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We all Will Miss Echo

The people of Ione this week lost one of their best loved citizens when death claimed Mrs. Echo Palmateer. The loss is not theirs alone, though, for she had many friends throughout all of Morrow county and her weekly reporting of the events of the Ione community will be missed by all who read the Heppner Gazette-Times and the Pendleton East Oregonian.

We don't mean that her job as news correspondent for us will not be filled, but it will be a long time before anyone can develop the knack and the desire, and will to go to all the work for a very few dollars in return, that Mrs.

Palmateer has been doing for years in reporting the happenings and the doings of the people of Ione. She was one of those "one-in-a-million" correspondents for a weekly paper who never missed a thing of importance to the people of the community in which she lived.

Her writing for the Gazette-Times, however, was just one of the numerous civic activities in which she played an important part throughout the years. She served her city government, her church, and her country and state, too, in many ways, and her services will be missed. She had many jobs, and she did them all well.

We, of the Gazette-Times will miss Echo. Not just as a correspondent, but as a good friend. We know the people of Ione feel the same.

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

Week after next the 17th annual Farm Safety Week will be observed. This week, July 24 through July 30 will have as a theme "Enjoy Farm Life - Practice Safety." While one week a year is set aside to publicize and observe the implications of practicing farm safety it should be practiced every day in the year.

on our farms. With harvest in full swing farm safety practices are even more important than ever. A lot of mechanical equipment is being used and everyone is hurrying about to keep their harvest moving at a rapid pace to gather the fruits of a year's work. These situations combined provide many hazards that can set the stage for some serious accidents. Let's enjoy farm life - practice safety every day.

For maximum yields sweet corn should not suffer for lack of moisture from seeding to harvest. The most critical period is the time of tassle emergence. If possible, irrigation should be timed to bring the soil to its full water holding capacity at the time the first tassles begin to emerge.

Horn flies are thick in the range area this year. Cattlemen should be sure to fill their backrubbers with the best available insecticides. Here's what is being recommended to use with fuel, furnace or diesel oil: 1. Toxaphene, 60%, mixed 1 part to 15 parts oil. 2. DDT, 25% mixed 1 part to 4 parts oil. 3. Methoxychlor, 25% mixed 1 part to 4 parts oil. 4. Korlan, 24% mixed 1 part to 21 parts oil. 5. Malathion, 57% mixed 1 part to 32

parts oil. If you had poor results with one or the other of these last year, try a different one. Korlan and Malathion are different types of insecticides than have been used and can knock out flies that have built up a resistance.

It is time again for making application for the Federal gasoline tax refund. These claim forms have been received by those who have made application during the past two years and may be filed by the owner, tenant or operator of a farm. Gasoline purchased before July 1, 1960 which was used on the farm after June 30, 1959 and before July 1, 1960 for farming purposes is eligible. Gasoline used on the highway or used for personal or non-business reasons should not be included. The federal rate of tax is 3 cents per gallon purchased before October 1, 1959 and 4 cents on that purchased after October 1. The claim must be filed before September 30, 1960. It is filed with your U S District Director of Internal Revenue.

Most farmers will find that the refund will pay them well for the few minutes that it takes to fill out form 2240 which is used.

Raising hog prices and the prediction that pork will be higher the rest of 1960 than a year earlier is a result of the sharp cut-back in spring farrowings. Hog men who were discouraged the past spring have taken a new outlook on life and with hog prices reaching the \$20 mark this past week in Portland, they are hoping to catch up on some lost income. Pork production has risen sharply in Oregon as a result of some concentrated effort to feed some of the grains produced here to hogs to alleviate the 65 to 75% of the pork being shipped from the mid-west. One of the organizations in Eastern Oregon that have set the pace for hog production is the Federated Farms adjacent to the Morrow county line in Umatilla county. A part of the hog projects set up there was a marketing organization which took in a number of Umatilla county swine producers as well as some neighboring counties. Kenneth Peck and Kenneth Smouse of Morrow county are members of this association. The group have marketed all of their hogs through Cascade Meat Company at Salem on a carcass yield basis. A report from this swine marketing organization show that for the first six months in 1960, 4,201 hogs were shipped which

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times July 17, 1930

At Eight Mile schoolhouse on Saturday evening the Poultry club, Mrs. Floyd Worden, leader, and the Nimble Finger sewing club, Miss Alena Redding, leader presented their achievement day program to a fair sized audience.

Harvest is on in earnest this week Dwight Misner, John Troedson, Fred Mankin, Henry Peterson and C A Jamison are now delivering wheat in Ione and many more will be hauling wheat to the elevator and warehouses.

Among Heppner people attending Lions night at the Rivoli theater in Pendleton Friday were Mr and Mrs C L Sweek, Mr and Mrs Garnet Barratt, Mr and Mrs Spencer Crawford, Mr and Mrs Paul Marble, Mrs F H Wehmeyer, Miss Alma Wehmeyer, Harry Duncan, Earl Hallock and Jasper Crawford.

Miss Florence Bergstrom, a recent graduate of Northwestern School of Commerce at Portland, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Olaf Bergstrom of Eight Mile for a few days.

made an average of 158 per week. In addition 162 sows were shipped; this total shipping producing 420 tons of pork for an average of 70 tons per month. The quality of these hogs was also reflected in the shipping when 82% graded no 1. A recent shipment shows that our producers are keeping pace with all others with a percent yield of 69 to 71%. Both were in the upper gross price per hundred weight bracket reaching almost 20 cents on this shipment.

While there has been a lot of publicity on the wheat quota referendum which will be held July 21, it is still timely to urge everyone to get out to vote. Farmers in the 39 commercial wheat states who will harvest more than 15 acres of 1961 crop wheat as grain will be eligible to cast ballots in the July 21 referendum.

Catalogs are now available for the 20th annual Willamette Valley Ram Sale, a copy which may be secured by writing O E Mikesell, P O Box 365, Albany. The sale will be held at the Linn county fairgrounds in Albany on Saturday, August 6. Starting time is 10 a m. Listed in the catalog are 54 stud rams with 150 range rams and 42 ewes. All rams and ewes are yearlings and registered. Breeds are Romney, Lin-

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Since 1960 is the Centennial Year for advent of the Pony Express, as a part of the Centennial Year Celebrations this year, the Post Office Department will issue a new Pony Express commemorative stamp, which will be on sale locally July 23. Also on that date, the local post office will hold "Open House" between the hours of 11:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. Continued on page 7

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