

From The County Agent's Office

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A lot is being said and heard about vesicular anathema outbreaks that have occurred in hogs. Outbreak seems to be limited to areas where shipments of hogs are received, such as stockyards and feed lots. Several outbreaks have been found in lots

where garbage is being fed on a commercial scale. As yet all cases are in Western Oregon, centered around slaughter yards. This does not mean, however, that this situation will continue. The history of the cases found in Oregon originated at a gar-

bage feeder station in Cheyenne, Wyoming, were shipped to Nebraska then on to the stockyards at Omaha. With the infection of the Omaha yards and feed, rest and water stations on the major railroad lines west the disease spread rapidly. Oregon received its first shipment of infected hogs on June 30. For several days after that practically all of the hogs arriving from the middlewest developed lesions after arrival in this state.

All of this occurred within three weeks. While Morrow County ranchers do not raise, buy or sell many hogs, it would be well to keep this disease situation in mind. It would be unfortunate if the disease should become prevalent here.

Hog raisers that find sick animals in their herd would do well to watch them closely, calling a veterinarian for diagnosis to be sure of the infection.

A few days ago an inspection was made of the grass and legume nursery on the Bernard Doherty ranch in Blackhorse canyon. Some interesting comparisons were made on the thirty-one species which were seeded there.

The seeding was made on March 14, 1952 to demonstrate the adaptability of various grasses and legumes to the conditions of that area. The nursery is located in Blackhorse Canyon at the end of the new oil road where the road forks.

The nursery is staked in order that comparisons can be made by visiting ranchers. Some of the interesting comparisons noted were the excellent stands obtained of Fairway crested wheatgrass, streambank wheatgrass, thick-spike wheatgrass, Manchur Smooth bromegrass, Ladak alfalfa, Siberian alfalfa and Spanish sweet clover. The excellent stands of these grasses and legumes indicate their adaptability in being established under the conditions of the area. This, however, is not the final comparison, since the ability to withstand winter conditions, length of life, forage produced, etc., will need be watched as time goes on. Some of the poorer appearing grasses at this time may prove in the long time comparison to be more desirable or adapted from other standpoints.

Ranchers who are interested in grass and legume production for pasture or conservation seedings are invited to visit the nurseries at the Doherty and Frank Ander-

Social Security Field Man to Explain New Benefit Plan

A great deal of information has been published in newspapers and broadcast over the radio concerning another important date in Social Security. This date was July 1, 1952. It is important to some but not all workers who may be eligible for OASI benefits. On that date a new formula for figuring the amount of monthly benefits became effective. It will be applied in many cases where a retiring worker, age 65 or over, has acquired 6 quarters of coverage after 1950. If the worker had earned quarters of coverage before 1950, it is impossible that the

son ranches. The Frank Anderson nursery is located on the Condon highway about one mile west of the Anderson ranch.

Wheat yields in Morrow County are holding well with our estimates of this spring. Ranchers we have talked to seem to be happy with the yields—none have been too disappointed. Highest yield we have heard is 41 bushels per acre, lowest, 11 bushels. Of course, we don't always get so many farmers to volunteer information on lower yields as on the higher.

Wheat stocks in all positions in Oregon, Washington and North Idaho on July 1, were the lowest of anytime during the past several years. The total amount was 7.7 million bushels, which is one-third lower than a year ago. This situation should create a strong market for our wheat for some time.

new formula will not work to his advantage. In such cases, the Social Security Administration will figure the benefit under both the old and the new formulas, and use the one that gives the retired worker the higher monthly payments.

For the convenience of Heppner residents who would like further information about social security benefits, Ben Kantner, field representative of the Social Security Administration field office in La Grande, will be at the City Hall in Heppner, on Thursday, August 21st, from 9:00 a. m. until noon.

Rev. and Mrs. Eivon L. Tull and daughter, Miss Dorothy Tull, of Berkeley, Cal., left the last of the week for the Oregon coast where they will spend a fortnight's vacation.

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Attention! Male Crocheters



CALLING all men! Here's an opportunity to capitalize on your relaxing hobby of crochet. The 1952 Nationwide Crochet Contest includes a special classification for Men Only. The nimble-fingered man whose piece is judged best of all male entries will receive as his prize \$100, plus an all-expense trip to Chicago. So why not try your luck? Crochet an article of mercerized cotton and enter it in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, Sept. 4, 5 and 6. For further information on this exciting contest, contact the Fair Secretary, George Link (shown above) proudly displays the prize winning crocheted tablecloth that brought him the 1951 Male Crochet Champion title.

Morrow County Fair and Rodeo

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You still buy gasoline at 1925 prices

If you were to take a sentimental journey back into the mid-twenties by thumbing through a stack of old magazines, you'd find the page below in the Saturday Evening Post issue of July 4, 1925. Remember the square-topped cars of those days... with their flat windshields, wide running boards and big wooden steering wheels?



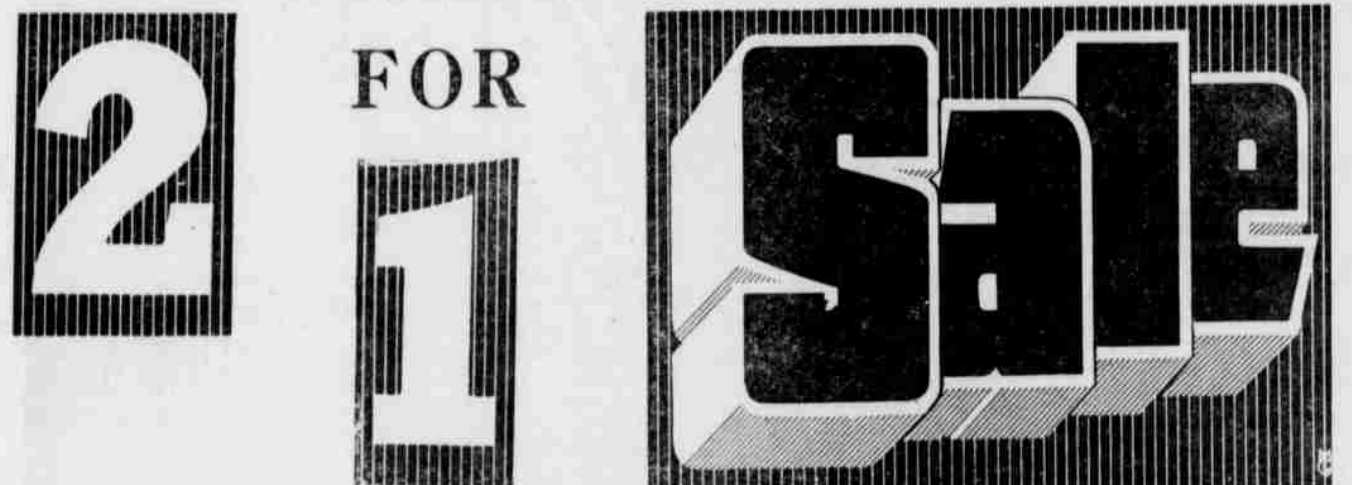
Remember the prices? Things were a lot cheaper than they are now when almost everything you buy is 'way up in price... except gasoline. Actually, gasoline costs almost exactly the same today—aside from taxes—as it did when the beauty above was an exciting new automobile. And it's far better gasoline, too. Two gallons today do the work that required three in 1925. Few industries can match this record of keeping prices down and

raising quality. It was made possible by two things: intense competition among oil companies and a steadily increasing efficiency of production. In the last five years alone, Standard Oil Company of California has put more than \$44,000,000 into facilities—and another \$35,000,000 into technical service and research. This investment helps us make certain that gasoline continues to be one of the best buys in your family budget.

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