

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

As fall seeding time draws near, many of our farmers have made their plans for seeding acres diverted from wheat. A lot of barley is being shipped in from areas throughout Oregon and neighboring states. Trebl, a spring variety of barley also seeded in the fall with fairly good results, seems to be in fairly good supply. This week there will be approximately 2 thousand bushels of Flynn 37 barley picked up by Morrow county farmers from Lester Barnum, Grass Valley. Some Utah winter barley has been secured at this office is negotiating for some in southern Oregon at this time.

First report of diverted acres to be seeded to grass comes from Orville Cutsforth, Lexington rancher. Orville has seeded approximately 400 acres to grass this fall. About half of this has been seeded to crested wheatgrass, the other half to Whitmar

beardless wheat grass. It was seeded at the rate of six pounds per acre with a pound and a half of hard fescue as an under-story grass. This is the first large planting of Whitmar beardless wheatgrass in Morrow county. A few fields ranging up to 20 acres have been seeded in the past two or three years. Whitmar beardless wheatgrass is a later maturing grass that crested wheat and should work in well with Mr. Cutsforth's livestock operation. It will insure him some late June and July pasture when crested wheatgrass has gone dormant. The price of Whitmar beardless wheatgrass is down considerably and should be considered by ranchers who have a large acreage of crested wheat and need some later pasture. The seed can be bought as cheaply as crested wheatgrass, now.

With the price of beef cattle

Federal Funds To Be Used For Farm Loans

A new allotment of federal funds for Farm Housing loans was announced this week by the Farmers Home Administration through the La Grande office, which serves the Northeastern section of Oregon.

Purpose of the credit is to finance homes and farm buildings for farm families. Veterans receive preference, and the loans bear 4% interest and are repayable over periods up to 33 years.

Since the demand for these loans far exceeds the limited loan funds, only farm owners receiving all or a substantial portion of their income from the sale of farm commodities may qualify as borrowers. A loan may be made to improve a farm on which the operator works off the farm only if he or members of his family are farming on a sizeable scale. These loans may not be used to construct rural residences or other buildings for families not generally recognized as farmers.

Since this new type of credit was established by Congress four years ago, about 16,300 farm

owners throughout the country have used the aid to improve their homes and buildings. Loans amounting to \$81,416,000 nationwide have been made for new houses, for repairing and remodeling old houses; for new barns, poultry houses and other buildings, and to improve existing buildings. Numerous loans also have included funds for farmstead water systems.

School Bus Law Again In Effect As Schools Open

Renewed attention to Oregon's school bus law will soon be in order as schools throughout the state re-open for another year, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reminded motorists today.

The law calls for drivers approaching from the front or rear to stop when a bus is stopped to load or unload children. If children are not leaving the bus drivers can proceed after stopping, Newberry cautioned.

This year, many busses will be equipped with red flashing lights on the front and rear as an additional warning to motorists that children may be in the road and that they must remain stopped.

Only time vehicles are not required to stop when the big yellow buses are picking-up or discharging passengers is when approaching the bus from the opposite direction on a three-or-more lane highway.

Students Enter OSC From Heppner Area

OSC—Four students from the Heppner area have been granted admission to Oregon State college for 1953-54.

They are Michael Earl Grant, graduate of Heppner high school; Rudy William Bergstrom and Donald Walter Bristow, both of Lone high school; and Laurel Grace Miller, graduate of Boardman high school.

Admission requires high school graduation. Entrance is granted upon receipt of the student's application accompanied by records of high school work. Other names may be added to the list since the OSC registrar's office is acting daily on new applications for fall term.

New student week at OSC this year is scheduled September 13 to 19 with classes set to start September 21. During new student week, students receive special instruction on courses of study and registration. They also complete placement examinations and take part in a variety of campus activities.

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