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ODD ENDS—

Here in Heppner we have been mighty lucky during the past week. With thunderstorms popping all around and over us, we came out of the five-day ordeal without any major damage to life or property except for a rash of forest fires that kept fire suppression crews on the jump but caused little damage.

All of us here though, send our feelings for the people of Mitchell who didn't fare as well as did we. Floods are not new to us, nor to the town of Mitchell for that matter, and the residents of Heppner have learned the hard way what one waterspout or cloudburst can do.

Heppner was hit in years past and suffered the greatest loss of life of any catastrophe in Oregon, but its people came back and rebuilt their town. Mitchell will be rebuilt too, and it is lucky in that it didn't lose a big share of its population as did Heppner. Many of its citizens lost everything they owned, which is far from pleasant, but they can be thankful that at least they, themselves are still here to help rebuild their town and their businesses.

We hope Heppner's luck continues to be good in this summer of great storms and that Mitchell's improves.

The Chamber of Commerce heard this week that there is good possibility that this area's con-

tinual pecking away for improvement of the Heppner-Spray highway may bring some results before too long. This news is good, but the battle isn't yet won until the contract is let, and the situation hasn't progressed that far. It goes to prove the old saying, though, that "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

We were quite surprised the other day to read in a news release we received that more farm workers died by accident last year than did workers in any other industry. Farmers of our nation have set a lot of records in the past few years, but that one isn't anything to be proud of.

Most people would think that farming was a reasonably safe occupation, but the accident figures don't prove it out. That's why the National Safety Council is promoting Farm Safety week from July 22 to 28 to point out to farm workers that they are in a hazardous occupation and should treat their work as such. The fatal accidents recorded by farmers ran all the way from car and truck wrecks to a death caused by stepping in a badger hole and breaking a leg.

We hope all our farmers will practice safety next week in particular... we would like to keep all of you as readers.

STATEMENT OF THE WEEK—"Most politicians are perfectly familiar with the questions of the day, but don't know the answers."—Bandon Western World.

From The County Agent's Office

By John Massie

As many of you know, Nels Anderson is on vacation and I am filling in for him during the month of July. If I can be of service to anyone don't hesitate to call me.

Last week I attended the annual field day of the Sherman Branch Experiment Station at Moro, Oregon. As the field day was a little later than usual, many of you who would have liked to go were unable to attend. I will give you my observations and summarize the information presented at Moro by Superintendent Bill Hall.

A very interesting group of speakers was presented, among them being James Hill, Jr., manager of the Federated Livestock corporation who spoke on "Marketing Wheat Through Livestock". Miss Naida Whybark, home economist of the Oregon

Wheat Growers League talked about "Marketing Wheat Through Human Consumption." After lunch we toured the farm. Various plots were visited and the results of experiments noted. Here is a summary of results at the station.

Summer Fallow Preparation

The ground was prepared for summer fallow in three ways: (1) moldboard plow, covering all stubble; (2) an off-set disc plow, mixing stubble and soil, and (3) sweep plow, leaving all stubble on the surface. Nitrogen fertilizer was applied to some of the plots at plowing time and to other plots at seeding time. Results show no difference between methods of preparation or time of application of the fertilizer. Thirty pounds of nitrogen increased the yield on all three methods four to six bushels, prin-

cipally by overcoming the reduction in yield so often associated with trashy fallow.

Fertilizer Experiments

The response of wheat to nitrogen is dependent upon factors closely associated with individual farms, such as depth and texture of soil, farming methods and past farming history. For this reason, on-station experiments seemed most practical. Here in Morrow County there are five fertilizer experiment plots put on at the farms of Harold Evans, Heppner; Kenneth Peck, Lexington; John Eubanks, Ione; Harold Beach, Lexington; and Laurence Beckett, Heppner. Over a five year average on over fifty fertilizer plots, nitrogen has been put on at the rate of 20, 40, and 60 pounds per acre. A check plot was left on which no nitrogen was put. It is interesting to note that nitrogen from all sources, that is, ammonia nitrate, applied both spring and fall, anhydrous ammonia, and aqua ammonia all gave an increase over the check plots with no nitrogen. In 1952, with a dry spring, ammonia nitrate applied in the spring failed to increase yields. Aqua ammonia showed up very good but with just one year's data on aqua one must wait before considering it significant.

On a trial where the nitrogen fertilizer was applied at three—six—nine inch depths and with shank spacings of ten—sixteen—twenty-two inches, no difference in yield resulted from the difference in depth placement or of shank spacing. A slight streaking effect was noticeable in the wide spaced plots prior to heading.

An annual crop experiment was started at the Sherman Station in 1952. The yields of spring wheat from plots with 30, 45, 60 and 75 pounds of nitrogen per acre were compared with a check plot which was summer fallowed. The annually cropped plots failed to mature in 1955 with the extremely low rainfall. Plots which received 45 and above pounds of nitrogen still have a four year average nearly two bushels above the summer fallow plot. Rate and date of seeding trials have yielded some interesting results. The plots were seeded at five different dates: Sept. 1, Sept. 15, October 1, October 15 and November 1. Three rates were used: 30, 60, 90 pounds on each of the five dates. There has been very

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Riding Events Held At Dougherty Ranch

About 125 persons attended Dougherty's Dilly Duster held by the Wrangler's riding club Sunday at the E. C. Dougherty ranch in Sand Hollow. Competitive events on horseback followed a potluck dinner at noon. Results follow:

Winter Wheat Varieties

Of greatest interest this year are two new varieties of winter wheat—Columbia and Omar. Columbia was developed at the Moro station. It is a hard red wheat and should be grown in the low rainfall areas where high protein wheat can be produced. Omar was developed at Pullman, Washington and is to be a smut resistant replacement for Elmar. The selection 27-15 x Rex-Rio was not released this year, but if baking quality proves satisfactory this fall it will be released this fall. It was also developed at Pullman and will be a replacement for Rex and Brevor.

Spring Wheat Varieties

Spring wheat breeding work is aimed at increasing winter hardiness of Orford and Federation so that in areas where late fall or early spring seeding is practiced one variety can be used. Quick maturing varieties are also required. From many crosses made in the past, it has not been possible to get a higher yielding variety than Federation.

Winter Barley Varieties

The past winter has given a very good winter hardiness test of barley varieties. Only the most hardy survived and they suffered a severe reduction in stand. Winter barley varieties seldom yield as high as spring varieties even with good stands.

Spring Barley Varieties

Flynn No. 37 and Meloy are the two recommended spring barley varieties in this area. Gem and Harlan are new varieties equal in yield because they have rough awns. Meloy is a hooded variety recommended for hay. Spray is also a recent variety released in Wheeler County where stockmen prefer its feeding quality.

Copies of a 4-H club annual in memory of Harry C. Seymour, first state 4-H club leader are now available at the county agent's office for one dollar each.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, Corvallis, is a guest at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barratt.

FAIR-MINDED

Don't forget the 4-H demonstrations in home economics and livestock projects. These are the highlights of the 4-H year. The style show is the big event of the fair for the home ec girls. Who knows some of these girls may be future designers and models; their training will have started here. The livestock sale is not to be by-passed and is a never to be forgotten sight as the prize animals are sold thru the ring.

Allow pressure to go down before removing the lid. Safety way to remove the lid is to tip the top toward yourself so that escaping steam is channeled out the opposite side.

Handles of pans and kettles should be turned so that they will not accidentally be knocked off the range.

Oven canning is not recommended since jars are apt to explode in the cooking process. Handle hot jars with tongs. Be sure hot pads are large enough and thick enough to prevent hands from being burned.

Safety in the home is being spotlighted this week with Governor Elmo Smith's proclamation of July 22 to 28 for Oregon's observance of National Farm Safety week. Importance of safe practices for the full-time and part-time farmer in use of machinery, insecticides and equipment was also stressed by the governor.

John Denison, Pendleton, new area conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, was a business visitor in Heppner Wednesday. He replaces Fair Griffin who has been transferred to Washington, D. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the estate of Marion F. Cork, Deceased, by the Probate Court of Morrow County, Oregon, and has accepted such trust. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the executor at the office of J. O. Turner in Heppner, Oregon, with proper vouchers attached, on or before six months from the date of first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 19th day of July, 1956.

HUSTON C. LESLEY, Executor

J. O. Turner, Attorney for Executor, Heppner, Oregon.

Fetsch, second, Kit George, third; intermediate, Christine Swaggart, first, Barbara Steagall, second, Jimmy Steagall, third; seniors, Jean Boylen, first, Cornett Green, second, Bob Steagall, Bill Healy and R. R. Fullerton, tied for third.

Musical ropes, 12 and under: Kit George, first, Bobby Fetsch, second, Geraldine Swaggart, third; intermediate, Christine Swaggart, first, Jim Steagall, second, Pat Steagall, third; seniors, Jean Boylen, first, Bob Steagall, second, Cornett Green, third.

Cow riding: Steve Green, first, Ray Papineau, second, Marion Green, third; junior calf roping: Jimmy Steagall, first; senior calf roping: Oscar George, first, Bill Healy, second, Neil Beamer, third; ribbon roping: Bob Steagall, first, Bruce Lindsay, second, and Cornett Green, third.

Stock was finished by Cliff and Jerry Dougherty, Pat O'Brien and Jerry Brosnan were judges; Joyce Buschke and Barbara Jordan, secretaries; Bruce Lindsay, announcer; Al Fetsch, field flagman; Pat O'Brien, race starter; Gerald Swaggart, calf chutes; Jack Edmondson and Glenn Ward, bucking chutes and Cornett Green and Oscar George, arena directors.

Accident Hazards Of Canning Given; Safety Stressed

With canning season in full swing, your kitchen can be a hazardous place, reminds Halene Price, home management specialist at Oregon State college.

Hot kettles, pressure cookers and water bath canners make it extra easy for adults and curious children to be burned.

Miss Price suggests these precautions to safeguard your kitchen as part of annual National Farm Safety week.

Learn how to operate your pressure cooker or canner before you start to use it. Be sure the gauge and exhaust are in top working order. County extension agents can tell you where to get the gauge tested.

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