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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Bids were closed April 3, for weed control chemicals for the Morrow County weed control program. This year's lowest bidder was Paul Pettyjohn, Ione. He will furnish 900 gallons ester, 300 gallons amine, 140 gallons of low volatile 2-4-D's in 28 gallon barrels. His bid also included 10 gallons of spreader sticker.

The weed control program will get underway within the next two weeks with county road spraying for control of annual weeds, mainly Russian thistle. Arrangements were made this week for holding a general meeting of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association. Main business to be transacted at this meeting will be action on the game laws and disease control committee recommendations as well as to work out a theft control program to be put into effect at once. The meeting will be held at Heppner on Thursday evening, April 22. Plans will also be made for representatives of this section to attend the Oregon Cattleman's Association annual meeting which will be held at Baker on May 17, 18 and 19. Committee members will be selected at this meeting. Chairman Raymond French invites all cattlemen regardless of whether they are members or not to attend this April meeting.

Another commodity organization meeting that will be held during April is that of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association. It will hold its annual spring meeting on Saturday evening April 17th. It will be held at the Lexington grange hall. At this time, standing committees will bring our wheat growers up-to-date on what has been done with the recommendations made by this organization last fall. Oregon Wheat Growers League are working on many of the recommendations made by our local organization.

Jack Smith, chairman, federal agricultural programs for the Oregon Wheat Growers League, who is now in Washington D. C. with Floyd Root and Dick Baum of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, testifying before the House Agricultural Committee, will give a report on these hearings. He is scheduled to return from Wash-

ington D. C. on April 12. Raymond Lundell, Ione, is county chairman of the federal agricultural programs committee. Other committee chairmen who will report during the evening are Frank Anderson, land use and production; Henry Baker, Ione, wheat disposal and transportation; John Graves, Heppner, youth activities; and Henry Peterson, Ione, taxation and legislation. The Oregon Wheat Growers League new public relations film "Give Us This Day" will be shown for the first time in this county that evening. The film has just been completed during the last month. H. G. Campbell, chairman Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association, urges all wheat growers and other women interested to attend this meeting, as Rose Schmid, home economist with the Oregon Wheat Growers League will be on hand to meet with the ladies during the evening. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

The 1954 crop vote support rates were announced by Commodity Credit Corporation this past week. Morrow County's rate is 82c per bushel. This rate applies to oats grading No. 3 or better.

There is still time for farm families who would like to establish wind break plantings this year to secure seedlings from the state forestry. The State Forestry nursery at the close of their shipping season found that they had a surplus of many of the seedlings adapted to Eastern Oregon and have made them available to our farmers at cost. They will be bringing a load of these seedlings into Eastern Oregon on April 12 for distribution. Seedlings available are Ponderosa Pine, Scotch and Lodge Pole Pine, and Chinese Arborvitae of the conifers; black locust and caragana in the broad leaf. There will also be some Russian Olive, Chinese elm, and a few Russian mulberry available. Anyone interested should contact this office at once. For those of you who do not have your windbreak planting area in shape to plant, these seedlings could be set out in a garden row this year to make a years growth and become accl-

mated to Eastern Oregon and then transplanted next spring. They do not take much room in the garden as they can be set about 6 inches apart in the row.

The annual spring clean-up campaign is being observed this month. In addition to having things looking neat and nice around the farm and home, one of the big advantages of a spring clean-up campaign is a chance to start a practical year around fire safety program on the farm. In getting ready for spring and summer operations, farmers will find that they can at the same time correct many of the worst fire hazards around the farm and without too much extra effort. There are five major clean-up recommendations that are important: 1. Remove all old magazines, newspapers, clothing, rags, mattresses, and broken and discarded furniture from attics, closets, basements, and the barn and outbuildings. 2. Cleaning up of rubbish in the farm yard and cutting down of dead vegetation around buildings, along fences, and in fields. 3. Clean up of the machine shop and workbench including safe disposal of shavings, oily rags and old paints and oils. 4. Clean up of all electrical equipment and power machinery and 5. Clean up of chimney, stoves, brooders, and heaters of all types. If any or all of these recommendations are followed, your farm will be much safer from fires as well as you being proud of its neatness.

Some interesting figures were found by the Farmers Home Administration at La Grande in comparing 1952-53 loans. The Farmers Home Administration office at La Grande serves this area. Some of the interesting figures showed that the gross cash income for 1953 was 8% down over 1952. A gross cash farm income was 7% down, net cash income 6% down, with the net cash farm income up 10%, family living expenses were 9% down under 1952, farm operating expenses 3% down. Borrowers paid 22% more on their debts in 1953 than in 1952. They owed 13% less at the end of the year. Their increase in net worth was 30% down in 1953 over 1952, and the net worth

From Files of the Gazette Times April 10, 1924
Calvin L. Sweek of Heppner has accepted the chairmanship of the University of Oregon gift campaign in Morrow county.

W. G. McCarty drove to Portland on Wednesday to spend a day in the city on business.

Heppner post of the American Legion have been interested for some time in the proposition of building a swimming pool for the city, and their plans are rapidly maturing.

Martin Bauernfiend, car doctor of Morgan accompanied by Miss Zoe Ferrens, school teacher of Morgan, were calling in the Cecil vicinity on Sunday.

W. L. McCaleb, county roadmaster, has been laid up at home during the week, suffering an attack of quinsy and flu complications. At this time he is much improved.

at the end of the year was 15% down.

These figures may not reflect all of our farm operations but they are surely indicative of the family size farm.

Donald Peterson, Ione, has just completed a 70 acre seeding of grass and alfalfa on land taken out of wheat production. At the same time a two acre sod waterway was seeded in one of his wheat fields. The sod waterway was seeded to Pubescent Wheatgrass and Hard Fescue. Fifty of the 70 acres seeded to grass and alfalfa was put into a grazing alfalfa demonstration. Two pounds per acre each of Ladak, Ranger, Sevelra, Rhizoma, and Nomad alfalfas were seeded using 6 pounds of crested wheat grass per acre as the grass. Ladak alfalfa and crested wheatgrass were seeded. This was put on

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Mrs. Nora Sells of Morgan is in a rest home in Irrigon.

Dinner guests at the Mrs. Mary Emert home Saturday evening were Mrs. Ralph Matthews and daughter, Patty, of Roseburg, Mrs. Blanche Willis of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Emert and family of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pettyjohn and family of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Emert and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Emert and family. Mrs. Emert plans to leave for Tennessee April 14 to visit relatives.

The square dance at the Legion hall Saturday night was well attended. This was sponsored by the 4-H Clubs and proceeds by donations will be used for the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Mrs. Arvilla Swanson and Mrs. E. R. Lundell were elected as the delegates from Bunchgrass Rebekah Assembly at Grants Pass in May at the meeting Thursday evening of last week. The alternates were Mrs. Sam Esteb and Mrs. Ida Coleman. Mrs. Ernest Heliker was recommended as district deputy president. During the meeting Mrs. Cleo Drake gave an account of the U. S. Pilgrimage contest in Echo, where her son, Ernest was a contestant.

After the lodge meeting a birthday party was held for those having birthdays the first three months of the year. They were: Mrs. Lana Padberg, Mrs. Lewis Ball, Mrs. Clell Rea, Fred and George Ely and E. R. Lundell. The hostesses were Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Mrs. Wallace Matthews, Mrs. Adon Hamlett, Mrs. Donald Ball, and Mrs. Berl Akers, Mrs. Ida Coleman, Mrs. Sam Es-

teeper land that Don is retiring from wheat production in the wheat acreage allotment program. Other seedings of the like are being made throughout the county. Some yet to be seeded this spring.

Portland are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson.
Alton Turner of Medical Springs spent the weekend with his aunt, Mrs. Fannie Griffith.
Mrs. John Skuzeski and sons of

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