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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Big news from the Oregon Cattlemen's Association annual convention held in Corvallis last week was the decision to petition for a beef commission. Public hearings on the desirability and necessity of creating the commission will be held throughout the state.

Present plans call for an assessment of 2½¢ a head for all cattle on the tax rolls. The money is to be used primarily for market development and marketing research. A referendum will be held after the hearings. Two-thirds of the growers voting must approve the commission and the total vote must represent 1/3 of the beef in the state. Beef producers will have a chance to learn more details at educational meetings and public hearing. Morrow County Livestock Growers at their

annual meeting last January, approved the beef commission plan and went on record to actively support putting it into effect.

Morrow county farmers were well represented at the conservation field day held at the Paul Kortge ranch near Dufur last Friday. The field day was an annual event, held each year at the farm of the state winner of the Conservation Man of the Year program sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Those from Morrow county with a part in the program were Kenneth Smouse, president, Oregon Wheat Growers League, and Al Bunch, chairman of the state section committee of the Conservation Man of the Year.

About 125 farmers from the Columbia basin attended the field day. Those attending heard how Paul Kortge put into effect his conservation program covering the entire farm that won him this honor. Practices observed in a tour of the farm were trash fallow, sodded waterways, grass alfalfa seedings on all land unfit for wheat cultivation, diversion ditches and windbreak plantings. Those attending from Morrow county were Al Bunch, Fred Mankin, Wallace Mathews Paul Henderson, Kenneth Peek, Fred Nelson, Kenneth Smouse, Donald Peterson, Oscar Peterson, and the county agent.

With continued rains and good conditions for establishing stands of alfalfa and grass, much is being seeded on land taken out of wheat production as well as depleted range land. Saturday, John Graves, who has recently purchased a ranch in the Hardman area, seeded 25 acres of land unfit for cultivation in small draws to Nomad alfalfa and Intermediate Wheatgrass. Mr. Graves has about 100 acres of this land on the ranch that will be seeded as they worked up and seed bed preparations made. Harold Peck, in the upper Rhea Creek area, Saturday also seeded an 8 acre field too steep for cultivation to Nomad Alfalfa and Intermediate wheat grass. O. L. Haguewood, Heppner Flat farmer, is preparing 50 acres that will be seeded this week to Nomad alfalfa and pubescent wheatgrass.

A group of farmers in the grass-



All legislative atmosphere did not leave Salem when members of the 48th assembly adjourned and went home two weeks ago.

Within the past three days there has been a very unusual interest in state government shown here. A conference attended by more than a hundred representatives of Oregon groups, clubs and organizations took a long look ahead and threshed over what to do about what kind of legislators and what laws they will support at the next election.

This meeting was called by officials and members of local organizations who invited members of other groups to the all-day meeting in Salem last Saturday. Favored in the discussion was defeat of Senate Joint Resolution 4, at next year's election which proposes to remove a clause of the constitution that Oregon

shall not declare a state of emergency for tax monies, and that Oregon should elect a lieutenant governor "so all the people—instead of just the legislature—should have a voice in who might succeed as governor."

Discussion on school support were appeased by a general acceptance that federal aid to education will come within the next decade. Committees from the groups will work on tax and school problems and report at a meeting to be called in June. Another group interested in government but who have their visions focused a little farther in the future, when they can vote, met in the Capitol at the end of the week to hold the ninth annual session of the YMCA Youth Legislature.

County agents from Baker, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla, Wheeler, Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties will visit grazing alfalfa seedings in Morrow county this Friday. Seedings on the Paul Webb, Donald Peterson, and W. E. Hughes farms will be visited. These stops are a part of a district conference of the Eastern Oregon agents on forage, weeds and insects. A stop will also be made at the Delbert Emert feeding operation where grass legume ensilage has played a great part in his feed operations. On Saturday the group will visit the seedings in Umatilla county.

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

An interesting event happened in Congress the other day. Through means of a "privileged resolution" Rep. Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.) got information from Pentagon.

A "privileged resolution" provides information requested be forthcoming in seven days, or Congressional action forces revelation of information.

Rep. Hoffman wanted to know how many military posts U. S. has abroad, how C. W. Harder many men involved, the cost. He was told promptly U. S. has about 950 overseas installations manned by about half present U. S. combat force, or 1,370,000 men. He also learned there are about 167,000 U. S. civilian employees in armed forces plus 218,000 civilians working for foreign governments under contract to U. S. plus 124,000 German civilians. Altogether, wages to civilian employees runs over \$4½ billion per year.

Rep. Hoffman is reported planning to use same method to force some information out of State Department. Thus, he invoked a Congressional weapon that had all but been forgotten.

Revival of this weapon may even embolden some Congressmen to get curious about Foreign Operations Administration which continues to soak up billions in American taxes to give away around world.

It is held doubtful that one Congressman in 20 knows how these billions are being thrown around, yet so far no investigations have been made.

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For example, FOA announces gifts to Israel.

FOA announced among other items it has given Israel \$900,000 worth of fruit wrapping tissue.

Some representatives of U. S. citrus industry on questioning refused to hazard guess on how many oranges could be wrapped with almost a million dollars worth of tissue.

But average monthly exports of Israel of all products is far less than amount of fruit wrapping tissue FOA has just given nation. And it is held pretty certain no Congressmen has any idea how many years supply \$900,000 worth of fruit wrapping tissue is for Israel.

Nor probably can any Congressmen explain how tissue wrapping Israel fruit contributes to U. S. defense. If tissue wrapped fruit is vital to defense, then fact majority of U. S. grown fruit is sold naked indicates U. S. home defense is in woefully weak condition.

Thus it appears in Washington Rep. Hoffman has hit upon method whereby Congress if so minded, could learn many interesting facts about way U. S. billions are tossed away while U. S. schools and roads suffer.

Of course, some say GOP will not investigate vigorously a situation it is permitting; neither will Democrats investigate a situation they started.

But on other hand, it is pointed out, Sen Harry Byrd of Virginia, undoubtedly a democrat just as undoubtedly as is fact FHA was started by democrats, pulled out rug from under FIA scandals. So Washington feels it is not impossible for a vigorous probe of FOA to be launched during present Congressional session.



## VETO DEADLINE NEARS

The deadline for signing or vetoing bills passed by the 1955 Legislature expires May 27. Governor Patterson is expected to leave May 26 for Missoula, Montana where on the following two days he will attend the conference of governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

Governor Patterson said he expected to dispose of all bills prior to leaving for Montana.

## EMPLOYMENT RISE SLOW

The anticipated rise in spring employment was held back by cold and wet weather in April, with snow plaguing the lumber industry in the higher elevations. New and additional claims for unemployment filed during April were up 22 per cent over the same period last year.

A slight rise in employment of skilled tradesmen was noted but the demand for building laborers continued to lag. Little change was seen in wholesale and retail employment.

Since the start of the 1954-55 benefit year, an estimated 1,100 workers have exhausted their benefit rights, the State Unemployment Commission said.

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## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times May 21, 1925

Lexington was hit by a water-spout about three o'clock yesterday afternoon. When flood waters reached the town they were sufficient to cause much damage.

Marcel, the 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, residing near Heppner, was severely burned Sunday morning.

M. L. Case and R. H. Quackenbush drove to Hood River on Monday to look after some business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Van Schoick and family of Balm Fork were visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs at the Last Camp Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hager entertained a few friends at dinner on Tuesday evening, followed by a theater party at the Star.

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## Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

I want to take this method of expressing my thanks to the members of my Conservation Week committee and your paper for the fine work they did in bringing conservation to the minds of the public during the observance.

I believe the following letter which I received from Governor Paul Patterson expresses the feelings of everyone connected with the program much better than I could do it. His thanks to me I extend on to all who helped.

"Newspaper and other reports received here have indicated that Conservation Week has been very successful and that you had an especially effective program in your county.

"I wish to compliment you personally and also the other members of your committee for the fulfillment of a very difficult and important assignment.

"Undoubtedly plans will be made for continuing Conservation Week as an annual Oregon program . . . .

"Again, it is a great pleasure to compliment you upon a job well done. I feel that your efforts have fostered a greater understanding of our resources of fish, wildlife, soil, forests, range, minerals and water." — Paul Patterson, Governor.

NEWT O'HARRA  
Chairman, Morrow Conservation Week program.

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Saturday, May 21  
**FREE CHILDREN'S SHOW—2:00 P. M.**  
During Heppner Value Days  
Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce

Sunday-Monday, May 22-23  
**THE BRIDGES AT TOKO-RI**  
Here are all the desperate and wonderful people of James A. Michener's unforgettable novel of our jet pilots in the Pacific. The cast, headed by Academy Award winners, including William Holden, Grace Kelly, Fredric March, Mickey Rooney in great roles. Actually filmed in the vast Pacific—in Technicolor. An important picture!  
Sunday shows at 2, 4:20, 6:40

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 24-25  
**DUEL IN THE JUNGLE**  
Dana Andrews, Jeanne Crain, David Farrar. Red hot action picture with mounting suspense. Many scenes were taken in Africa and they provide spectacular backgrounds of native dances, towering waterfalls and animals.

A sales tax bill that excluded food, gasoline and several odd articles, was defeated after debates that argued that it was unfair to poor people and had been defeated at the polls several times. Not all of the 150 bills introduced came up for discussion. The seven that passed and were signed by the boy governor concerned: making it unlawful to carry a loaded firearm in any motor vehicle, the establishment of a special office in the state library for the use of legislators, raising the wage of teachers, anti-stream pollution, mental health, compelling drivers to take certain tests at different ages and a bill making it mandatory for food producers to date packing of certain food.

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