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25 Years of Cooperation

Most of the members of the Morrow County Grain Growers gathered Tuesday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the cooperative organization which has served the farmers and the area well for the past quarter century.

They heard the story of how the co-op was formed in 1930 with practically no money and at a time when crops were poor and prices were even poorer. They heard of its growth up through the years from just a marketing agency to the present time when it is not only the biggest marketing agency in the county, in volume handled, but also the largest organization in the county designed to meet the storage needs of the farmers. It grew from nothing to a business with assets well up in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and storage facilities of nearly 3,000,000 bushels of Morrow county grain. At the start its growth

was slow, and throughout its lifetime its tribulations have been many, but it has gained until today it is one of the largest farmer-owned grain co-ops in the state operated to serve its owner's needs and to make him more profit.

Morrow County Grain Growers operations stretch almost from the mountains to the Columbia and one of its most recent efforts to strengthen its position in a competitive world was the construction of river storage and loading facilities which will mean more savings in freight costs and consequently more profit to turn back to each farmer member.

The Grain Growers and its officers have a right to be proud of the job that has been done. There were times when the going was mighty rough, but the farmers stuck together to cooperate and all of them we think, are pretty proud, also, of the organization they built. It's paying them dividends, too!

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Spring applications of nitrogen have this week been applied to the seven dry land fertilizer experiment plots in Morrow County. Applications of 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre were applied to compare yields with these same applications made in the fall of the year. Also applied last fall, were plots comparing phosphorus, sulphur, and some of the trace minerals on yields.

No response was noted in any of the plots with the exception of the plot at the D. O. Nelson farm in the North Lexington community. At this plot the wheat was seeded in August is well established and shows definite response to all rates of nitrogen. Equipment from the Pendleton branch experiment station with Dr. Cleveland Gerard, soils research assistant, and the county agent, made application. Soil samples are also taken in all of the plots to determine moisture content and available nitrogen in the check plot. Moisture, nitrogen, and rates of application will be correlated with yields at harvest time.

W. E. Hughes, Buttercreek rancher, is sold on the rotary subsoiler as a means of conserving soil and moisture. The rotary subsoiler was used on the crop land by Mr. Hughes last fall to prevent soil erosion. Even in this winter of low rainfall and moisture content in the soil, washing occurred on a neighbors field above the land which was rotary subsoiled. There was no washing whatever in the field subsoiled. Ed says that the land which was not subsoiled is hard enough to rope a calf on while that where the subsoiler was used is so wet that it is hard to ride across with out the horse sinking in several inches deep. Others throughout the county have found the same thing true and the rotary subsoiler is gaining popularity each year. It is used several ways, either on stubble or in seeded wheat. The subsoiler has also been used at the Hughes ranch on irrigated ground on Buttercreek. Ed says where a field had taken four days to irrigate before using the subsoiler, that it was difficult to get the water across the whole

field in a week, penetration was so good.

With increased moisture in March, farmers have been encouraged on crop possibilities. According to precipitation records that are being kept at this office as a part of the fertilizer experimental plot data, moisture varied from 1.30 inches at Heppner to approximately a fourth of an inch in North lone areas. At the C. K. Peck farm in Clarks Canyon, .73 was received; at the E. M. Derrick farm in Eightmile, .95; at the D. O. Nelson ranch in North Lexington, .52.

With the moisture encouragement, several farmers who hesitated to seed grass and legumes for pasture and hay on dry land have gone ahead with seedings. One of the largest was made at the Oscar Peterson ranch at Ione, who seeded 92 acres of diverted wheat land. The seeding was made on last years stubble which was spring toothed and harrowed with an excellent seed bed. Mr. Peterson applied 23 pounds of nitrogen per acre, using 5 1/2 pounds of Fairway Crested wheat grass and 1 1/2 pounds of Noad alfalfa. The timeliness of moisture helped this seeding, in that the heavy snow with about

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Students of American government often debate whether or not Congressional rules contradict democratic principles.

Legislation desired by majority of Congress can be bottled up in committee and never have opportunity of reaching final verdict on the floor.



In Congressional last session Senate resolution to give standing committee status to Senate Small Business Committee got "freezer treatment" even though 50 senators had already expressed themselves in favor in writing.

All through session, resolution was kept from a vote by Senator Jenner's rules committee.

Resolution has again been introduced by Sen. Edward Thye (Rep. Minn.) co-sponsored by 53 Senators.

Explaining difference between the present status of Senate Small Business Committee and status as a standing committee is involved due to technical rules.

But here is situation.

Several years ago nation's independent businessmen took stand their interests had no effective representation in Congress. Concerted work of these businessmen through National Federation of Independent Business resulted in Senate Small Business Committee.

This committee in performing outstanding work, encroached upon prerogatives which huge corporate interests had regarded as their private bailiwick.

Thus, when majority of mem-

bers of Senate decided it was time to give greater stature to Senate Small Business Committee, these interests used pressure to keep resolution in committee.

Now resolution is before this session, backed by these 54 Senators.

Senators: Edward Thye, John Sparkman, Gordon Allott, Frank Barrett, J. Beall, George Bender, Francis Case, Dennis Chavez, Norris Cotton, Price Daniel, James Duff, Henry Dworshak, Sam Ervin, Walter George, Barry Goldwater, Theodore Green, Thomas Hennings, Lister Hill, Hubert Humphrey, Irving Ives, Hubert Jackson, Olin Johnston, Estes Kefauver, John Kennedy, Robert Kerr, Thomas Kuchel, William Langer, Herbert Lehman, Russell Long, Warren Magnuson, George Malone, Mike Mansfield, Edward Martin, Thomas Martin, John McClellan, Patrick McNamara, Karl Mundt, John Pastore, Frederick Payne, Leverett Saltonstall, Andrew Schoepfle, W. Kerr Scott, Margaret Chase Smith, Stuart Symington, Arthur Watkins, Herman Welker, Alexander Wiley, Milton Young, William Purtell, James Murray, Earle Clements, Paul Douglas, Wayne Morse and George Smathers.

It is interesting to note neither party leader is listed. Thus, backing for resolution can be considered a Senatorial "grass roots" move. This action on measure will not only be closely watched by small businessmen throughout nation, but also by students of American government.

Senate authorities claim seldom has any bill or resolution ever had such an extensive backing of co-sponsors. Therefore, outcome of this issue could be taken as valid indicator on how much simon pure democracy exists in United States Senate.

1/3 of an inch of moisture came after the fertilizer was applied and a quarter of an inch of rain after the grass and alfalfa had been seeded. Many others have made good seedings the last couple of weeks. Donald Peterson, Eightmile, seeded approximately

25 acres of Crested wheat and Nomad earlier and is seeding several waterways to Pubescent Wheatgrass and Fairway Wheat grass, and Hard Fescue. Among those who will be seeding grasses and legumes in the next few days are Harold Sherer,

Ione; John Graves, Hardman; Jim Valentine, Heppner.

At an executive committee meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association Monday night, plans were made for the annual spring meeting. The meeting scheduled to be held on Friday evening, April 22nd, will include a report from Bob Taylor administrator Oregon Wheat Commission, on Farm legislation in the hopper at Washington, D. C. The Oregon Wheat Growers League have had representatives in Washington D. C. since shortly after the first of the year working for farm legislation that wheat farmers are concerned with. Committee reports will be made by the chairmen of the six standing committees. Oregon Wheat League activities will be reviewed by Kenneth Smouse, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, while Al Bunch, chairman of the Conser-

vation Man of the Year program will outline the plans for selecting the outstanding Conservation Man of the Year, 1955. Miss Naida Whybark, home economist, Oregon Wheat Growers League, will discuss the program in home economics carried by the league. The meeting is scheduled for the Lexington Grange hall at 7:30 p. m. Along with an interesting program for the evening, refreshments are planned.

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MAYOR MARY SAYS—

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Tuesday-Wednesday, April 12-13

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