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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Those farmers who attended the field day at the Sherman branch experiment station at Moro on June 27, report that much information of value was presented to them through the day. Several that we talked to were surprised that the Sherman branch experiment station had been established back in 1910 and had been working on agriculture problems pertinent to the lower rainfall portion of the Columbia Basin in Oregon. It serves approximately 14 million acres where rainfall varies from 7 to 13 inches and elevations are from 100 to 4000 feet above sea level. The average rainfall for the crop year at the station is 11.59 for 44 years. The elevation is 1835 feet and the soil is a very fine sandy loam of the Walla Walla series.

Work that the station has set up as principal projects have been the testing and developing of new cereal varieties, methods of handling summer fallow, seeding practices and crop rotations. The use of fertilizers, chemical weed control, soil building practices for soil and water conservation have been recent main projects.

Fertilizer experiments carried on at the station compare rate, and source of nitrogen fertilizers. Nitrogen is derived from ammonium nitrate and anhydrous ammonia. Nitrogen applications have been compared on winter wheat after fallow and on annual cropping with spring wheat. Like a lot of land in Morrow county which compares to the station, no great results have been obtained by the use of nitrogen fertilizer. The maximum yield has been

produced by the twenty pound rate in two years and by the higher applications of forty and sixty pounds in one year. It appears that the forty pound rate produces the most economical return. The difference in yield between the source of nitrogen is not enough to be considered significant. There has been about a five bushel increase over a period of five years between the forty pound application and the check plot. When annual cropping, the results are considerable different. It appears that forty-five pounds of nitrogen was sufficient to produce the maximum yield. Approximately a seven and half bushel increase was obtained in nitrogen applied to annual cropping over regular summer fallow plots.

Wheat growers favored marketing quotas by national average of almost 3 1/2 to 1 in last weeks referendum. North Dakota with 1/5 of the total votes cast voted 20 to 1 in favor of quotas. Oregon was slightly below the national average at 3 to 1 in favor. Only 4 of the smaller wheat states voted against quotas while 9 more approved by less than 2 to 1 majority necessary on a national level only about 1/3 of the eligible farmers across the country bothered to vote.

Since the referendum an announcement of a proposed discount plan for low quality varieties has been announced by the secretary of agriculture. He is trying to work out an acceptable plan for discounting the support rates of varieties suitable mainly for feed to improve the quality of

THIRTY YEARS AGO

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case are here from Vancouver, Washington, expecting to remain for the summer.

O. M. Whittington, who runs the two moving picture theaters in Bend, accompanied by Mrs. Whittington and their daughter, Miss Eva Whittington, were guests over the 4th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Clark on Eight Mile.

George Thomson and family, Walter LaDusire and wife, J. O. Turner and family, Harry Turner and family were among Heppner people going over to Hiway Spring on Saturday to spend the weekend.

Sheriff McDuffee, accompanied by William Haylor, departed on Monday for Hot Lake, where Miss Lucille McDuffee has been for some time receiving treatment.

Mrs. Ethel McKinley of Portland was a guest the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boyer on Hinton creek.

the wheat crop. He has promised that discounts would be announced before planting time this fall. Other proposals include (1) a broadening of the non-commercial areas where supports are set at 75% of the regular support rate, (2) exempting growers from marketing quota penalties if all wheat is used for feed or seed on the farm where grown, (3) special durum wheat acreage provisions to increase production and (4) programs to encourage farmers to make needed adjustments in their land use pattern.

Recently released from Oregon State College extension service is a new garden pest control guide. This guide when followed by back-yard vegetable growers, can take much of guess work out of insect pest control by following the spraying and dusting programs outlined in it. The bulletin which is entitled "vegetable garden insect pests" is available from this office. They give the latest recommendations for controlling all major garden pests. Eight pages of the bulletin are devoted to pictures of pests, classified according to crops they attack along with brief explanations of the damage they do and the recommended control.

During the past week several farmers have called at the office for recommendations for control of perennial noxious weeds and have signed up for the cost-sharing program in the ACP handbook F-2-a. The cost-sharing program assists the farmer with 50% of the cost in controlling these weeds.

A number of farmers from all parts of the county have been availing themselves to the use of the county weed sprayer for custom spraying of their weeds. The county weed sprayer is set up to take care of all farmers wanting

How To Plan Your Vacation

The best place to start your vacation is in your own living room—with a carefully drawn up list of things to do before you go. Careful planning means a trouble-free vacation and peace of mind.



1. Stop all deliveries—milk, newspapers, etc. A cluster of milk bottles on your front porch is dangerous. You might just as well put up a sign, "This house is ripe for burglary!"
2. Ask the police to keep special watch on your home.



3. Check all your windows. Are they shut and locked, even on floors above the ground? Lots of burglars are second-story men.
4. Plan your packing. Travel light. Take only what you will really need and no more. And don't forget your camera, film, suntan oil, an extra pair of glasses, your portable radio.
5. Plan your route. Don't wait until you are lost on the highways. Pick up a route map and mark your route with crayon.
6. Money. Avoid big wads of cash. Carry most of your funds

in American Express Travelers Cheques. You can spend them anywhere and, if they're lost or stolen, you will get your money back. Personal checks are often hard to cash.

7. Mail. Tell the post office to hold your mail or deliver it to a friend's house. A full mailbox is another invitation to burglary.



8. Shut off appliances. Take perishables out of the icebox. Any heating unit or motor-driven appliance is a fire hazard, while you're away.

9. Pets. Be sure to arrange for someone to take care of your pets while you're on vacation. If you can't find an obliging friend, kennels or pet stores will keep them. A happy vacation—and plan it before you leave!



custom work done. Many have reported that it is much simpler for them to call the county weed sprayer to spray their small patches than to try to rig up to spray themselves. Excellent results have been reported from such a program.

Bill Weatherford, who ranches in the Buttercreek area with a goatweed infested area reports excellent control from chrysilina beetles which were put in his goatweed patches 2 year ago and again last year. Mr. Weatherford was the first farmer to use these beetles. He received 1 colony from Wallowa county in 1953. In 1954 9 colonies were distributed in the heavily infested area near Buttercreek. The beetles seem to be increasing steadily and have at the Weatherford farm controlled large areas within the patches of goatweed. With the goatweed spreading rapidly in our range country other ranchers may find chrysilina beetles an easy answer to control this weed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall were called to Ontario Sunday by the death of Mrs. Marshall's aunt.



CLEMENCY REQUESTED

Many letters have been received recently by Gov. Paul L. Patterson requesting executive clemency for 19-year-old Donald Dwaine Imlah, under death sentence for the slaying of a Hood River farmer on July 8, 1953.

The execution is slated in the lethal gas chamber in the state penitentiary, Salem, August 18. Victim of the slaying was Bruce Houck, 30, who had Imlah paroled from MacLaren School for Boys and had taken him into his home. The slaying occurred, police said, when Houck refused to lend Imlah money to purchase an automobile.

Imlah has been in close security most of the time since he arrived at the penitentiary. He

spends much of his time listening to radio, writing letters and reading. A verdict of \$5,029 recovered by Mabel Campbell against the city of Portland for personal injuries. Continued on page 7

HI COURT REVERSES DECISION



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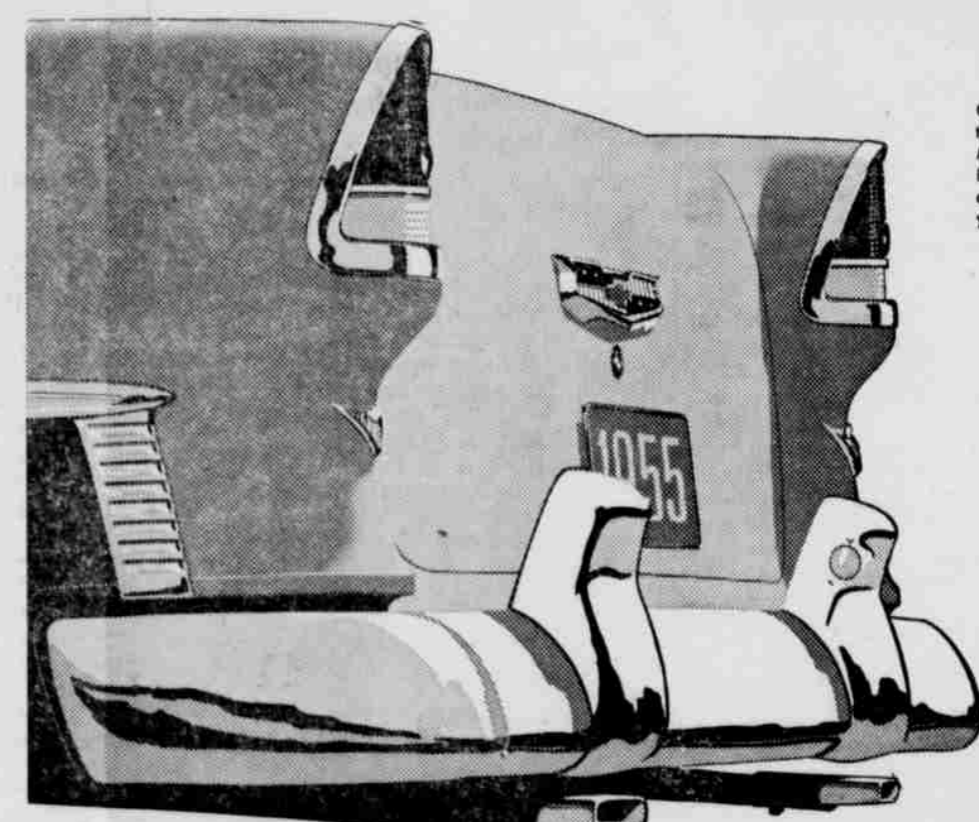
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