

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

With farm income down 7% for the state of Oregon, and the cost of living and prices the farmer must pay advancing every month, many of our Morrow county ranchers are very conscious of ways of reducing costs of operation. Tax statements received during the past week were not greeted as a step in their reduction of expenses if those farmers I have talked to are an example. Many of the farmers understand that taxes are a necessary evil and that whenever they ask the government for something it means that they pay for it through taxes. A lot of the farmers do not understand the tax structure and how they are arrived at. The county court is scheduling a tax day to be held in Heppner on November 10, are taking a step toward clearing up all of the steps as to how increase or decrease in taxes came about. It should be a day well spent.

The second annual Oregon Weed Conference which is scheduled to be held at Pendleton on November 17 and 18 is receiving considerable publicity and promises to be two days of interest to anyone who attends. Several Morrow county farmers are planning on taking in both sessions. It will be held at the Vert Little Theater, beginning at 10:00 a. m. on the 17th. During the morning several discussions are scheduled including spray injuries and how to reduce them, operating a special spray area, and Russian thistle control on county highways. County Judge Garnet Barratt will handle the last mentioned subject. Committee meetings will be held during the first afternoon. Recommendations will be made in each of these committees which consist of field crops and pasture, horticulture equipment and legislature. C. A. Tom, a Morrow county rancher, is chairman of the legislative committee.

The second day, sage brush controls and getting grass stands will be discussed by Don Hyder, Squaw Butte Experiment Station. Dave Bayer, newly appointed weed research man for the Columbia Basin, will discuss cheatgrass control. A panel on the control of perennial weeds will take

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place with four county weed supervisors as members with this county agent as moderator. The committee reports will be worked in during the afternoon, as well as a special report on tarweed and Morning glory control. This will be at 2:00 p. m. on the 18th. Weed and brush control in Oregon and what the chemical industry offers will be features of that afternoon. I will have room for several farmers to ride with me and encourage anyone with a weed problem to attend these sessions.

Renan Arteaga, International Farm Youth Exchange delegate from Ecuador, is in Morrow county now as a guest of the E. M. Baker family, Ione. Arriving only late Saturday afternoon, he has already made several appearances in the county. Renan is one of the International Farm Youth Exchange delegates who is taking advantage of this program which provides an opportunity for young men and women of the United States to live with farm families in other countries, and for young people from those countries to live with farm families in this country. The purpose of the program promotes peace between nations by developing understanding and friendship among people. A lot of us believe that you will take advantage of the chance to meet this young farmer and discuss his ways of life in far off Ecuador.

Many Morrow county ranchers are using the practice of applying 12 to 18 inches of sawdust in their barnyards in late years. This serves several purposes. One of the most important has been the prevention of footrot in cattle which has become quite prevalent during the past two or three years. Sawdust can be had for the hauling, most generally. Especially if it is taken out while available. The sawdust or shavings should be piled in the yards while they are yet dry, as it will take a lot less of them than if it is muddy before they are applied. Try it in your corrals this winter, and around your feed racks. I think that you will agree that it is a good practice.

Oregon, with 98.4 of its farms electrified rates fourth in the nation. Only Michigan, Indiana and Washington have a higher percent of farms electrified. The majority of this electrification was made possible through the R. E. A. Your local R. E. A. Co-operative is responsible for keeping farmers satisfied and making electricity work for them. You are a part of this cooperative and should plan to take part in the annual meeting of our Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, which will be held at the fair pavilion

at Heppner on November 14.

Did you know that American living standards require nearly three tons per capita of products from farm and forests, annually.

Word from the Oregon State College, prepared for their weekly grain market review, states that the quantities of wheat to be exported and received by importing countries under the International Wheat Agreement were announced this week. The total quota was reported at a little over four hundred million bushels. This is down about 28% from last year's quota. The quota reported for the United States was nearly 209.6 million bushels. This is down about 17% from last year's quota. Canada's quota for exporting wheat under the agreement has been set at a little over 163.2 million bushels. This is down about 31% from a year ago. The new quota for Australia was reported at 48 million bushels. This is down 45% from a year ago. France received a quota around 367,000 bushels. This is down sharply from a year ago. So far wheat sales through the International Wheat Agreement for the United States have amounted to around 37 million bushels. This is down about 60% compared to the same period a year ago.

From the Texas Experiment Station comes word that one pound of dried skim milk mixed with one gallon of warm water, given in two feed daily, is a satisfactory replacement for each gallon of whole milk in a ration of dairy calves after three weeks of age.

This is the best time of the year to control lice before populations build up to proportions where they are hard to control and where they are doing damage to the livestock. At this time it requires less insecticide for thorough coverage and weather conditions are usually more favorable for spraying. We have several good insecticides to choose from now. They are DDT, TDE, Lindane, BHC, Toxaphene, Chlordane, Methoxychlor, Lindane, Rotonone, and Pyrethrum. All can be used on beef cattle. Methoxychlor, Lindane, Rotonone and Pyrethrum should be used on dairy cattle. The manufacturer's directions should be followed when preparing the spray or dip. Do not exceed these recommendations when using Lindane BHC, Toxaphene or Chlordane. Excessive doses may cause injury, especially to young animals. A popular spray here is 12 pounds of 50% wettable DDT in 100 gallons of water. In order to get best control, livestock must be wetted thoroughly. This means that from one and three-fourths to two gallons per ma-

ture animal needs to be used. For those of you who have been poor results with DDT, one of the other insecticides mentioned might be tried.

EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET
The Heppner Extension Unit will meet Tuesday Nov. 10 at the home of Mrs. Nels Anderson at 1:30 p. m.

The subject will be candle making and project leaders are Mrs. Ray Drake and Mrs. Gene Ferguson.

Mrs. H. W. Elgin of Salem has been visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson during the past week.

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