

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Nitrogen fertilizer plots and fields being annual cropped through use of nitrogen in the Columbia Basin were visited by county agents and farm crop specialists from Oregon State College this week. Counties visited were: Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla.

Fertilizer applications in the trial plots when compared showed that rates of 60 to 100 pounds of nitrogen would yield the highest. The 67½ pound rate of ammonium nitrate and calcium nitrate appeared to be the most economical. Yield data from the plots when harvested will be made available to farmers.

Fields being recropped looked good at the majority of the stops made by the group. Some fields were estimated to yield as high as 40 bushels in Umatilla county with an average of about 30 bushels for the Columbia Basin expected. Spring seeded fields will yield double at least, those seeded in the fall. Average nitrogen applications were about 60 pounds actual N.

While many fields were inspected, recropping at the Dick Yocum ranch in Sherman County

near Rufus, has been accomplishing dual purposes. Mr. Yocum is using high rates of nitrogen on land subject to blow. The nitrogen produces a heavy straw cover that protects the soil from blowing at the same time increasing the grain yield considerably. On this farm, 300 pounds of ammonium nitrate were used, which furnished 100 pounds of actual nitrogen. Where this application was used the yield in 1951 was 52 bushels per acre. On unfertilized ground within the same field, not subject to blowing, a yield of 30 bushels per acre was harvested. In this field, one can see the border of the area fertilized by the increased stubble left on the surface in trashy fallow tillage.

It appears from this year's observations that recropping will be continued at an increased rate in 1953.

Fields inspected for seed certification were made in Morrow County on June 30. All fields inspected passed certification. Those having fields inspected were Benward Bergevin, Ione, 158 acres Elmar; Oscar Peterson, Ione, 100 acres Elmar; Kenneth Smouse

Ione, 20 acres Brevor, 475 acres Rex M-1; Ralph Taylor, Cecil, 6 acres Pubescent wheatgrass, 16 acres Intermediate wheatgrass and 6 acres Whitmar Beardless wheatgrass, and McDoyle Bros., Ordinance, 80 acres Orestan alfalfa.

This seed will be tested for germination and purity after harvest to determine whether it can be sold as Registered and blue tag seed.

Fertilizer Meet Set For Pocatello Soon

Problems of soil fertility will be discussed in Pocatello, Idaho, July 9, 10 and 11 at the third annual fertilizer conference sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Plant Food association, it has been announced by Dr. R. A. Pendleton, Oregon State college soils department staff member and chairman of the association's state soil improvement committee.

A year ago, the conference was held at Oregon State college and more than 300 scientists, industry representatives and farmers attended. Purpose of the annual get-together is to provide an opportunity for fertilizer industry representatives, field men, technicians, county agents, extension and experiment station specialists and others to exchange information.

Dr. John Painter, USDA horticulturalist stationed with the OSC experiment station, will discuss foliar analysis in tree crops, and Dr. Lawrence Alban, newly appointed head of the OSC soil testing laboratory, will discuss plans for the laboratory.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt of Corvallis is visiting at the home of her son William Barratt.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonn Bonta and family have returned from a vacation in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grant left Tuesday for Sacramento, Calif. where they will spend several days vacationing and visiting relatives. They plan to return the end of next week.

Mrs. Ida J. Grimes, Portland arrived Saturday to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Alan Case.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Case will leave Thursday for Seattle to attend market week in that city. They will spend the entire week in the Washington city. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Ida J. Grimes.

Visiting at the Conley Lanham home are his brother-in-law and wife Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malchow of Aberdeen, South Dakota. They arrived Sunday and expect to stay until Wednesday.

Morris Murchison of Yakima, Washington has arrived in Heppner to spend the summer vacation with his father Archie Murchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gilliam were over from Condon Sunday visiting relatives and attending the Hisler-Summer nuptials.

TO ATTEND WORKSHOP

Miss Martha Tapanianen, Morrow county health nurse, has been accepted for a workshop on group dynamics and human relations at Reed College in Portland, to be held from July 7 to 25.

She will be out of her office from July 3 until August 4 but the office will be open mornings.

Mrs. James Furlong and daughters are here from Bremerton, Wash., for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jack Hughes. Mrs. Furlong will also visit in Grant county with her sister, Mrs. Con Bellanbrock, before returning to Bremerton.

Mrs. Edward Rice returned to her home in Portland Tuesday after a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice and Miss Eleanor Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson have returned from Portland where they spent several days on business and pleasure. Returning to the city with them, was her mother, Mrs. Minnie Furlong, who spent several weeks in Heppner with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard J. O'Shea and son were in Heppner Saturday looking after business matters. Dr. O'Shea is en route to San Francisco where he expects to receive his overseas orders. Mrs. O'Shea will accompany him to San Francisco.

Mrs. Claire Arison of Portland was a weekend visitor in Heppner. She was the houseguest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Groshens on Hinton Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes had as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Piculell and daughter, Marguerite, of San Bernardino, California who are en route to their home after an extensive motor tour of Washington and British Columbia. Mrs. Piculell is a sister of Mrs. Hughes and will be remembered locally as the former Miss Evelyn Miriam Bassett who visited frequently in Heppner several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish returned Sunday evening from a weekend trip to Portland where they visited with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parrish.

Rev. Earl L. Soward returned Monday from Turner where he has been attending a week-long meeting of the Christian Church. On his return he preached the service Sunday evening at Corbet, a former residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle returned Tuesday from a weekend trip to Portland where they visited their children, Paul and Margaret. The Doolittles also visited at Almsville with his aunt, Mrs. Harlan Stanton and with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Akers, former Heppnerites.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lee McCaleb, Jr. and daughter, are here from Corvallis to spend the summer. During the past year, McCaleb has been attending Oregon State College.

Mrs. Clara B. Gertson expects to leave Thursday morning for Central Point where she will spend the Fourth of July weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Anhorn and children. Mrs. Gertson will drive down, going by way of Diamond Lake.

Mrs. Ray Carr and son, Timmie, returned Saturday afternoon from Richland, Wash., where they have been visiting relatives for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case spent the weekend at their mountain retreat near Parker's Mill. They are remodeling their summer cabin preparatory to the hunting season this fall.

Mrs. Marvin Wightman of Claudi's shop left Sunday for Seattle to attend market week. She expects to return to Heppner on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fair and two children of North Bend, Oregon were visiting the first of the week with Dr. and Mrs. Edward Schaffitz.

Miss Eleanor Rice spent Tuesday in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson left Monday evening by motor for Nebraska where they will visit relatives for a fortnight. Bill Hughes is spending the summer vacation at the Ivan Cox ranch where he has accepted employment.

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