

### From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Only 180,000,000 bushels of wheat had gone under loan of October 15 this year compared to 302,000,000 bushels last year. Most of the drop was in the hard winter wheat states of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Montana and North Dakota increased the amount under loan. The main reason for the small amount under loan so far is that market prices are closer to loan levels than a year ago. This has come about because last year's crop is almost entirely in government hands, leaving a relatively small supply in commercial channels. Wheat production has been brought into closer balance with demand during the last two years, but we are not getting rid of our surplus. The current U. S. D. A. wheat circular points out that average yield from 55,000,000 acres of wheat produce just about enough for our normal use including exports. Any whittling of our surplus would be very slow.

Plans are shaping up for the annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts which will be held this year in Pendleton on November 30 and December 1. The meetings will be in the Vert little theatre both days. Besides the business of the association, there will be interesting discussion on soil conservation and Nolan Fuqua, president of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts from Duncan, Oklahoma will be the speaker. In the afternoon of December 1, a tour through the West Umatilla Conservation District and through McNary Dam is being planned. We will give you more details of the program when it is received.

Two other annual meetings that it is no too early to be planning for is that of the Oregon Wheat Growers League which will be held in the new Armory



TWO J. C. PENNEY CO. SALESGIRLS, Neva Matteson and Florence Swann are displaying one of the many new Christmas apron yardage patterns the store is displaying this Yule Season. Neva is wearing one of the aprons made from a smartly different pattern. The Heppner J. C. Penney store, under the management of Dick Brunner, has one of its biggest selections of Christmas gift items in years. There are gifts for boys, girls, women and men, and the store emphasizes first quality at reasonable prices.



GILLIAM AND BISBEE'S toy automobile that is just one of the many wheel toys and other gift items now in stock at the store looked good enough to Terry Miller, young son of Mrs. Joan Miller, that he decided he'd like to find one under his tree Christmas morning. A big stock of gift items for every member of the family awaits the early shopper at Gilliam and Bisbee's.

In Pendleton on December 8, 9, and 10 and The National Association of Wheat Growers which will be held in the Multnomah Hotel in Portland on February 1, 2, and 3. With Morrow county as host for this year's annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, plans are shaping up well for a good meeting. The executive committee of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association met last Saturday afternoon at the county agent's office to plan details for the program and features that will make the annual meeting more enjoyable.

Oregon feels honored to have the annual meeting of the National Association of Wheat Growers at Portland this year. An interesting program is being developed with tentative speakers for the program during the three day session being secretary of agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, congressman Clifford Hope, national research director, Dr. Karl Quisenberry and head of the foreign agricultural service, Gwynn Garnett.

This is the time of year when bull and female sales are being held. Morrow county livestock men have participated in some held last week and have consignments made to at least one to be held in the near future. The Round-up Poled Hereford Sale will be held at the Round-Up grounds in Pendleton on Saturday, December 3. This show and sale is being cut to one day, with the show in the morning and the sale in the afternoon. Forty-four bulls and twelve females have been consigned. Morrow county hereford breeders consigning are B. J. Doherty, Floyd Worden, Clayton Wright, and Kirk and Robinson, all Heppner. The sale at the Boylen farm at Stanfield on the fourteenth did not bring the expected prices of those who had consigned. One of the main reasons for this was the bad weather of the day. Frank Anderson, Heppner, was

one of the consigners. The fifth annual range bull sale, held at John Day last weekend brought a considerably lower average than in past years. The grand champion bull consigned by Frank Anderson, Heppner, brought \$560. It was only a few years ago that the champion bull sold for over \$2,000. The grand champion bull and another of the three consigned by Frank Anderson were brought back to Morrow county to improve herds here. John Graves, Hardman, was purchaser of these two bulls.

Farmers will be hearing a lot about the soil bank or soil saving plan for dealing with warm surpluses in the next few months. There are many different ideas on details. This Tuesday the Oregon Wheat Growers League, with representatives from Oregon State College are studying soil bank ideas and working out details which might be helpful for discussion at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. It is thought that the Wheat League will recommend a soil bank program as part of the

use of diverted acres. As details are being worked out, there are a lot of questions being asked, among which are, "Shall the bank be made up only of wheat, corn, cotton, rice and tobacco acres? Shall it contain 10% to 15% of all the cropland on every farm? Shall small farms be exempt? Should this extra land be used for hay and pasture? Now long should this land be "saved"? How can it be brought back into production? What incentive payment is fair? Should price supports be conditioned up-

on participation in the plan? Will this plan put several hundred acres of good grain land here in Oregon and the Northwest into grass where it produces very little? How would this effect our ability to produce eggs, milk, and meat, especially pork for our rapidly expanding Pacific coast population?"

Morrow county wheat growers should participate in discussion that will establish details as the plan takes shape.

Average daily use of water by

large cities in Oregon during periods of maximum demand is about 340 gallons per person.

#### HOME NEWS

Leroy Brenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenner, left Monday for the Air Force. He will be stationed at Lackland air base in Texas.

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