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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

E. R. Jackman, range crop specialist, Oregon State college will be on hand to explain the numerous ways that the conservation reserve might work into farm plans in Morrow county. A representative of the state ASC committee will also be present for an educational meeting scheduled for Monday evening February 25 at the Lexington Grange hall. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. and the evening will be spent in explaining the various aspects of the conservation reserve program. Recently the conservation reserve sign-up has been postponed until April 15. A few of the potential participants of the conservation reserve program might be found during the educational meeting as owners of soil capability class four and six; part time farmers who have only small soil bank basis; elderly farmers on social security still want to live on their farms but to whom a five or ten year rental would be helpful; and heirs who have been cash renting.

Last week the agent assisted Harold Wright to implant 140 steers, now on feed, with Stilbestrol. Thirty six milligrams were used in an ear implant. Stilbestrol implants have in controlled tests added as much as a 25% increase in gain with approximately 5% increase in daily feed consumption. Stilbestrol implants have given these increased gains over a period of approximately 150 days. Harold plans to market his steers around July 1. They will be pushed as rapidly as possible to ten or twelve pounds of gain per day with all of the legume hay they will eat after the grain is cleaned up.

On Monday the agent accompanied Roy Martin of Lexington to Tillamook where a dozen Tillamook dairy herd improvement association heifer calves were picked up for distribution to Morrow county 4-H club members and farmers. The pick up load of Guernsey and Jersey dairy heifers were for Keith Peck, Jimmy Martin, Ronnie Jones, Marcel Jones, Andy Van Schoeck, Kenneth Smouse, Fred Nelson, Lyle Cox and Alvin Wagenblast and sons, John and Steve. The dairy heifers are from dams with at least a 400 butterfat test per year and should make some potential high producing dairy cows for those who have purchased them.

After visiting the Krebs Brothers lambing sheds a week ago we found they are having an excellent lamb crop this year. At the time of the visit less than 1/2 of the ewes had lambed with a big percentage of twins and 30 sets of triplets. Lambs were big and thrifty and the ewes seemed to be giving a lot of milk. It was interesting to find that grafting of lambs has not been a big problem with Krebs this year. Henry told me that they had not had to skin but a couple of lambs to get ewes to accept the graft. The simple method they are using is a smear kerosene on the ewes nose destroying her ability to detect the scent of a grafted lamb. It was found that this method worked too

when we brought home two lambs grafting them on a ewe who had lost her lamb the night before. The ewe accepted the lambs within a very few minutes.

From time to time farmers have asked questions concerning the relatively new wheat treating chemical HCB. It should be pointed out at this time that HCB is recommended for treating of winter wheat seed only. Mercurial materials should be used on spring wheat, both fall and spring oats and barley. The chemical in HCB is not toxic to those smuts that attack spring wheat, barley and oats.

Supplies of Pacific Northwest wheat at the start of the year, for milling, export and carry-over totaled about 240,000,000 bushels—over a fifth less than last year but about 59% more than the latest five year average. Stocks were whittled down mainly by the record exports during the first six months of the 1956-57 season. While northwest cash wheat prices have been holding steady markets firmed as a result of the sale of nine cargoes to Japan and inquiry for upward of eight cargoes from Pakistan at the close of the past week. The demand for No. 1 soft white and white club is holding the price of this above number 1 hard winter which has been the case for the past several weeks.

Plans have just been completed for holding a weed control discussion at the county court room in Heppner on Thursday, February 28. Jack Ross, farm crop specialist, Oregon State College and Dean Swan, research weed man, Pendleton branch experimentation and J. D. Verrees, Chipman Chemical company will assist with the program. Latest information on the control of annual and perennial weeds will be discussed. This meeting will begin at 1:30 p. m. with a meeting at the Irrigon water office for 8 p. m. that same date. On March 1 plans will be made for a demonstration weed control project on a field of morning glory at the Gar Swanson farm south of Ione.

While we are on the subject of weeds it might be of interest to some to know that weed seeds may lie dormant in the soil for several years if they are deeply buried. Some seeds have hard coats which require action of soil acids, water and time to break them down. Morning glory is in this group. Some species that survive a long time in the soil are pig weed, forty years, lambs quarter, fifty years; quack grass, ten years; and Canada thistle, ten years.

Even though there are a great number of fertilizer preparations on the market Oregon State college soil conservation specialist announce that several new fertilizer materials are being introduced into the Oregon market this spring. Most of these materials are complete fertilizers mixtures that are made during the manufacturing process. These materials are mixed when the fertilizer is still in the liquid form and will be prilled just like 16-20-0 or 11-48-0 with each pellet being a completely uniform mixture of nitrogen, phosphorus, pot-ash and sulphur. The complete mixes with their analysis will be available as prilled fertilizer as are 6-24-24 with 3% sul-



OVERTOILED LEGISLATORS

From where it should happen you don't see it happen. The state legislature is midway in the "hearing" period of what is taking shape to become an all-time record session. The Senate and House are averaging five days a week in sessions but are working in committees and in hearings about twice the hours they are in session.

If you should drop in either house at about 11 a. m. or 3 p. m. you might find only a few members at their desks most likely writing letters home to constituents explaining why the taxes are going to be higher. The other members can then be found in smoky committee rooms or hearing halls.

Hearings on bills relating to taxation and education have been drawing full house attendance, packing in over 600 in the largest hearing hall in the Capitol and throngs in the passage halls listening to loud-speakers. At the opening of the sixth week of the legislature last Monday morning, the Senate arranged for final reading of its first bill.

NEW BILLS INTRODUCED

Some of the new bills introduced the past week include acts to—
Allow measures to increase the state property tax base only at the statewide biennial elections. They now can be voted on at special elections. The proposal is offered by Sen. Howard Belton, Canby.

To increase the pay of legislators from \$600 a year to \$1200 a year. Proposal by Senator G. D. Gleason, Portland.

Require county coroners to be funeral directors, embalmers, physicians or surgeons. Proposal by Sen. Carl Francis of Dayton.

To make the state's indecent literature law more enforceable. Proposed by Rep. Guy Jonas of Salem.

NO MORE SENATE TIEUPS

The 30 senators who were evenly paired for election of a senate president for the first two weeks of the current session have not forgotten the strain of those long days and nights of intrigue and plenary fixes. They don't want it to happen again and are going to do something about it.

phur 8-32-16 with 3% sulphur 10-32-10 with 6% sulphur 12-12-12 with 5% sulphur. Another material 27-14-0 will also be available in some parts of Oregon. This is a mixture of ammonium nitrate and 11-48-0 that is made while these two materials are still in the liquid form and will also be in the prilled form. While the most of our farmers buy a straight nitrogen fertilizer there are demands for a complete fertilizer such as these being offered on the market. This is particularly true in roll crop fertilizer in the Boardman and Irrigon communities. Some of these new fertilizers materials should be worth looking into for use in these areas.

THIRTY YEARS AGO SLANTS FROM THE SESSION

From Files of the Gazette Times February 24, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson departed on Sunday for their new home at Baker, where Mr. Olson will be in charge of the Union Oil company station.

The Sherman Electric company was granted a franchise to operate their service in the city of Heppner at the special council meeting Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Clark of Eight Mile were visitors in the city yesterday.

J. O. Turner and Raymond Ferguson are farmers of this section driving new Pontiacs.

Lawrence Palmer, prominent farmer of the Lexington section, was attending to business affairs in this city on Saturday.

Veteran Senators Howard Belton (R), Canby, and Rudie Wilhelm (R), Portland, are fashioning a bill to create a 31st senatorial district. "With 31 senators, how can you have a deadlock?" they ask.

Senate President Boyd Overhulse is arguing with himself over voting "No" on the measure.

"Think how many times," he argued aloud, "a tie vote in the senate could put the chair on the hook."

HIKE COLLEGE GRADES

After a year long study, aided by executives of Oregon schools, the State Board of Higher Education has approved selective admission to state supported colleges and universities. Beginning in the fall of 1958 entering freshmen will be required to possess a "C" or 2.00 average in high school. If his average is less, he has to pass a standard college aptitude test in the upper 60 per cent or to complete a regular collegiate summer session, carrying a full load of work with a "C" or 2.00 average. If a high school graduate fails to obtain more than 60 per cent in the aptitude test, he may be allowed to take it again the next year.

Admission restrictions on out-of-state applicants have been in use since 1955.

Expectation of double enrollment within the next ten years and the resentment of the public to higher educational costs are reasons which have forced the selective admission policies.

Legislators are getting letters from history classes and pioneers protesting the "too hasty" adopting of "The Union" as Oregon's motto. They prefer the original territorial motto, in use for over a hundred years, "She Flies With Her Own Wings."

Ralph Reade

Ralph Reade, 59, passed away at Pioneer Memorial hospital Feb. 11 following a series of strokes. Services were held at Spray and interment was in Hay Stack cemetery near Spray on Feb. 14.

Mr. Reade was a stockman and farmer in the Spray area for many years. He owned and operated a large ranch in Wheeler and Grant counties previously operated by former senator Bob Carsner.

He is survived by his wife Olive Reade, Spray; one son Kenneth and two grandchildren.

ers' Association regarding fencing laws and penalties for trespassing and careless handling of firearms.
Fredrick Martin of Ione was here Thursday for the Senate education committee hearing on the so-called "Key District" bill for redistribution of Basic School Support.

Also arriving on Thursday was a delegation from Arlington, here to confer with Allen and the legislative counsel on a bill for urban renewal. Including in the party were mayor and Mrs. Jack Harford, Mrs. Sherrell, Mrs. Van Winkle, Bill Marshall and Buster Clough.

Along toward the middle of the morning it was noticed that the room was becoming chilly and somebody accused Bill Marshall of going about the state house turning down thermostats to cut down on state expenditures. Maybe the taxpayers would appreciate having Bill and his brother Alex down here this session to keep an eye on things.

Mr. Gene Vandenevnde, the gentleman in charge of the State House information office, yesterday gave me a new definition of the Oregon taxpayer. "One who doesn't have to pass a civil service exam to work for the State."

IONE NEWS

Joel Engleman underwent surgery at the Pioneer Memorial hospital Monday.

Lex High Girls Receive Charm School Instruction

By Delpha Jones

On Monday night at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch the Lexington high school girls and their mothers were entertained with a charm school. This was conducted by James Bolin of the "Jan-Wan" Beauty shop of Pendleton. He was accompanied by his wife Wanda Bolin, an operator from his shop Donna Hudson, and a model, Mrs. Harrison, all of Pendleton. At this time questions were asked by the girls and their mothers, after which Mr. Bolin styled the hair and the girls set it for thirteen girls. The

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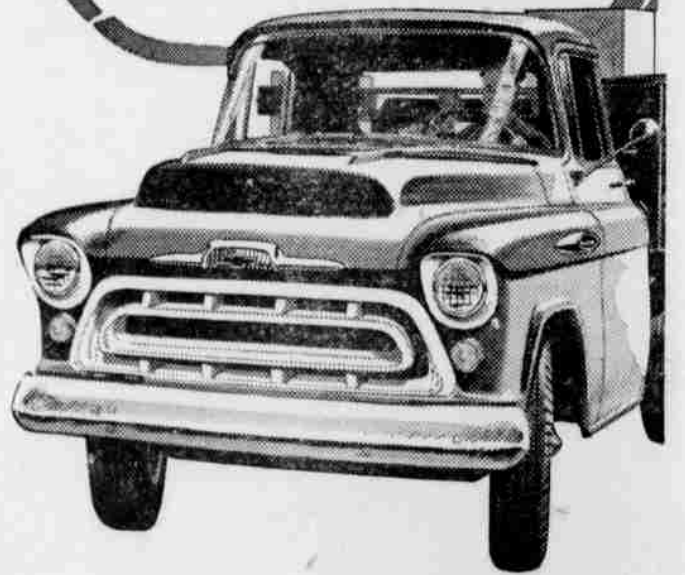
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