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Ramblings

We can't seem to get wound up to compose a weighty editorial this week so decided to try a little column-style travelogue instead.

Took a little jaunt into sunny California last week but to our mind the California chamber of commerce got that word "sunny" in there by mistake. Saw more sunlight right here at home last Tuesday morning than we did in a week in California. . . plenty of water there though, and if anybody gets to complaining too much about our continuing rain here, a trip through the Sacramento valley would convince them that Oregon, especially Morrow county, is a pretty good place to come home to. There's enough water in the rice-growing sections of the valley that they shouldn't have to irrigate the fields at all this year. Speaking of rain, we heard that one weather station near Santa Cruz checked in over 24 inches of rain in 24 hours during the big Christmas week floods. A look at the town and surrounding country and its entirely believable, too. Understand they're still looking for cars that washed out to sea at Santa Cruz. . . if that had happened to mine, I don't think I'd bother looking.

We join whole-heartedly with numerous other persons who have voiced their disapproval of the new broken white lines that Oregon is using for highway center-strips. To our way of thinking they don't begin to equal our old yellow ones for

visibility. The broken white lines aren't so bad when they're brand new, but when they get a little worn and dirty they might as well not be there, especially during a heavy rain. It's going to cost the state a lot more money to keep them up too, even if they do only paint half as much stripe as the old solid ones. . . noticed numerous places where the new broken white stripe had been painted over the old solid yellow line—the white spots were practically invisible but the yellow was still in good shape. We'll bet the state will have to paint the white twice or three times as often as they did the yellow and still won't have as satisfactory a job.

Speaking of water, a good dose of it wouldn't do our streets any harm. . . ought to be about time for the city to start its spring house cleaning anyway. Did notice the crew trying to get rid of the mud that has accumulated on Gale street during the winter, but suppose that about the time they get it picked up we'll get another downpour and fill things up again.

TV did quite a job of covering the Los Angeles train wreck Sunday night. . . wasn't a very pretty picture, but the news isn't always pleasant. . . it was probably the first time in history that millions of persons were eye-witnesses to such a rescue operation. . . while on the subject of television—watched seven channels while in San Francisco area and in very few cases was the picture any better than what we are getting right here at home. They just have more of 'em, is all.

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Charles Latourell was elected president, Leonard Gilliam, secretary and Frank Shively, assistant field secretary, at a meeting of the Heppner Rod and Gun Club last night.

E. C. Carlson, who was doing business in the city yesterday, reports that there has been an abundance of moisture in the Gooseberry section.

S. E. Notson, district attorney and George McDuffee, sheriff, were in attendance of the law enforcement officers meeting held in Portland the past week.

Ralph Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and Elmer Bucknum, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bucknum, departed Wednesday for Marshfield where they have secured employment and will remain for some months.

A number of neighbors and friends enjoyed a pleasant dance at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hunt on Saturday evening.

A happy surprise was arranged for Buster Gentry on Thursday evening last when his father, J. E. Gentry, assisted by his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah White, entertained a number of Buster's young school friends in honor of his sixteenth birthday.

encourage some farmers to take the summer off. Maybe a limit will be placed on the portion of the allotment that can be "banked". All farmers could make deposits in the savings account (conservation reserve). Land not cropped or pastured, but protected against erosion could be put into this account. In return, they would receive rental payments equal to interest and taxes on the land plus possible payment of establishing and maintaining the reserve. For the time being, labor income would be sacrificed in the interest of eventually boosting prices and returns from remaining crops and livestock.

The President's figures of 25 million acres and 350 million dollars for the conservation reserve imply a national average payment of not more than \$14 per acre for this purpose. Best bets are that there will be considerable debate over methods and amounts of payments and other details before the final vote comes in Congress.

A recent report from Kenneth Fridley, President, Oregon Wheat Growers League and R. B. Taylor, Administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission, who were called back to Washington, D. C. to meet with the Secretary of Agriculture, along with other wheat growers indicates that the efforts of our Wheat League might bear fruit. At least the wheat men have had the opportunity to present their case and from the sounds of the report, some constructive thinking and planning was done at this three-day meeting. There no doubt will be some follow-ups from this important meeting when wheat growers throughout the United States get together on February 1, 2 and 3 for the annual convention of the National Association of Wheat Growers to be held at Portland.

Morrow County cattlemen are invited to attend the seventeenth annual meeting of the Umatilla Cattlemen's Association which will be held in Pendleton January 26. An interesting program is planned to be held in the Vert Theater, beginning at 9:30 a. m. continuing through the day, with a social hour, chuck wagon feed and dance.

This week State Veterinarians and representatives of the leading farm organizations met in Salt Lake City to consider the necessity for a regional laboratory for experimental work on diseases causing animal losses in the western states. There are a number of livestock diseases, particularly new ones which pose problems which need research on a regional basis. Some of the newer diseases are vibriosis, which has taken a staggering toll in the sheep industry in some western states; infectious rhino-

trachetis, commonly called red nose, which is breaking out in feedlot cattle of the intermountain states and California; anaplasmosis, which takes a considerable toll of cattle each year. Additional research is also needed for such diseases as leptospirosis, shipping fever complex, pink eye, white muscle disease of sheep and cattle, pulmonary emphysema and mucosal disease. Most of these diseases have appeared in Oregon and some have given considerable trouble. In addition, new exotic diseases which may be imported into the United States could be given immediate experimental work through such a regional laboratory.

If the Salt Lake meeting indicates the need for a regional disease control research laboratory, the group may ask Dr. B. T. Simms, of the regional agricultural animal disease and parasite research offices, to give some idea of possible federal cooperation in this field. Dr. Simms will be present at the meeting.

Several 4-H Club leaders from Morrow county have indicated

that they plan to attend the State 4-H Leader's Conference in Corvallis on January 25 to 27. Burton Hutton, State 4-H Club leader, predicts that this conference will be one of the most important ever held in Oregon as far as really pinpointing needs of volunteer leaders—as seen by them. Three hundred and fifty leaders are expected to be in attendance.

Lexington Notes . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Padberg have returned to their home here from a trip to the Willamette Valley and way points.

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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Rainfall records received in the office from thirteen farmers throughout the county show that only two received less than two inches during the month of December. These two in north Morrow county were not much below the two-inch mark. An average of all, run almost two and one-third inches precipitation. While it is hard to find a Morrow county farmer who would ever complain about getting too much rain, I think a few have a hunch that it might be well to save some of this rainfall for late May and June. Looking back over precipitation records for the past three months, there are few who have reported much less than one inch, with an average of over two inches for November. With the soil saturated such as it is now, soil erosion will continue to occur on those fields that do not have major conservation practices applied. Sunday's heavy rainfall, which was reported as high as one and three-fourths inches in the south lone community caused some of

the most serious soil erosion that I have seen in the ten years as agent here. This erosion brought out quite forcibly the need for applying major conservation practices to farms and that it takes a number of practices combined to be effective when conditions prevail as they have this winter. With the soil saturated and with several months to go before the possibility of decreased rainfall, soil erosion could become a lot worse than even what has occurred to date. For some we have talked to that have not witnessed water erosion, there should be no trouble in finding it without going many miles now.

The program lined up for the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District, which will be held at the Lexington Grange hall, Tuesday evening, January 31 is an excellent one. A panel on conservation, with Fair Griffin of the Soil Conservation Service as moderator, will bring out the importance in conservation as seen from various points. Members of the panel are Jack Flug, representing Morrow County Schools; Jack Bedford, Banker; Irvin Rauch, Morrow County Farm Bureau; Oscar Peterson, Morrow County Grange; Donald Peterson representing the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association and Raymond French representing the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. Thought provoking questions that these men will have with the discussion from the audience, should point to the necessity for everyone being concerned with conservation of our natural resources. Dr. Emery Castle of the department of agricultural economics at Oregon State College will have for his discussion the title "Economics of Soil Conservation." With the serious water

erosion this winter, this program should offer much in the way of why something must be done. A film "America for Me", which shows some of the reasons we all should be proud of our country will be shown at 7:30. Several businesses have shown their interest in conservation by offering to provide coffee and snacks after the meeting is completed. Everyone is invited to attend.

From time to time since harvest last year, some farmers have shown interest in growing safflower this year. With the heavy rainfall and prospects for a good year, more interest has been shown the past few days. We have recently received at the office contracts for safflower production for 1956. Dr. Carl Classen of the Pacific Oil Seeds has asked that those interested complete contracts at the County Agent's office this year. Those farmers who grew safflower last year and wish to grow it again in 1956 will also sign contracts here even though a recent newsletter indicated that the contract would be sent you from Woodland, California. Contract price is \$70.00 minimum, not to exceed \$100.00 per ton. Seed will cost \$10.00 per hundred as last year. Approximately twenty pounds per acre is seeded. Seed will need to be picked up at the Pendleton Grain Growers unless a thousand acres or more are contracted here. For further details contact this office.

More is being learned of the proposed soil bank which the President outlined in his report to Congress on January 9. It appears as though the soil bank will have two departments. One will be an acreage reserve, the other a conservation reserve. Wheat growers could make deposits in the checking account (acreage reserve), if they harvest less than their allotted acres. In return, it is proposed that they would get a certificate equal in value to what they might net from the allotted acres left idle. To some folks, this sounds almost good enough to

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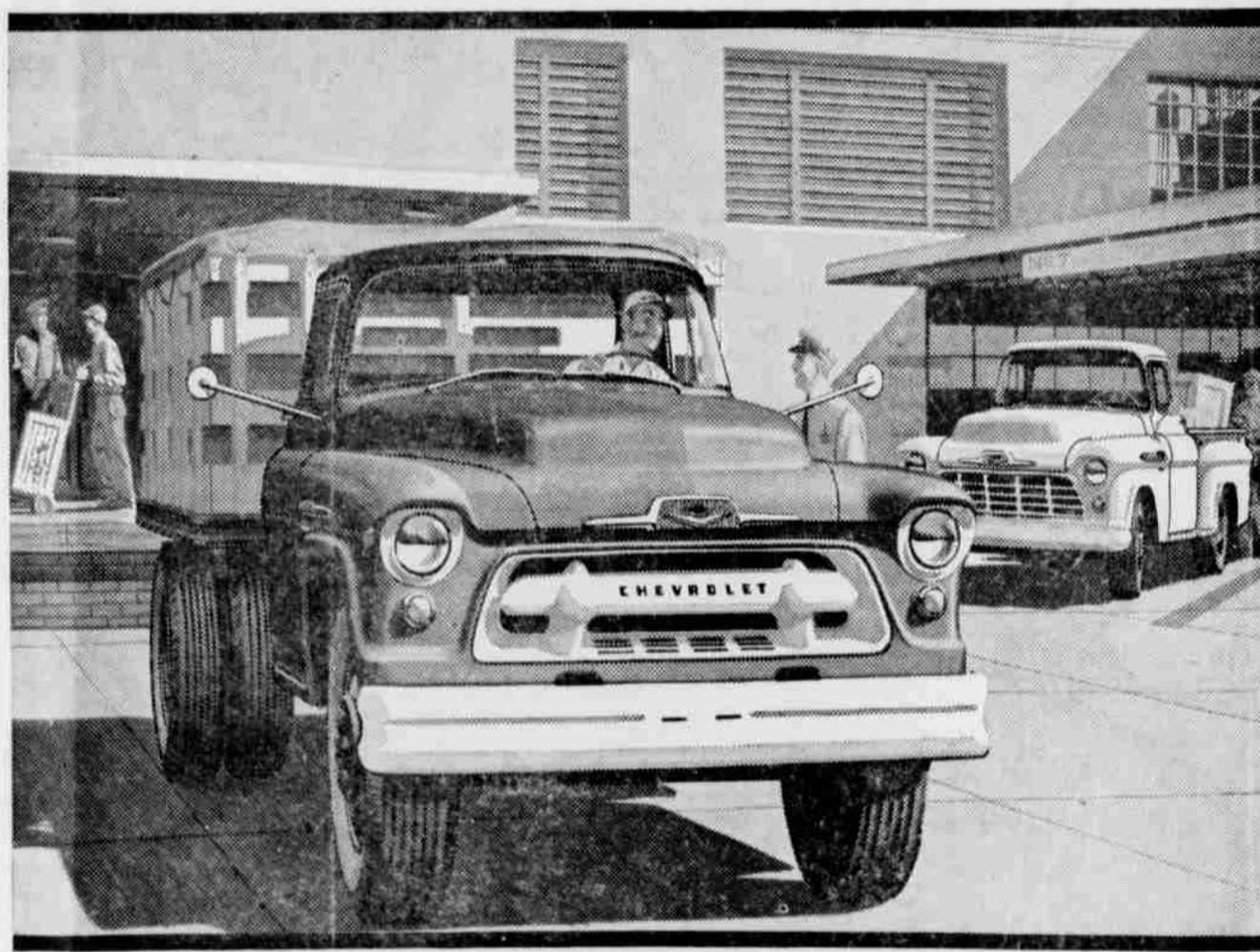
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