistently receives impressive reviews by critics from all over the world.

Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association or at the door.

This program is presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency and National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Years Ago

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Kenneth Kramer announces that he has sold his interest in the Mobile Service Station on Hiway 36 to Wallace Underwood, his assistant, who will take possession Nov. 8. Kennard plans to attend school in Oklahoma, taking training to be a chiropractor.

The Cheyenne County Soil Conservation District plans to hold its annual meeting on Nov. 30 at the Bird City American Legion Hall. The District has been organized

since 1949. The present board of supervisors are Pete O'Brien, chairman; L.L. Trubull, secretary/treasurer; Leonard Brown, member, and John Ramsey, member.

An evening of fun is in store for all who attend the annual senior carnival at the high school Nov. 19.

The Bird City Cardinals are the 1954 A.A. League football champions. The starting lineup includes Fishel, Wright, Kehlbeck, Brethower, Seitz, Hinz, Pettit, Clark, Laird, Eggers and Underwood.

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