

# FARM BUREAU NEWS

(From the Morrow County Farm Bureau News.)

## Farm Bureau and College Get Quick Action

About two weeks ago the alfalfa and irrigation committee of the Boardman Farm Bureau, Mr. Cobb, called the attention of the County Agent to some alfalfa which had died during the winter. An inspection indicated that drainage was probably necessary. Accordingly a request was put in to the Agricultural College for a drainage expert and Prof. W. L. Powers, professor of soils and irrigation, and drainage was at once dispatched. He arrived and went over the Boardman proposition with Mr. Dean and Mr. Hunt the day before the West Extension Irrigation board meeting. A committee of the Boardman Farm Bureau, the County Agent, and Mr. Powers met with the District board and with the Reclamation Service at Hermiston on Tuesday of this week, at which time plans were arranged by which the irrigation district will institute proceedings at once, that is within the next few weeks to relieve the present emergency and take away the threatening water, while action will be instituted by the Reclamation Service to secure the assistance of their body in putting in permanent drains. The engineers of the Reclamation Service will make the necessary field surveys. This is a matter of vital importance to a small body of land which was standing in need of drainage very badly, and the fact that it was possible to secure expert advice from the agricultural college has been of distinct service to the northern part of the county.

## The Morrow County Wool Pool

We would like to call especial attention to the wool growers of the county that following considerable discussion by executive committees, several of the farmers of Morrow county have decided to form a wool pool which they invite every grower to join. It is the belief of those that made a careful study of the matter that coarse wool will be drug on the market earlier in the season. It is quite clear, we believe, that if a man has less than five hundred fleeces of wool he will not be able to get a desirable price on such a small quantity, and it is clearly to his advantage to pool his wool with other growers so as to have his wool carefully graded and put in with an amount of wool that will be sufficient to call forth a reasonable qualified bid. In this way every grower is absolutely insured of what his wool is actually worth by competent grading. It is planned to place the wool in the hands of competent management in some consignment warehouse in Portland, where it will be carefully watched over by a committee representing Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon wool pool. Although we wish it clearly understood that all Eastern Oregon wool will be kept separate and distinct from valley wool, simply graded under the supervision of the same man. We have made special arrangements with consignment houses so that we will be able to get an advance of from 75 to 80 per cent of the market value of the wool, as soon as placed in the warehouse. The details of this wool pool may be secured by consultation with the County Agent and we would advise anyone interested to act immediately so that prompt action may be secured.

**Sunflowers in Morrow County**  
The Executive Committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau met

some time ago in a discussion of the advisability of planting sunflowers in large quantity in Morrow county. It was decided that we would not go into the matter in a very strong degree, but would try and arrange to have several plots put in and watch the matter this season and see how well they seem to be adapted to the Morrow county soil before we get out and make a lot of noise about it. Following out the instructions of the Executive Committee therefore, the County Agent has arranged with a number of farmers to put in enough for demonstrational purposes. These demonstrations are scattered all the way from Lone, Hardman, Eightmile, Sand Hollow, Rhea Creek and up Hinton creek. Several farmers who are convinced that they will be able to grow these sunflowers successfully have undertaken to put in quite large tracts. Among these are Ed Neill of Echo on Butter creek; Frank McMenamin, who has a ranch across the river from Arlington; Bob Thompson, who has a ranch on Willow creek; and John Kilkenny on Hinton creek. These will give us ample plots for further study, and if they materialize anything like as well as we have reason to believe they will, the Morrow County Farm Bureau will shoulder her musket and go out on her campaign right for 1921. However, we would like to see just how the land lies before we try to jump upon it. The Farm Bureau bought a small amount of seed and has distributed it out to various farmers to grow on their own ranches for demonstrational purposes.

## Good Summerfallow Practice This Year

It is said by the farmers north of Lexington that more good summerfallow has been plowed this year than in any year of the past history of the county. We are sure that the farmers are waking up to the fact that good early plowing and good summerfallow practice means dollars and cents for the bank account. It

is safe to say that from the ground north of Lexington at least 90 and possibly 95 per cent of all summerfallow was plowed by the first day of May. In view of the moisture conditions this year this was an exceptional record. In the heavier land south of Lexington this is not entirely true. The unusual amount of moisture has delayed farming very largely but this has not been a total loss, as long as the moisture has kept in the ground as it has this year there is no doubt but that the farmers have a later limited period for getting their plowing done. In a trip over the county it is manifest to any observer that in the heavy land the ground this year is turning up very cloddy and loose, and unless careful effort is made to work this down again there will be a lot of moisture escape and will not be a good deep bed developed. The Road brothers on Heppner Flat have undertaken to disk all of their ground and this will clearly overcome the loose lying clod. Where the ground has been well disked, as a good many farmers have done, there will be a clear bond of loose dirt between the sub-soil and the surface material. Where the ground is heavy and disking has not been practiced very often one can hide a good-sized rabbit under the furrow. This does not mean good summerfallow. Every farmer should study his own soil conditions and see what can be done to overcome this. The sub-surface packer, under these conditions, will be of considerable advantage. I doubt if there is anything that will quite equal the disking of the ground previous to plowing where this condition appears likely to exist. While early plowing is decidedly important it is necessary also to work the ground down so as to get a good seed bed for the growing of the grain for next season. Where the ground breaks up cloddy it will have to be harrowed just exactly right in order to accomplish this. We would like to commend to the farmers in the county the use of the disk harrow on the ground to be summerfallowed, where the land is very heavy even if it may be plowed reasonably early. Another point that is showing up most remarkably is the fact that the farmers are plowing deeper than they have for several years. A good many farmers have called at the Agent's office and stated how they are turning up new dirt that they have never disturbed before. We believe that

this is stepping in the right direction. We are not prepared to say exactly how deep we should plow but everything points to plowing at least 8 or 9 inches deep, once every three or four years. Plowing 8 or 9 inches deep is a pretty discouraging proposition where horse flesh is employed, but several farmers have put on eight or ten head of horses on a two-bottom plow and have gone right down after the real old soil. Where an engine does the work it is not quite as discouraging as the engine seldom gets a sore shoulder.

## North Morrow County Road Project

The members of the special Farm Bureau road committee met with the County Court and arranged a plan whereby a reconnaissance survey of the north Morrow county road should be made. The plan was carried back to the various Farm Bureau organizations where it secured their unanimous approval. We hope before many months to have this entirely taken care of so that when spring comes we will be in a position to really do business. The coopera-

tion that is going on between road builders of the county and the committee of the Farm Bureau, and the support they are receiving from various organizations speak well for Farm Bureau work in this county.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. LAND OFFICE at The Dalles,  
Oregon, May 25, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Jesse E. Brown, of Parkers Mill, Oregon, who, on June 5th, 1915, made Homestead Entry, No. 015036, for S½ SW¼, Section 2; SE¼ NE¼, Section 10; NW¼ NW¼, & S½ N½, Section 11, Township 5 South, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. A. Waters, Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 9th day of July, 1920.

Claimant names, as witnesses: Walter Drum, of Parkers Mill, Oregon; Silas A. Harris, of Parkers Mill, Oregon; Charles Oaten, of Heppner, Oregon; R. H. Quackenbush, of Heppner, Oregon.  
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