

News From C. A. Office

While visiting Morrow county early this week Charles Ross, extension forester at Oregon State college, assisted N. C. Anderson with post preservative treating demonstrations and in planning windbreaks or shelterbelts which are in great demand this spring. The demonstration of post treating given at the Steve Thompson farm on Willow Creek, near Heppner, while attended by few farmers, created much interest by those present. Split and round tamarack, split cedar and round black pine were treated with pentachlorophenol by the cold-soaking treatment. Of much interest to those present was the experimental evidence given by Mr. Ross on the satisfactory use of lodgepole pine for posts. This tree has been discarded for farmers as undesirable for such use. However, it has been found that Lodgepole pine when treated with pentachlorophenol and standing after thirteen years, which is the period the formula has been used in experiments. Today the life of a pine post begins at 15. Four or five years used to be a ripe old age. To treat with penta, the concentrate is mixed one gallon to ten of diesel oil, and posts treated in a 55 gallon oil drum. All posts must be peeled for penetration of the preservative. Posts are seasoned so that proper penetration will be taken to the sapwood—three-fourths inch is enough. Does fence post treating pay? The average farm post lasts about three years. Throughout the country that means that each farm replaces at least 100 poles each year. Figuring 35 cents a post and 15 cents for getting it into the ground, that's \$50.00 post expense per farm per year. That same 35 cent post treated with ten cents worth of penta, might easily last seven times as long. Instead of spending \$1500. for posts over a 20 year period, you could get by for \$250.

New additions to Oregon's seed industry are in the making if experiments now under way prove successful. Recently, nine African dryland grass varieties arrived at the Oregon State college experiment station from the Union of

South Africa. In that area grasses are found under range conditions—at comparatively high altitudes—and in sections where rainfall is not plentiful. Harry A. Schoth, federal agent agronomist stationed at the college will plant nine seed lots at the Hermiston and Union branch stations. There, the adaptability and drought resistance of the grasses will be checked to see if they are suited to eastern Oregon range conditions.

Grass-seed growing, according to E. R. Jackman, Oregon state college farm crops specialist, has been our most effective tool in stopping soil erosion and in building soil fertility. Total seed acreage in Oregon is now approximately 350,000 acres a year. Thus, with only a little over 3,000,000 acres of cropland and only 2,000,000 acres available for crop changes, seeds are grown each year on one out of every six available acres. In Morrow county grass seed production is becoming popular with several of the newer grasses being seeded for seed production. Steve Thompson, Bill Barratt, John Hanna, Elmer Palmer, Heppner, and Ralph Taylor, Cecil, have seedings of Sherman Bigblow, intermediate, Pubescent, an beardless wheat grasses. Ladine clover is being produced by Al Lovgren and Claude Cox of Heppner, while seedings of Creeping alfalfa are being made this spring by Dallas Gaber and Al Lovgren. Two year old seedings of Creeping Alfalfa on the Clarence Youngman and Harold Wright farms are expected to produce seed this year.

Jackman states that grass seed farming removes less fertility from the soil than most other types of farming. Although various crops vary in the amount of fertility they use, the specialist points out that a good crop of ladine clover cut for seed and the straw used on the land for example is equivalent to the application of 1,000 pounds of ammonium sulphate per acre.

Surplus potatoes for livestock feed are still available and particulars can be given to interested farmers if they will call at this office. Potatoes are now available at Redmond at ten cents per hundred pounds.

Comparing potatoes for livestock feed with common feed grains we find that 100 pounds of shelled corn equals 450 pounds of potatoes; 100 pounds of alfalfa hay equals 300 pounds of po-

tatoes; 100 pounds of mixed grain equals 350 pounds of cooked potatoes when fed 2 to 1 with grain; to swine, 28 pounds of barley equals 100 pounds of potatoes for lamb feeding.

The city consumer's dollar will stretch a little farther now than it did a year ago, according to the weekly farm price, crops and weather review prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. It will buy more food, clothing and house furnishings, but less fuel, electricity and refrigeration, rent and miscellaneous items.

On January 15, as an average throughout the country, one dollar would buy the same amount of food that cost \$1.04 a year earlier. For each dollar spent now on clothing and house furnishings, \$1.06 would have to be spent a year ago. On the other hand, a dollar is being spent on rent this year where 98 cents was required last year. Fuel and miscellaneous items required 99 cents a year ago, compared to one dollar on January 15.

There are considerable differences in the prices of commodities in various sections of the country, of course. But on the average, in the food items, eggs show the greatest decrease. The retail price of eggs dropped more than one-fourth. Other commodities that have declined 10 percent or more at retail include pork, and canned fruits and vegetables.

The greatest increase of course has been in the beverages. Coffee upped 1 1/2 percent a year ago.

Give your pastures a boost with an application of nitrogen. That's the suggestion of Arthur S. King, OSC extension soil conservation specialist, who adds that pork food production for either grazing or silage will be available a month earlier on fertilized pastures. He states that good pasture seedlings will profit from an application which contains 30 to 40 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre. This quantity of nitrogen would be supplied in 130 to 200 pounds of ammonium sulphate or its equivalent in other nitrogen fertilizers. On good seedings of mixed grasses and legumes, King asserts the use of 200 pounds of ammonium sulphate or its equivalent will produce enough extra feed equal to more than a ton of good hay. Nitrogen applications are especially effective. The late, wet spring this year has delayed application of nitrogen bearing fertilizers on many farms in the state. Some growers, King states, are making use of airplane applications to good advantage. Wet soil could easily delay ground applications until they will be too late to promote early spring growth.

Members of the Heppner Economics extension unit will meet Tuesday, April 4, at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Keeling. It was announced today by Mrs. Flint, county extension agent, home economics. The meeting will start with Mrs. Myrtle Carter, home furnishings specialist teaching homemakers upholstery techniques, at 9 a.m. This is an all-day meeting to allow time for completion of the footstools. Women will please bring their completed frames ready for learning the first step at 9 o'clock. Children will be cared for next door at the home of Mrs. Basil Burnstad by members of the Child Care club. Each woman will provide her own sack lunch and one for her child.

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APRIL FOOL OR LIRPA LOOF?

There's nothing like having a good excuse to cut loose with foolish pranks, practical jokes and unusual ideas. Perhaps that's why April first is such a popular date—all inhibitions can be scattered to the wind. But All-Fool's Day can be more exciting and more fun if events are well planned. It offers plenty of leeway for your imagination and sense of humor, so come to the home extension agent's office for party games, suggestions, and refreshments.

The Child care club met Friday, March 24. There was a perfect attendance. We decided on Sitting Pretty as our new name for the club. The name was chosen from the show, Sitting Pretty, with Belvedere. We practiced feeding a baby and putting on diapers. At our next meeting April 7, Mrs. Flint will show us children's toys that we can make and discuss the play needs of different children.

TO PRESENT PLAYS

Lexington high school announces presentation of two one-act plays at the school auditorium beginning at 7:30 Saturday evening, April 1. Titles of the plays are "Scrambled Eggs" and "Life o' the Party." A basket social sponsored by the juniors and seniors will follow the plays. Each lady has been asked to bring a basket or a pie or cake to be auctioned.

Dick Meador Has House Moving Day

Tuesday was house moving day for Richard Meador, who was a successful bidder for one of the larger former CCC buildings sold at auction by the county early in March. The building was divided in sections and hauled by truck to a site at the mouth of Balm fork where the foundation was in readiness.

Witnesses to the moving of one section and placing it on the foundation were Mrs. Meador and her kindergarten class which she transported to the scene from the school in the civic center.

ACQUIRES STOCK RANCH

Through Bob Runnion, Ralph Justus this week purchased the undivided one-half interest of his brother Nels in the big stock ranch on upper Hinton creek known as the O. L. Justus place. The two brothers operated the ranch together for a number of years after the death of their father, or until Nels Justus' health failed. It is one of the larger stock ranches of the county and for many years carried extensive flocks of sheep.

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Good Care for Good Paint Brushes



Here's a tip which can increase the performance and longevity of your paint brushes during that spring-time painting session. Suspend them overnight in thinner by passing a wire through holes bored in their handles and rest over the edges of the can. This prevents the brushes from resting on—and damaging—the tips of their sensitive bristles. Even the new nylon-bristled consumer type brushes, which normally last from 3 to 5 times as long as ordinary brushes, need this type of care to assure uses of their money's worth in performance and durability.

BALANCED PLAN

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added, making the total 36, to be apportioned on a population basis. Under this plan no county could have more than one-fourth of the members of either house.

The "population" plan would keep the numbers of both houses the same as now (30 senators and 60 representatives) and would permit one county to have as many as one-third of either or both houses. This plan would be apportioned by the board of control (governor, secretary of state and treasurer). The balanced plan would be apportioned by the legislature, with the secretary of state to be responsible for the job if the legislature fails to act.

It is easy to see, the speaker said, that Multnomah county would be in the saddle if the labor plan goes into effect. Strong pressure groups could exert influence for passage of bills that would be purely selfish and without regard to the injury they might bring to the balance of the state.

Mr. French again brought out the point that upstate people do more for Portland than Portland does for itself. The upstate people (those outside of the metro-

politan area) produce the things that have made the city. When they ask for a highway it is for the purpose of hauling their products to the city, to add to its wealth and growth. When the city wants a highway it is to permit its people to get to the seashore or to mountain retreats—not to help the producers get their products to the city's markets. Without the balanced representation as offered in the YR plan, or with the adoption of the population plan there would be no protection against raids on the highway funds for roads leading out of the city, the necessity for which would likely be more fancied than needed. He urged his hearers to work for the balanced plan and expressed the belief that if the people become aroused sufficiently to get out and work for it and go to the polls and vote for it, the measure will carry.

Guests introduced at Monday's meeting included Charles Ross, extension forester from Oregon State college; George Waddill, manager of the Morrow County Pioneer Memorial hospital; Garland Swanson, mayor of Ione; Wiley Knighten, Sherman county school superintendent; Moro; Mrs. Oscar George, president of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner, and Giles French, guest speaker.

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Sunday shows continuous from 1 p. m. All evening shows start at 7:30 p. m., unless otherwise advertised

Sunday-Monday, April 2-3
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Tuesday-Wednesday, April 4-5
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Thur.-Fri.-Sat., April 6-7-8
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The coming of Easter brings with it one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. May you find it as such and may this Easter be a happy and joyous one for you all.

Sunday-Monday, April 9-10
ADAM'S RIB
Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Judy Holliday, Tom Ewell, David Wayne, Jean Hagen
Right at the top of the brilliant best in the comedy line! The female of the species decides to prove woman's equality to the male and leads the story in a wildly hilarious whirl. Here is laughter at its loudest!

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Mr. and Mrs. John Gernhardt stopped at the Floyd Worden ranch Saturday to pick up some personal effects. They were enroute to La Grande following a week's wedding trip.

George Carr of Yakima has accepted the position of parts man at the Hodge Chevrolet Co. replacing R. G. "Pete" McMurtry, who resigned. Carr has a wife and child who will join him here as soon as housing is available.

J. I. Purdy, district freight traffic superintendent of Pendleton, and J. H. Cunningham, district passenger traffic agent at Walla Walla, were overnight guests at the Heppner hotel while on a business mission in connection with their company, the Union Pacific System.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

"Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight"

Our ten o'clock curfew lasted for 50 years, but the town council voted it out. I dropped in at the meeting in Town Hall last week just in time to hear Smiley Roberts.

"The curfew is old-fashioned," says Smiley. "We ought to be grown-up enough by now to behave like grownups. Seeing to it that our kids get to bed is the responsibility of each family." Then Judge Cunningham adds, "Most of us are in bed when the curfew horn blows anyway. It wakes me up just when I'm getting to sleep!"

What the Judge said was good

for a laugh, but Smiley just about summed up how folks think in this town. We believe that the democratic tradition of "live and let live" is the only way to live.

From where I sit, it's not the American way to regulate your life by a horn—any more than it's right to criticize my caring for a temperate glass of beer now and then. Think what you wish, say what you wish, but don't ask your neighbor to do exactly as you do!

Joe Marsh

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