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## From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

The main topic of conversation these days seems to be "how bad was your wheat and barley hurt when temperatures dropped rapidly and reached below zero for several nights the weekend of November 13". However, it is a bit too early yet to determine the exact actual loss. There will be some wheat and a considerable amount of barley which will need to be re-seeded. With several days of warm weather it will help the grain to begin to grow. I spent Monday afternoon examining a number of fields in the south Heppner, Eightmile, Gooseberry and south Ione areas. Some fields that had been reported to be hurt badly were beginning to grow and if the weather continues as mild as it is at the time of this writing, they will become re-established well enough to withstand normal winter weather. Some fields are doubtful as to whether they will recover. Quite a lot of barley appears to be badly hurt, depending on the stage of growth and protection offered by deep furrows. Most severe damage is found in the western part of the county, with damage varying with stage of growth and location of the fields. Ridges which generally take the brunt of freezing weather seem to be hurt less than the lower areas of the field. Some ranchers plan to re-seed as soon as they can adequately determine the damage, if need be, to get away from having to seed in the spring and the problem of securing spring seed wheat. Most all spring seeded barley varieties that had made any growth at all was definitely damaged. Late seeded Flynn barley which was just coming up at the time of the freeze seems to have withstood the freezing well.

Considerable interest has been shown the past week by a number of livestock men planning to attend the 10th annual stockmen's short course which will be held at Washington State University on December 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Fred Nelson, Homer Hughes, John Graves and W W Weatherford are those we know of who have enrolled. There may be others. A special livestock fertility school will be a part of the short course this year; the fertility school is under the direction of Dr E S E Hafez who is physiologist for the department of animal science at Washington State. Bill Weatherford, Heppner, is furnishing the cows that will be butchered and used in the school. The program for the entire course looks very interesting and covers all phases of the entire livestock industry.

Word has just been received from the Tillamook county agents office that because of the great demand for Tillamook Dairy Herd Improvement Association dairy heifers this year, there will not be any available before early spring. This year only one grade is available—superior quality which sell for \$26.75. These calves are guaranteed to be sired by registered bull whose dam produced 400 pounds of butterfat or better on a 305 day record.

## STAR THEATER

Fri., Sat., Nov. 27, 28

### Senior Prom

Jill Corey, Paul Hampton, Louis Prima & Keeley Smith and dozens more. PLUS

### Warlock

Richard Widmark, Henry Fonda, Anthony Quinn, Dorothy Malone.

Sun., Mon., Tues., Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1

### Last Train From Gun Hill

Kirk Douglas, Anthony Quinn, Carolyn Jones, Earl Holliman, Sunday at 4, 6:15, 8:20.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times  
November 28, 1929

A 4-H dairy calf club was organized at Gooseberry Sunday with 12 members and Mrs Beulah Lundell as leader. Members are Charles and Raymond Lundell, Raymond and Donald Drake, Joyce Carlson, Donald McElligott, Theodore and Erling Thompson, Arthur Bergstrom, Clifford Carlson, Elaine Nelson.

Mr and Mrs Claude Cox left for Portland on Monday expecting to spend Thanksgiving holidays with their son Clair, student at OSC.

The first dance under the management of Cole Madsen and his Black Cats of Heppner, was given in the old rink at Ione Saturday night.

spendable income last year compared to 27% in 1947. Numberwise, farm people are in the minority. Only about 12 percent of the nation's population now lives on farms, contrasted with 23% just before World War II. It is pointed out that both agriculture and industry are entitled to share in the credit for this progress. All along the line, farmers are farming better and results are being applied both in producing farm products and in marketing them. By working together, people on farms and off can continue to add to the comfort, convenience, and satisfaction of all people.

Don't forget the Midco Sale scheduled to be held in the Seufert building at The Dalles on December 1 and 2. This years two day event features Hereford, Shorthorn and Angus bulls and heifers. Eighty Hereford bulls and 15 heifers will be shown and sold on the 1st; 30 bulls and 10 Shorthorn heifers; 20 bulls and 2 Angus heifers will be shown and sold on the 2nd. If the quality of all consignments to the sale are as high as the bulls and heifers going from Morrow county this will be an excellent opportunity to buy the breeding stock you have been looking for.

YOU'RE MISSING THE BOAT if you miss THE LAST TRAIN FROM GUN HILL. A Technicolor power house, Star Theater, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

ember 20 through 26. In Morrow county the annual Farm-City banquet held Monday evening of this week drew approximately 125 farm and city people who seemed to enjoy rubbing elbows with each other. Substituting for associate extension director Frank L Ballard, who was unable to attend, Charles W Smith, assistant director had some revealing facts concerning the dependency of farmers on our city cousins and vice-versa. He pointed out that in Oregon, agriculture is the second greatest natural resource. It is exceeded only by forests. Economic activity generated by Oregon farms has been measured at better than a half-billion dollars. Much out-of-state money is brought into Oregon as a result of selling a product in out-of-state markets. Out of some four-hundred million dollars annually from sales of farm products, about two-hundred million dollars is accounted for by sales outside our borders. Oregon farmers turn much of this take back into the business stream to buy the equipment, fertilizer, and other retail goods necessary for operation of the farm and for farm family living. In recent years Oregon farmers have accounted for about \$1.00 out of every five spent at retail in the state. He pointed out that retail food prices in 1958 averaged 26% higher than in 1947, the first full year following lifting price controls, but food is still a good buy. Before the war, it took nine farmers to produce food and fiber for a hundred consumers. Now four farmers can do this same job. Factory workers earned their weekly family market basket of U S farm produced foods in nine hours 36 minutes last year. In 1947, the factory worker worked 13 hours and six minutes for the same quality and quantity of food. American people are eating better, diet-wise, than they did a decade or so ago and this better diet took only 22% of the

Next week at this time the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheatgrowers League will be under way at the armory in Pendleton. All wheatgrowers should have this week received the quarterly issue of the Oregon Wheatgrowers League's publication, "The Wheat Field." In looking through this issue the program outlined looks very interesting. As in past years we expect a good representation of wheat farmers to participate in the committee meetings on Thursday afternoon and to attend the various sessions during the three days.

Thanksgiving Day marks the end of the fifth annual Farm-City Week which has been observed in the United States and Canada during the period Nov-

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### CAPITOL MALL PROPERTY

Some \$600,000 has been spent since June 15 in acquiring Capitol Mall property and by the end of the year the entire \$700,000 appropriated by the Legislature will have been used.

In all some 30 properties have been acquired so far this year, including a number of residences, apartments and one restaurant. Contemplated purchase of a tavern is scheduled to await until after the next Legislature meets. State agencies will be housed in some of the buildings.

William C Ryan, secretary of the Board of Control reports that the state nets about 5 percent profit from its houses rented on the mall taking into consideration those which house state agencies and for which no rent is received.

When it is found that it is not economically feasible to repair the state-owned houses, they are torn down, some for parking lot locations.

### STATE BUYS SMALL CARS

After a year of testing the state purchasing division has decided to use small cars in most departments. The exception will be the state police cars, with V-8 engines in conventional two-door sedans.

More than 40 of the 80 cars which the state will purchase in December will be of the compact type.

Bids have been called for 41 cars with 106-inch minimum wheelbase. Standard sized autos

have a wheelbase of at least 118 inches.

At present the state operates some 50 Ramblers and 20 larks which were purchased to test smaller cars. Falcons, Corvairs and Vallants could also fit the specifications for smaller cars.

All the new cars will be equipped with safety belts in front and back seats.

### AWARD VOIDED

The Oregon Supreme Court this week ruled that a Lebanon woman is not entitled to a \$40,326 damage award from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Mrs A F Carlson had sued for \$134,326 for injuries received in Nov 1954, when the car in which she was riding struck the 19th car of a 38-car log train on the

road between Lebanon and Selo. The high court found that the Carlson car was going 50 miles an hour when it plowed into the train. The accident occurred on a clear night, and the crossing was clearly visible.

The Supreme Court said that it might be desirable that trains carry devices to make them more visible at grade crossings, but that "this must be balanced with the public interest that requires adequate public service from the operation of railroads." Therefore, the court continued, the question of such safety devices is a matter for the Legislature to decide.

A bill was introduced in the 1959 Legislature to require trains

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