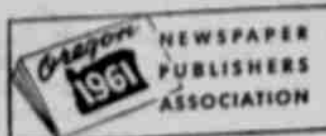


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County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

About 15,000 trout were released last Saturday in farm ponds which will insure a lot of good fishing for those farmers and their friends who have stocked these ponds. Those getting fish Saturday were Frank Anderson, Al Lovgren, Darrel Padberg, Terry Thompson, Phil Blakney, Bergin Ledbetter, Claud Cox, W. W. Weatherford, and Floyd Jones. Another 10,000 will be released next Saturday in ponds at the Kenneth Turner, Fritz and Kenneth Cutsforth, Jerry Dougherty, Don Greenup, and Harold Evans farms.

Plans have now been made, by popular request of those interested in this project, for a farm pond field day. This will be May 4. Andy Landforce, extension wildlife management specialist, Oregon State College, and Glenn Ward, Oregon State Game Commission, will assist with the tour. A number of newly planted and established fish ponds will be visited to discuss pond construction, temperature of the water, and other aspects of good pond management. Those who have questions, or would like us to visit their pond, should contact this office in order that we may work up a schedule for the day.

Bob Every, extension entomologist, Oregon State College, visited with the agent Monday and a few home visits were made to check on possible symphyliid infestation in gardens and to otherwise check for insect pests which are generally found at this time of the year. To our surprise there was a tremendous infestation of spider mites on fruit trees, especially apple. While this is quite early for this pest, their abundance can be accounted for, perhaps, for the mild winter and spring. Some apple leaves and fruit spears are being damaged considerably by the

mites. Those who want to check mite infestation on their trees might look at the leaves to determine the degree of infestation. Leaves that are small and sickly looking, with little brown spots found only by close inspection had better think about spraying. While inspecting these fruit trees we found a considerable amount of mildew. The insecticides and rates for the spray of mites and mildew are 2 1/2 ounces of 18 1/2% Kelthane for each 10 gallons of water with 1/2 pound of wettable sulphur per 10 gallons for the mildew. The spraying should be done at once, thoroughly wetting the leaves and branches.

4-H club leaders who have members enrolled in their clubs who plan to exhibit and sell fat livestock at the Oregon Wheat-growers League sponsored Junior Livestock Show at The Dalles are urged to notify this office so that entry cards can be completed and the show board notified of the approximate number of exhibits which will be made.

TO THE EDITOR

Cecil, Oregon
April 17, 1961

The Heppner Gazette-Times,
Heppner, Oregon
Dear Editor:

There have been several articles published in our local papers of recent, including the Gazette-Times, pertaining to the furnishing of power to the new Morrow county high school being built, partly within the Heppner city limits.

It seems that some members of the city council are very much opposed to the Columbia Basin Elec. Co-op furnishing power for this, but I sometimes wonder if the council or people of the city of Heppner have ever given this much thought or actually are familiar with some of the facts of this question.

In the first place this school is a project of Morrow county, not the city of Heppner. Do the people of Heppner and Morrow county realize the problems of this school rebuilding program, what needed where needed, best locations for expansion, cost of needs, public relations, etc., have been studied very thoroughly by your county school board, your local advisory committees, and your local school building committees, appointed from and representing each district throughout the county. A good many days and plenty of midnight oil have been burned by these people, trying to plan what they felt best and most economical for taking care of the school needs for Morrow County.

Heppner, we all know, was very anxious on this building program that they should have this Heppner-Lexington county high school in their city, and of which these boards and committees granted. Now naturally, good locations could have been found outside of the city limits

and at a more economical price, but there are other things to consider—water, sewage, convenience of transportation, and many other items. Some of these things were more economical by placing the school in or near the city limits.

Now the most costly single item in school building construction is the heating plants, and as this school can only be built with funds as available at present from the serial levy, this created quite a building problem, as cost of the normally used boiler type heating system would require practically the total of one year's serial levy in itself, leaving nothing for classroom construction at this time. Consequently, after a very thorough study, it was found that electricity could be used economically and to good advantage, thus not only furnishing heat but also air conditioning during the warm months. Now bids were asked by the school board for power rates from the two local power companies, of which, the Columbia Basin Elec. Co-op submitted a much lower rate, and was accepted by the school board, but a franchise or permission to build over any city property rejected by the city council.

Why? It seems the main answer is that the Co-op pays no tax or income into the city.

I believe it is about time that the Heppner city council sits down and takes another good long look at this. I can't believe this is the attitude of the dealers, merchants, and citizens of Heppner.

In the first place the REA was set up by the federal government for the building of rural lines throughout the farming areas of the United States, for the betterment of the farming areas and communities within it. There were no strings attached as to who could or should build these, but private power didn't, figured it wasn't feasible, so the people did it themselves, mostly under REA cooperatives.

What did it do for our communities? We in the rural areas know what it has done for us, but I wonder what it has done

for the cities within this area? How many thousands of dollars have been spent in your city for the purchasing of electrical equipment and supplies? How much do you derive from the repair and replacement of these same items? How much has it actually meant to your city thru the better living standards brought to this and surrounding counties served by your locally owned Columbia Basin Elec. Co-op?

Yes, the Co-op pays taxes, and don't let anybody tell you they don't. They own their office and maintenance building in Heppner. They have a manager and seven employees that are paid top incomes. These men live in Heppner, and I imagine, spend a good part of that income in Heppner. All this supplied by your local Columbia Basin Elec. Co-op, owned by the rural people of your local and neighboring communities.

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be given to working to better relations with town and country. Our school budget was recently voted down because expenditures were too high; let's work a little more together and try to avoid any recurrence of these things in the future.
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