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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Last week's grazing alfalfa tour revealed much data concerning comparison of various alfalfas and their adaptability to dry land range and crop specialist, Oregon State College, Marr Waddoups, of Pendleton branch experiment station and Bill Cyrus, Burlington Seed company originator of Nomad alfalfa were those from outside the county who took part in the tour.

All taking part in the tour agreed that there is definitely a place for alfalfa in all of our pasture seedings throughout Morrow County. As a general rule, stands established a year ago were excellent on summerfallow land while those that had to compete with weeds and volunteer crops were not so well established. Every one was pleased with the possibility of Nomad alfalfa, the original creeping variety, especially in fields that have been seeded for four or five years and given a chance to creep and establish itself. Seedlings made in 1948 and 1949 by Lloyd Howton and Harold Wright were especially good in this respect. Bob Kilkenny now lives on the ranch where Nomad was seeded in 1949. At the Harold Wright ranch near Hardman, his 1948 seeding using only three pounds per acre is now a solid stand.

During the two and a half day tour alfalfa seedings at the Bernard Doherty, Kenneth Peck, Alec Lindsay, Bob Kilkenny, Oscar Peterson, Donald Peterson, Paul Webb, Harold Wright, W. E. Hughes, W. W. Weatherford, Delbert Emert, and Bill Padberg ranches were visited, and comparisons of alfalfas made.

At least one Morrow county farmer plans to do something about the cheat and fox tail problem in alfalfa. The grass problem is especially bad this spring. Delbert Emert, Ione, began construction Saturday morning of a trench silo where he will store 40 acres of grass-alfalfa insilage. He has ordered a field chopper and will cut the grass and alfalfa directly into dump trucks hauling it into the silos. This will not only save a lot of feed but will make the cheat and fox tail palatable and make it possible to utilize it for feed rather than waste without causing the problem of cheating or bearding livestock.

For those gardeners who have trouble with pea weevils, now is the time to be thinking of timing insecticide applications for control of this pest. The insecticides are applied to kill the adult weevil before they lay eggs. Once the egg is laid on the pod it is too late to prevent weevily peas. Generally the first application should be made when the first pods appear. Dusting is perhaps the most satisfactory method of controlling weevils under garden

ing conditions. Dusting should be repeated at five to seven day intervals until harvest. Either a five percent DDT dust, a three-fourths of one percent rotenone dust or a five percent methoxychlor dust is recommended. The five percent DDT dust should be applied at the rate of fifteen to twenty pounds per acre, the rotenone dust at the rate of 25 pounds per acre. The methoxychlor dust at the rate of 15 to 20 pounds per acre.

Recent instructions pertaining to wheat marketing quotas for the 1954 crop state that the marketing penalty rate is 45% of parity, as of May 1st, 1954. A determination has been made in the penalty rate on excess wheat of the 1954 crop as \$1.12 per bushel. For those farmers who might be seeded in excess of their acreage allotment, there is still time to cut this excess for hay or to pasture it off. Acreage to be treated in this way, should be reported at the local ASC office.

Covering most of Morrow County, during the last week, it was noted that there is a marked increase of Washington ground squirrels in every community throughout the county. Last year at the suggestion of Harold Dobyns, local exterminator, and Gordon Stewart, district agent, U. S. fish and wildlife service, the increase in this rodent was called to the attention of the farmers throughout the county. Very few did any work on the control of the rodent, this year they have multiplied quite rapidly in comparison with last year's number. Strychnine poison grain are effective on this rodent. Strychnine grain is available at this office at cost. Or it can be purchased in neighboring counties, at some feed stores.

Disease is the greatest single hazard to profitable livestock production. The annual national livestock death loss directly attributed to diseases has been conservatively estimated to be 15 percent of the swine, 20 percent of the sheep and lambs and 10 percent of the cattle and calf population. Sanitation is an important fundamental step in the disease control.

While we are talking about disease control, it might be timely to pat Morrow county ranchers on the back after five years of intensive testing for the control of Brucellosis under a compulsory test program provided by Oregon state law. Morrow county is ready to be added to the list of accredited Brucellosis counties. Dr. A. G. Biegle, veterinarian in charge, U. S. bureau of animal industry, indicated to a member of the Morrow county livestock disease control committee, early this week, that our county could be put into this status soon. It is also encour-

aging to note that Sherman and Umatilla county both undertook a program of this kind this spring. It is also understood that at least one other county in Eastern Oregon is now in the process of setting up a program of this kind.

It is quite disturbing to note the large number of ranchers who are burning stubble this spring. It is especially hard to understand why this practice has become so popular this spring, after a period of years of utilization of crop residues that all Morrow county ranchers could be proud to claim. In covering the county last week, more burning of stubble was witnessed than of any one year during the eight years as county agent in this county. It is hard to understand for several purposes. First, it appears to be no more and in most cases less stubble to contend with this spring than there has been in many other years. Secondly, there is more need as our land grows older, for conserving plant food and organic matter if we are going to maintain production and feed the increasing population in this county. With crop surpluses facing us, many ranchers evidently feel that it will take less acres to produce the amount of crops that can be raised under acreage allotments and that poorer farming practices can be tolerated. It is disheartening to believe that farmers would take this attitude for, never before do we need to practice sufficient crop production than now. Experimental data from the Sherman and Pendleton branch experiment stations, results over a great number of years show, that while there has been in many years an increase production in wheat the year following burning, wheat yields have declined on land where stubble was burned over a period of years and definitely the organic matter and water holding capacity was decreased considerably and that organic matter in the soil has gone down rapidly where burning is practiced.

For those of you who get the Country Gentleman, I would call your attention to the editorial in the back of the June issue of this farm magazine.

Morrow county farmers and home gardeners will be interested in the fast, free medical service for plants that is now available at Oregon State college, with the opening of a plant clinic there. Diagnosis of plant diseases and control recommendations can now be made under a new arrangement at the college. This service is the first in the west and the second in the Nation to be handled on a systematic basis as a clinic with an advisory staff. Special instructions for submitting diseased plants and complete information is available at this office.

Plans are pretty well completed now for the annual better farming and conservation tour which will be held this year on Tuesday, June 1st. While the complete agenda for the day has not been made up, it appears as though steps will be made in the west Heppner, Lexington, and Ione areas during the day. Such things as sod waterways established; and new seedlings; strip cropping; dryland and irrigated hay seedlings, new and established; tall wheat on alkali land; crop residue management and various tillage operations; windbreaks and grazing alfalfa seedings; grass le-

## COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Court Proceedings for the month of April, 1954.

The minutes of the March term were read and approved.

The court approved the recommendation of the Boardman Garden Club that certain roads in the Boardman area be named for early settlers on the project.

The following Bangs' disease control claims were ordered paid: John J. Glavey \$267.88; Anne Healy \$8.00; Lowell G. Shattuck \$24.00 and John J. Glavey \$35.51.

Warrants Issued on the General Fund.

Sadie Parrish, Deputy Clerk	\$ 297.85
Sylvia McDaniel, Deputy Joyce Buschke, Office Clerk	179.79
Alice I. Soward, Assessor's Office Clerk	184.65
Barbara Ware, Nurse's Office Clerk	111.05
A. J. Chaffee, Janitor	78.60
Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Physician	263.31
Herbert White Jr., Court Reporter	24.25
William E. Garner, Justice of Peace	72.75
J. O. Hager, Justice of Peace	72.75
Gustave Fisher, Justice of Peace	150.15
Calvin Carson, Weed Control	24.25
Garnet Barratt, County Court	90.30
Ralph I. Thompson, County Court	42.08
Russell K. Miller, County Court	79.94
State Tax Commission, Salaries	121.35
State Industrial Accident Comm. S. \$4.87; S. S. 31c; D. S. 31c; CH. \$1.36, Jan. 31c; W. C. \$1.24	8.40
Merehant Calculators, Tax Collection	30.39
H. Tamblyn, County Court	5.00
Northwest Hospital Service, Salaries	66.25
Maternity Center Assn., Health Nurse	1.00
Today's Health Magazine, Health Nurse	3.00
Court Street Market, Jail Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., Weed Control	6.81
W. Howard Cleveland, Bangs Disease Control	2.24
Jerry Brosnan, Bangs Disease Control	36.00
Mahoney and Fancher, Bonds	40.00
Public Employes Retirement, Sal. \$73.65; S. S. \$228.22	40.00
Paul M. Pittman, Court-house	301.87
First National Bank of Portland, Salaries	42.55
Case Furniture Co., Courthouse	409.05
Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., Courthouse	.15
C. J. D. Bauman, Sheriff Kilham Stationery and Printing Co., Clerk James H. Sturgis, Trustee, Publicity and Advertising	6.40
Sadie Parrish, County Clerk	158.25
Henderson Office Supply, Treasurer	118.72
Heppner Hardware & Electric Service, Courthouse	100.00
Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Jail	4.50
Consolidated Chemical Co., Courthouse	.45
Bureau of Labor, Courthouse	7.50
Packer-Scott Co., Courthouse	16.50
Bradley D. Fancher, District Attorney	3.00
Bradley D. Fancher, District Attorney	17.43
Bradley D. Fancher, District Attorney	12.48
Bradley D. Fancher, District Attorney	31.00

Herman Green, Court-house	3.00
Heppner Laundry, Court-house \$1.00; Jail \$9.35	10.35
Pacific Power & Light Company, Courthouse	43.19
Oliver Creswick, Coroner Helen O'Donnell, Circuit Court	6.56
Heppner Gazette Times, Official Publication \$32.24; Election \$20.75	5.00
Dunham Printing Company, Election	52.99
N. C. Anderson, Weed Control	23.45
Turner, Van Marter & Bryant, Bond, (Dep. Sheriff)	2.55
Otto Ruhl, Bangs Disease Control	25.00
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., Current Expense	16.00
Anderson Builders Supply, Courthouse	70.55
Henderson Office Supply, Tax Collections	70.81
Garnet Barratt, County Court	32.05
Warrants Issued on the General Road Fund	58.25
Harold Wilson	\$ 352.64
Thorai Broadus	322.62
David McLeod	299.55
H. Sherer	356.48
Dick Borman	322.64
Calvin Carson	152.27
Lewis Ball	342.64
William Cunningham	338.50
Anderson Hayes	333.93
Walter Gilman	278.65
Ray Bailey	277.00
George Irwin	292.95
Glenn McLachlan	47.15
Cliff Swan	294.45
Austin Wilson	297.15
Jack Slocum	343.68
William Heath	342.64
Fred Booker	284.45
Donald Munkers	338.28
Walter Corley	294.45
Darel Hudson	331.05
Eldon Shannon	313.88
Public Employes Retirement	152.57
State Tax Commission	215.61
Northwest Hospital Service	86.10
State Industrial Accident Comm.	241.02
First National Bank of Portland	658.90
Union Oil Company	64.55
Pendleton Auto Parts	52.56
Industrial Air Products	15.90
Becket Equipment Company	3.00
Contractors Equipment Company	427.41
Arceo Drainage & Metal Products Company	1,737.61
Independent Garage	.65
Montgomery Ward and Company	10.73

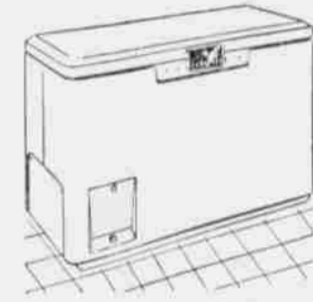
Umatilla Electric Cooperative Assn.	1.00
Northwest Industrial Laundry Co.	6.27
D. H. Jones and Son	99.70
Russell Miller	120.00
Heppner Hardware & Electric Co.	.10
Pacific Power and Light Company	19.22
Sadie Parrish, County Clerk	3.44
Lexington Implement Company	52.05
Heppner Auto Parts	133.59
Paul G. Pettyjohn	232.42
Rosewall Motor Company	63.05
Empire Machinery Company	233.55
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.	9.00
Clifton Swan	50.00
Columbia Equipment Company	215.84
Anderson Builders Supply	16.85
Anderson Hayes	334.03
Warrants Issued on the Hospital Construction Fund	\$ 7.50
J. C. Payne, Hospital Construction	\$ 7.50
Warrants Issued on Miscellaneous Fund.	
Harold Dobyns, Rodent Fund	\$ 90.20
Jeff Walker, Coyote Bounty	3.00
Harold Dobyns, Coyote Bounty	228.00
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