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Another Idea On The Farm Program

From The Sherman County Journal

The Democrats and the Republicans are both talking about the farm situation, the Democrats most gleefully because for them once the Republicans have abated of that perennially hot poker—the farm problem.

We are sure that there will always be a farm problem as long as the government meddles with farm production, farm management and farm marketing. Getting rid of the government would relieve much of the problem.

About all the Democrats can be happy about is that the Republicans are trying a flexible price support plan, a minor adjustment to the Democratic plan of rigid price supports. The flexible plan hasn't controlled the surplus although it might do so if flexible enough. The rigid price support plan is worse.

As for wheat the policy of acreage reduction is a total failure. The crop base is 77,000,000 acres. The greatest reduction possible under the law is down to 55,000,000 acres. This was invoked last year. Because of droughts, floods, etc., there were only 47,000,000 acres harvested this summer, the lowest acreage since 1934. Even with normal exports we will do nothing to reduce the surplus.

News stories have told why. A man in the Willamette valley grew 82 bushels per acre on 15 acres; in Jefferson county a man produced 90 bushels per acre. Now 90 bushels per acre on 15 acres cannot be reduced under the present law. A man has a right to grow that much wheat without penalty.

That is 1350 bushels. With irrigation such a wheat grower is equal to a dry land farmer with a half section of ordinary land on which there might be 250 acres tillable, half each year. His reduction would be about 40 percent and his crop about 20 bushels per acre or less. If a full 20 he would have 1500 bushels to sell to the government.

The whole world is subsidizing wheat production and the consumption is going down largely because the price is too high. Fear of war and the desire of a nation's rulers to be independent of imports probably causes much of the subsidization.

It is to be expected that both political parties will make the highest possible bid for farm votes. Probably neither will be able to pass the plan they propose for farmers are divided themselves on the kind of aid they want. We do know that little farmers will get the breaks as long as farming is handled politically and that the 15 acre wheat grower with an irrigated crop every year is going to beat the 3000 acre wheat grower in a summerfallow country because the 15 acre farmer is politically 200 times as important as the big farmer. If no one grew wheat on more than 15 acres we would have enough wheat for 10 or 15 years.

Government aid and the blight of democracy will eventually put the big farmer out of business. His best bet is to support the plan that reduces farm support the most.

We Like to Know, Too!

A couple of days ago the East Oregonian made editorial comment that it was gratified to receive news pictures and information about top cowboys from the Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA) and that it had commented previously that the association, and the cowboys, were lacking in getting out any publicity for and about themselves.

We must agree with the EO that it has been next to impossible to find out anything about top rodeo hands, but we would like to make a suggestion to the Pendleton Round-Up publicity committee that it take note of editor Forrester's comment.

Specifically, we have this gripe. This newspaper has not received one word of publicity, one picture—in fact absolutely nothing in the line of news, concerning this year's Pendleton Round-Up, yet a Heppner girl, Miss Sharon Bryant, is a member of the Round-Up royal court, which certainly means we have an interest in what she is doing and what the Round-Up is planning.

No doubt the lack of close-to-home publicity has been an oversight, but we feel it is one which shouldn't be overlooked in the future. The Round-Up is Eastern Oregon's greatest show and we, being a part of Eastern Oregon too, like to be a part of that show, even if our part is only to give it a little more publicity. We'll be glad to give it, but we'll be darned if we're going to go over there after it.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times Sept. 17, 1925
A deal was closed the last of the week whereby Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gordon became proprietors of the Fountain of Sweets, at the corner of Main and Baltimore streets.

Tom Boylen, Jr., was in Heppner for a short time on Tuesday.

Karl Beach and Lawrence of Lexington left for Walla Walla where Lawrence will enter upon his second year at Whitman.

Among those noted in attendance at the North Morroy County Fair held at Boardman on last Friday and Saturday were Judge Bengt, Dist. Atty. Notson, Frank Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sweek, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs and Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Aiken, Supt. Walker, County Clerk, Anderson and family, Osmin Hager and family, Sheriff McDuffee, A. M. Phelps and W. E. Pruyn.

Vawter Parker, Reid Buseick, Miss Luola Bengt and Miss Mary Patterson are Heppner young people leaving tomorrow for Eugene where they will register as students in the University of Oregon.

cooperative wheat nursery and reproduced was known as Improved Forty Fold and Fifty Fold. The wheat when milled this past week was less desirable in milling qualities than Rex. At a meeting of wheat growers, attended by college and Oregon Wheat Growers League personnel on Tuesday, it was announced that action was being taken to have that variety classed in the group recently announced with a twenty cent per bushel discount. The variety tested by the college was found to be susceptible to most smuts including dwarf smut and shattered readily. With this in mind, Morrow county farmers seeding this wheat should understand that there is the possibility of a twenty cent discount, the same as Rex.

With the first sprinkle of the fall coming today, Tuesday, it reminds us that the rainy season will soon be with us. It is well worth remembering that the old adage a leaky roof is like a bad apple in a barrel, it invites more and more trouble. This is a good time to check for possible leaks in the roofs of grain storages. Water has been one of the most common causes of grain loss and a careful check should be made so that prevailing winds

93 Deer Checked Out at Monument In Special Hunt

By Martha Matteson

The special deer season closed last Wednesday night and when the checking station closed in Monument Thursday there had been 93 deer checked out of this area.

Gerald A. Lewis and family of San Leandro, Calif., were up for the week visiting his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Lewis of Cotton. They also visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis and a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis.

Mrs. Stanley Cox drove over on Tuesday from Heppner after her two children who had been with her sister, Mrs. Joe Mellow for five days.

The George Capons, Rex Sweeks and George Starretts were in Fossil one day last week visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Flower drove Bush Crabtree to Bend on Wednesday afternoon to catch the bus to Willows, Calif., where he had to go on business and for medical care.

One line of the city power was out all night Thursday for 13 hours, so several were using candles and lamps. Ben Spain, Bob Kingman, Clarence Holmes, Charles Roach Jr. and L. D. Vinsen were all checking lines till the trouble was found between Ritter and Dale.

Hugh Johnson is on the Humphrey place while the owners are gone to sheep camp to ship their lambs.

Dick Engal of John Day was visiting at the Matteson home Friday evening. He was just released from the navy.

will not blow rain through the cracks and openings. This also applies to snow. Grain that is wet will heat and such grain is conducive to insect infestation. Better check your grain bins now.

Standing committee chairman are invited to attend the next regular executive committee meeting of the Oregon Wheat-growers League which will be held at the new Memorial Armory building in Pendleton on Tuesday, Sept. 20 beginning at 9:30 a. m. A special effort is being made to bring all of the county committee chairmen to this meeting so that the status of all projects to date can be discussed. Plans will also be made for the fall county meetings. If there is a question on the agenda for the day we would be glad to discuss this with you people.

Minnie Gambel of The Dalles is visiting her daughter and family, the Elze Emorys.

Alonso Merrill of Hermiston was in town last week looking up old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lesley and children were in from California visiting friends and relatives.

Lowell Flynn and Robert Kincaid of Mt. Vernon were Sunday evening dinner guests at the Matteson home.

Maynard Hamilton is doing some plumbing at the Bud Engla home on Cottonwood.

A new barber shop has opened in Monument. It is run by Ralph Farrow in a side room at the Boyer cash store.

Helen Brown had as house guests over the past 10 days her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vawter of Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Christerson and children of Portland and Frank Christerson of San Diego.

A Keep Oregon Green forestry party was held at the Martin home Saturday evening. After eating, the evening was spent gathering pictures and notes for the forestry scrapbook, taking and showing pictures of forestry work. Besides the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin and girls, present were Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Crum, Monument lookout; Keith and Bonnie Calbe, Ritter butte lookout; Clarence Jacobson, Paul Jorgenson, Rudio lookout; Richard Martin and

Allen Johnson, the suppression crew.

A class B fire was reported to the office here at 2:15 Sunday afternoon. Those from here who went were Henry Martin, Aubrey Crum, Richard Martin and Clarence Nelson of Spray.

Allen Johnson who has been here with the forest service for the summer, returned to his home in Dayville for school.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Lyons of Portland were visiting at the home of her sister, Helen Brown. Also visiting over Labor day were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Magee and children of John Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mantiss, former postmistress, were visiting over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crocker had as their houseguests for the weekend, his parents of Salem. They brought Ronnie Crocker's two brothers up to visit him. They are nephews of Jim's.

The M. M. M. club met at the home of Grace Starrett Thursday afternoon and elected new officers. They are: president, Anna Erhardt; vice president, Doris Capon; secretary, Martha Matteson; treasurer, Helen Brown.

Present at the meeting were Olive Cox, Wave Jackson, Ellie Durst, Ivy Barnard, Doris Capon, Delsia Sweek, May McWillis, Helen Brown, Millie Wilson, Anna Edhardt, Iris Kincaid, Martha Matteson and Garce Starrett.

County Agent News

By N. C. Anderson

Arrangements have been completed for seed increase of the two new wheat varieties released cooperatively by Washington, Oregon and Idaho this year. The two wheats have been named Omar and Columbia. Omar, re-

ferred to as red chaff Elgin, is a new highly smut resistant red chaff club wheat designed to replace Elmar. It has excellent milling and baking qualities and is superior to Elmar as a soft pastry wheat. The twenty-six growers in eastern Oregon will receive a total of 400 bushels of registered seed for increase.

Lloyd Howton, Ione, is the only Morrow county farmer who will be producing this variety for seed increase. Columbia, a hard red variety which is a result of a Rex-Rio Nebraska cross is adapted to the areas where Rio and Turkey are grown. The hard red variety is taller and yields are higher than Rio. It is a bearded red chaff wheat. There was but sixty bushels of this variety available for release in Oregon. Dick Krebs, Cecil, was chosen to increase seed under irrigation on land recently plowed out of alfalfa.

Growers of these new varieties were checked closely as to qualifications for increasing the seed and keeping it clean. They will be allowed to retain twenty percent of the production with eighty percent to be turned to Oregon State College for reallcation for seeding in the fall of 1956. Those who have made application for these new varieties and were not considered for this original seed will be allotted seed next fall.

While we are talking about new wheat varieties it might be of interest to Morrow county wheat growers that a new variety which was produced here in Morrow county this past year failed to pass milling tests which were run on the variety last week. The variety which was increased from seed taken from a college



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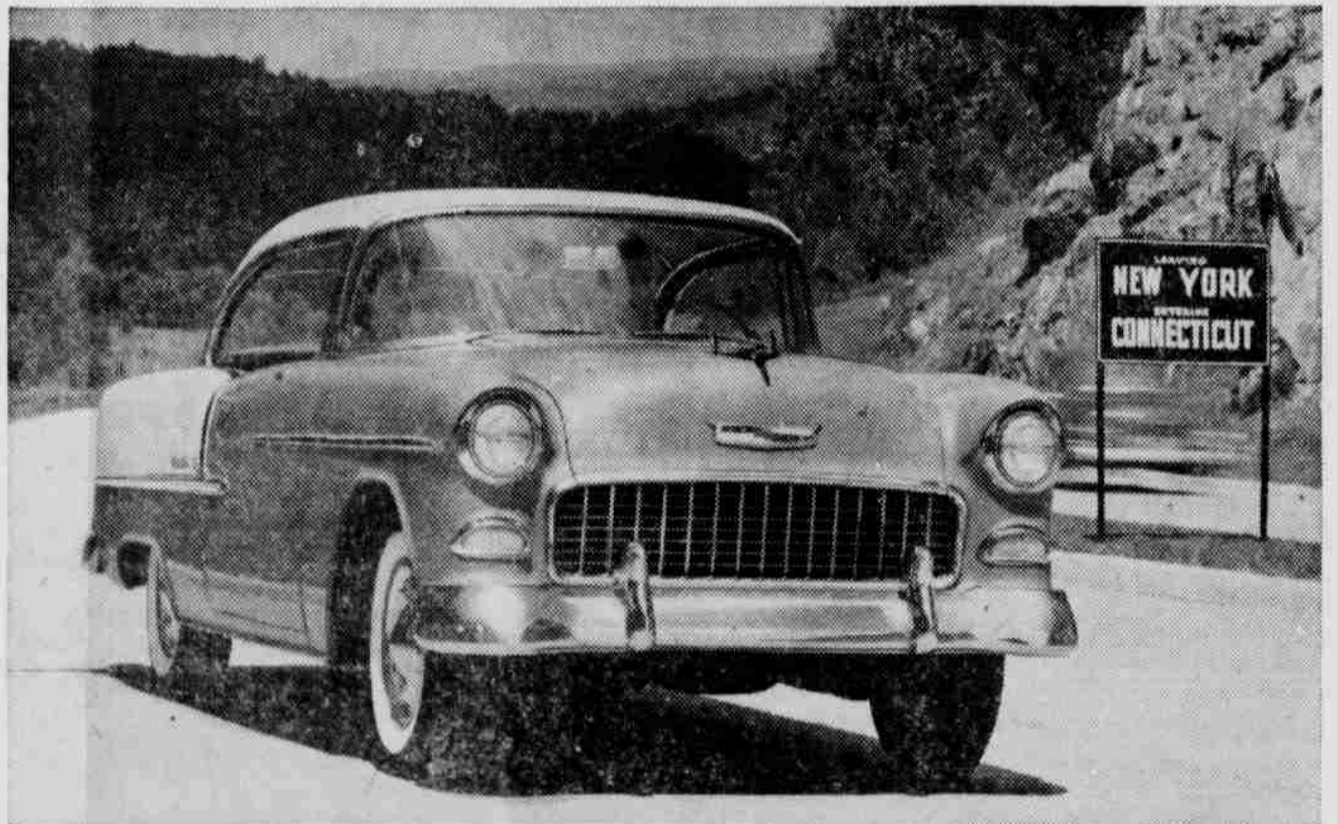
Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 20-21

TIMBERJACK

The early days of the logging industry, photographed in the beautiful rugged mountains of Glacier National Park and Western Montana, this is robust adventure, in color, with Sterling Hayden, Vera Ralston, David Brian, Adolph Menjou, Hoagy Carmichael and your favorite cousin Chill Wills.

SPECIAL: September, 1955, marks the 35th year of Sigsbee Family operation of the Star Theater in Heppner. There are no words to express our thanks for your patronage; we can only show our appreciation by bringing to you the finest entertainment as it is available for our community. In celebration of our anniversary, on Sept. 20 and 21, adults and students will pay us a penny for each year—35c Kids a dime!

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