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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Last weeks wheat acreage allotment meeting held at the Lexington Grange hall was very well attended by farmers who turned out to see what was in store for them in 1955.

A few wondered why it would not be possible to grow cash feed crops on diverted acres, in 1955. An indication of why this is not possible for 1955 is shown in a recent report from the economics department of Oregon State College. The weekly report shows that on July 1st, feed grains were indicated to be the largest proportion of the total volume of crops for the nation. The carry over of feed grains in farm stocks is also large for most commodities. Some of the crop production is given which shows the nations corn crop was indicated at 3.3 billion bushels up 4 percent from last years total.

In Oregon, the corn crop for 1954 was up 11% from a year ago. Farm stocks of corn for the nation was reported to be the third largest of record. The nations out crop appears to be a record crop. It will be up 27% from last years total output nationally and up about 45% larger than a year ago. In Oregon, the nations barley crop will be 55% larger than last years crop. Oregon's barley crop will be 53% larger than last year's output and 73% above average. These are some of the reasons that cash feed crops can not be grown on diverted acres in 1955.

On May 13, 14 and 15, a tour was held in Morrow County to make comparisons of the five alfalfa variety plantings which were sponsored in 1953 and 54 by the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. E. R. Jackman, Veteran Range and Crop Specialist, from the college, was on the tour. A field report made by him recently carries some interesting comments which I think Morrow County Livestock men should be interested in. Mr. Jackman says that Morrow County has done the best job in the state in getting these alfalfa plantings scattered over every conceivable condition in the county.

Commenting on a planting put in by Lloyd Howton on the farm now owned by Bob Kilkenny, Mr.

Jackman had this to say "at this place grazing alfalfa was planted adjacent to the buildings in a little swale that was naturally moist most of the time from underground seepage. Pasturing had been rather intensive by domestic livestock but the alfalfa had spread, making a solid stand with a perfect mass of interlocking roots. This is the best example I have seen in the state of the possibilities of Nomad alfalfa as it is evident that gophers nor livestock grazing nor anything else could affect the stand as of present. At the edge of this plot a farm pond had recently been put in and in the excavation work soil was piled about a foot deep on some of the alfalfa. Also some of it had been bulldozed out to form the water basin. The Nomad, although heavily covered, had come up through the soil and was again occupying the land. In the large pile of soil piled up by the dozer on one side, many plants, although cut off completely, were reestablishing themselves on the dry pile of dirt". Nomad is performing like this under many conditions here and in surrounding counties. This is one of the reasons that I believe there has been so much interest in the variety and only recently, orders totaling 700 pounds of this variety have been ordered to be seeded on wheat diverted acres and new pasture seedings.

Delbert Emert of lone is planning to seed around 200 acres of diverted wheat land now in summer fallow. Ralph Beamer of Heppner will seed 107 acres of diverted wheat land and Orville Smith will seed 40 acres of desert land near Ordinance to this variety.

The Oregon State College Agricultural Economics department reports that contracting of cattle for fall delivery has slowed down considerably. Contracting this year has been quite spotted this year with only a few deals made in any one area. This may mean that the contractors are anticipating lower prices due to forced marketing this fall. This would appear that it would be all the more helpful to use the Morrow County Livestock Growers Asso-

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the Gazette Times Files of July 24, 1924

Harold Cohn and Paul Gemmill are maintaining camps in the mountains for their families and the two gentlemen make the trip to them every evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Whittington of Bend were saying hello to old Heppner friends Saturday.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo drove to Portland last Wednesday and took part in the Northwest handicap trap shoot at Everding park the last of the week.

Elmer Peterson and Noel Dohy were in Heppner Sunday evening, having a day off from their harvest labors in Eight Mile.

J. B. Huddleston, Lone Rock sheepman, was in the city the last of the week. Several grave political and other issues were settled during his visit. Bruce Kelley helped to solve them.

Rev. W. W. Head, pastor of the Congregational church in lone and son Jas. Head, publisher of the lone Independent, were Heppner visitors yesterday.

Political Marketing Listing service which has been offered to all the livestock operators. Very few have prevailed themselves of this service to date.

Those of you who have been calling at this office with insect problems, might be interested in the following information:

Each pound of insects cause the loss of 5 pounds of vegetation. Seventeen grasshoppers per square yard can eat one ton of alfalfa per acre per each day. Insects in the United States nullify the labor of at least one million working men each year. More trees are killed by insects each year than those destroyed by forest fire. There are eighty-six thousand main species of insects in the United States, ten thousand of these are considered public enemies. Now after hearing this, your insect problem isn't as bad as you thought it was, is it?

Wheat farmers in the Columbia Basin low rainfall areas can save money with light seeding rates and still maintain yields according to the trials at the Sherman Branch Experiment Station at Moro. Winter seeding rates of wheat at the rates of 39 pounds per acre yielded just as high as 90 pounds rates in two year trials. The test also included the rates of 45, 60 and 75 pounds with all seedings yielding between 34 to 36 bushels per acre for the two year average. Date of seeding is more important the station has found. Seeding made October 1 and 15 showed significant yield increases in the 1953 harvest over the seedings of September 1 and 15 and November 1st. Relatively the same experimental information has been found at the Pendleton Branch Experiment Station.

The wheat referendum is this Friday. If you are a wheat grower, be sure to vote. Every wheat grower will be affected by the outcome. Polls are open 9:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. Voting places are lone Legion Hall, American Legion Hall at Heppner and Lexington Grange Hall.

## IN HOMETOWN AMERICA



THE GOOD OLD SUMMER-TIME!



State Senator Phillip Hitchcock of Klamath Falls who will move to Portland to join the faculty of Reed College resigned from the Senate last Friday. Former Representative Alva C. Goodrich is the present leading Republican discussed to succeed Sen. Hitchcock while Harry D. Bovin of Klamath Falls, former speaker of the House, has been selected by a group of Democrats.

Ralph H. Cake, member of the board of directors of the Panama Canal Co. and former Republican state chairman has been asked to set in on Republican strategy for his home state.

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MOTOR SERVICE

There must have been a couple of gnats on the bifocals of the political pundit who directed his press agent to quote him thus, "From now on the general election campaign will be wild Donnybrook fair drag out."

Less than four months remain and the present campaign is dragging at the same old tempo of the primary procession that ended with an imitation of Custer's Last Stand.

There has been little more than a squirmish of quotes and accusations of misquotes between Republicans, Democrats, Demoblicans and Independents.

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of another world war will stop a Democratic victory in this state. State Senator Gene Brown of Grants Pass (Rep.) does not agree with Tom Lawson McCall, who won the Republican nomination for congress in Multnomah, who has openly advised for a campaign without mud-slinging and personal attacks.

Brown is being accused of being apprehensive of a Democratic victory in Oregon this year. Having said, "A high plane campaign is fine until you lose."

**McKAY IN ALASKA**  
Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. McKay accompanied by Miss Alene Phillips, his personal secretary, and Larry Smith of the public relations bureau, left Salem Friday to leave by plane from Seattle Saturday for Alaska where McKay will confer with territorial officials. The party will remain in Alaska and return to Salem in time to attend the opening of the Oregon State Fair, Sept. 4. The McKays will then go to their summer home at Neskewin for the month of August. McKay said he will make two trips to California during his stay in the West.

**NEW STATE SERVICE**  
Issuance of a tamper-proof specially laminated driver license will begin about September 1, according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

For a number of years, some plan of preventing the possibility of illegal alteration, and of protecting the license against normal wear and tear has been sought. Newbry said the usual forms of lamination were too costly.

The plan recently discovered can be used at very low cost. Oregon will be the first state to furnish motor vehicle drivers with a laminated driver license.

**MEAT DEALERS ARRESTED**  
Two Salem meat dealers a few blocks from the State Agriculture Department headquarters were arrested Friday by department officials who charged that they found more than meat in the market's hamburgers.

One dealer was accused of mixing sodium benzoate, a preservative, into hamburgers without notifying buyers of the addition. The other dealer was charged with selling adulterated food. Analysis of hamburger, the officials said, showed it contained soy products.

**END OF SPRUCE BUDWORM**  
The last spruce budworm infested area in Oregon is being treated with control spray on a 65,000 tract near La Grande. This operation is expected to end the devastating epidemic which Continued on Page 5

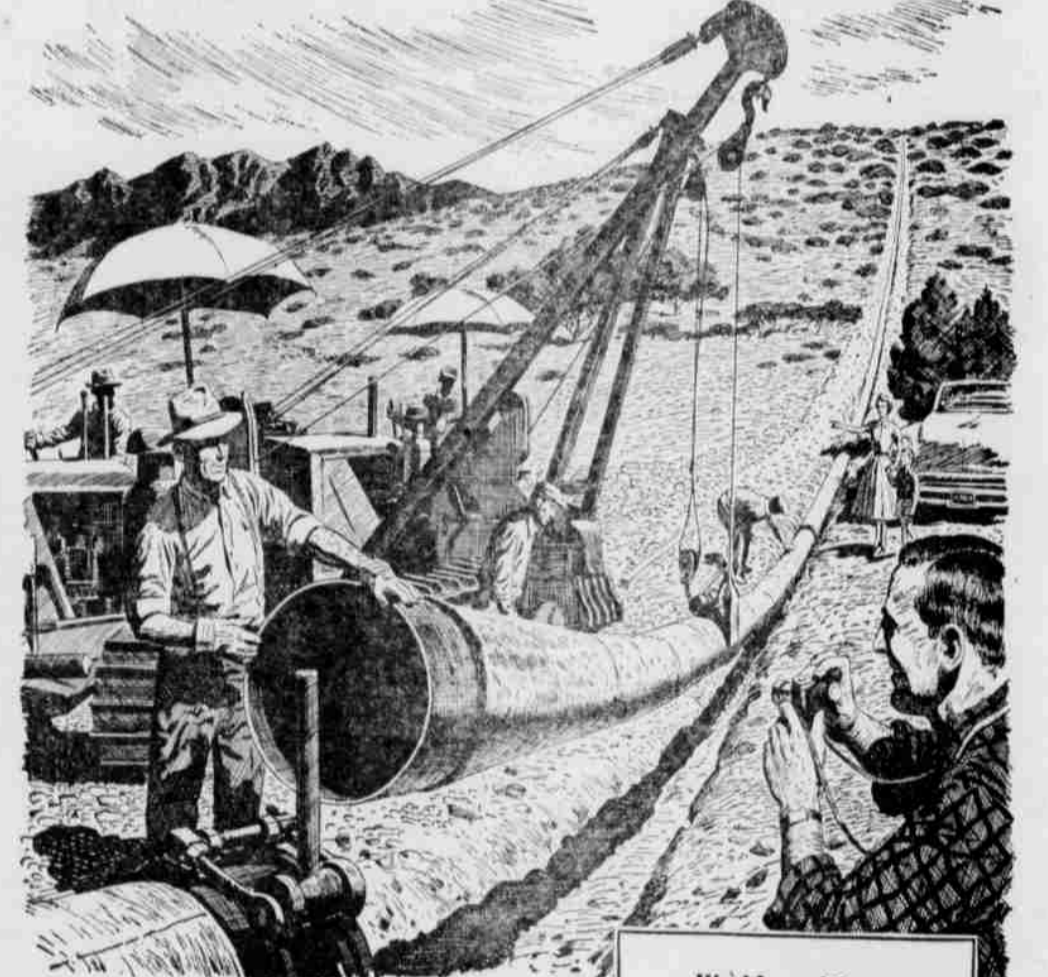
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