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Time Confusion Keeps on Confusing

We've kept our peace pretty well on this time muddle in Oregon, but we became so exasperated over an incident this week that we can no longer withhold comment.

A niece, whom we have watched develop into a young lady from babyhood 20 years ago, was married Sunday in Forest Grove. We left Heppner for the wedding with plenty of time to reach the destination, we thought, some 250 miles away. But as we neared Portland the horrible thought came that Forest Grove is on daylight saving time, same as Portland. This coupled with a little motor trouble on the road, resulted in our missing the niece's wedding, something that we had planned on attending for 20 years.

This wasn't the first time the confusion fooled us. It caused us to miss connections on a Portland appointment recently.

But the thought comes—how many hundreds of times daily do people in the state miss important engagements, get fooled on train and bus connections, and are generally inconvenienced by the time muddle? Some mighty interesting feature stories could be told by many, we suppose, who have had incongruous experiences because of time inconsistencies.

The legislature may have satisfied some of its constituents by passing the "local option" time bill, but it certainly didn't hold to the voters' mandate who defeated daylight time at the polls just last year.

We have no great personal convictions either way on daylight or standard time. We can see advantages and disadvantages of each.

However, we do have the conviction that the legislature acted unwisely and undemocratically on the time matter. The people have a right to feel rebuffed when the legislators turned against the expressed mandate at the polls. When the majority spoke by ballot, the lawmakers in good conscience had no right to try to find a way to circumvent this decision. It is conceded that there are many in the state who had sound and even urgent reasons for wanting daylight time. But there were also many who had sound and urgent reasons for wanting Richard Nixon to be president, too, but they accept John Kennedy in that position simply because the majority voted for him.

By acting contrary to the voters' expression, the legislature took a step that helps tend to make the public lose confidence in this lawmaking body. The confusion doesn't eliminate itself with the passing of time, but gets worse. One thing we are learning for sure—we have to be either on standard time or daylight time in ensuing years. This time muddle is good for no one and is hard on everyone.

With the cost of living so high today, a great many people find they can't afford to work for what they're worth.

A hen-pecked husband is just an average man who gets too much of a good thing in the way of a better half.

County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

Because of the heavy infestation of stripe rust in wheat throughout the Pacific Northwest the colleges have agreed to concentrate more heavily on this problem. It will cause many millions of dollars of loss in reduced wheat yields. While the plant pathologists and farm crops people realize that the ultimate objective is a rust resistant variety it appears as though there will be some time before a new one is available, that not only meets the desirable resistant to rust but also is a good yielder, a good milling wheat, and has the characteristics which all wheat farmers like. A few days ago a summary of wheat varieties grown at one of the stations was made to show the stripe rust classification of these winter wheat varieties. A varietal cross with Golden, a Corvallis selection, White Holland, Nord Desprez, and Redmond were the varieties that showed no percentage of leaf surface covered with rust. The variety Golden showed only a trace while Brevor, a Burt selection and an unnamed selection showed 20% infection. Others showed 40% and 50% infection with Burt, Triplett, Kharkof, Elgin and Omar showing 85% infection.

Oregon State University will give a special attention to the problem as they are able with resources which includes personnel and finances. They will gather all factual information from states that have had bad infections in past years, relating the severity of this infection and stages of grain in relationship to the yield and quality reduction; survey Oregon stripe rust infection this year gathering yield loss at different levels of infection; determine success, if any, of chemical applications in 1961, both under commercial and experimental plot conditions; gather information on rust resistance in the various varieties which would include various fall and spring varieties grown under our different climatic conditions; determine the effectiveness of spore reading stations; develop tentative recommendations relative to varieties, rate and date of seeding and fertilizer. While it is realized that these are only stop-gap measures it is felt that what ever might be found to reduce rust infestations may prevent some of the loss in decreased yields until a more permanent control can be found.

We have a supply of the publication giving a summary of reports of the third annual Beef-Cattle Day which was held at Oregon State University on May 26. The publication summarizes some of the research done with beef-cattle at the State University which includes major problems with minor elements, pink-eye and cancer-eye research, the impact of high concentrate rations on beef production, protein requirements and supplements for wintering range beef calves, some work on consumer demand for various grades of beef, and the responsibility of the registered breeder to the beef-cattle industry. These can be picked up or we will mail them out on a first come-first served basis.

Two Heppner school teachers, Mrs. Harold Erwin and Mrs. Adrian Bechdolt, are looking ahead concrete will tend to disintigrate, and preparing themselves this summer to be better able to teach conservation in their classroom this fall. They are attending the conservation workshop at Camp Arrah Wanna. This workshop is held in the Mt. Hood area concentrating on conservation and related subjects.

Farmers in the Ione area are encouraged to attend a meeting at the Willows Grange hall in Ione Friday, June 23 to discuss interest in the organization of a rural fire district. The meeting will be held at 8:00 P. M. Stan Phillips of the Oregon State Fire Marshalls Office will be present to explain the organization procedures and value of such a district. The meeting is a result of interest shown by farmers some weeks ago which was picked up by the Willows Grange as a community service project. Other organizations in the Ione area are reported to be working with the Grange now in sponsoring such a district.

If you are planning to do concrete work this summer, remember that concrete should be cured wet—that is, the surface should be kept wet after placing and finishing for at least a week. If allowed to dry out soon after placing and finishing, concrete won't develop its normal strength—but it will continue to gain strength for at least a month if it remains damp.

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

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The hot weather, school closing, and boys and girls parading to the swimming pool are all good indications that 4-H Summer Camp is not too far away.

Each year 60 4-H youngsters have the privilege of going to 4-H camp, which is held at Cutsforth Camp, in the Blue Mountains, 20 miles southeast of Heppner. Camp dates are July 6-9 this year.

Many times 4-H camp is the first opportunity that some boys and girls have to sleep in tents. Several years ago 4-H leaders built a log shelter which houses the kitchen, storage room, and an open-dining hall for the convenience of feeding the group.

Because the camp has facilities for only 60, a quota system of 25% of eligible campers between the age of 9-13 years was set up. Leaders were sent letters giving their quota and a list of their eligible members. The club then selected their quota and a few alternates just in case. A camp fee of $5 was collected from each camper. (This about takes care of the food, the 4-H Leader's Council absorbs the rest of the costs).

Campers will meet at the Heppner Fair Grounds at 1:00 o'clock on Thursday, July 6, for a ride up to the park by truck. Ten counsellors, 4 boys and 6 girls will meet them there. The counsellors and camp staff will go up the evening before to make ready for the flow of campers.

Counsellors this year are: Ronnie Belsma, Heppner; Howard Califf and Barbara Davis, Irrigon; Martha Doherty Heppner; Jean Martin, Kenneth Nelson, Bob Rice, Kenneth Smouse and Karen Lundell, Ione; and Lynda Daniels, Boardman.

Joe Hay and I have been lining up the program which will include out-door classes in forestry, craft, safety, wild flowers, and out-door cooking. Sports, evening camp fire programs, singing, and tours are also planned.

Parents are asked to get their youngsters on Sunday. This will give the parents an opportunity to see the camp set-up and will also give us help in tearing down the camp and putting things in storage.

This year the Summer Camp Committee felt that we needed a change from the usual potluck dinner on Sunday afternoon. (The crowd has grown too large.)

This year they are asking parents to bring a sack lunch instead. Campers will be fed sack lunches made by the camp cooks. Kool-aid and coffee will be prepared for all. This will make it much easier to get the kitchen cleaned up and camp put away in the afternoon.

The Sunday camp service is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock—rather than 11:00 A. M. as in previous years so that the services of a local pastor might be obtained.

Two work days are scheduled to get the camp ready. June 28 for major repairs (men only) and Sunday, July 2, for both men and women to set up tents and clean up the kitchen. We need the help of all 4-H parents, especially those parents who have youngsters coming to camp.

With everyone's cooperation, we are looking forward to another successful session.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peck and boys were in Portland Friday through Sunday on business.

Spending the day Thursday in Pendleton on business were Mrs. Clara Gertson, Mrs. Mabel Chaffee and Mrs. Ethel Zeimantz.

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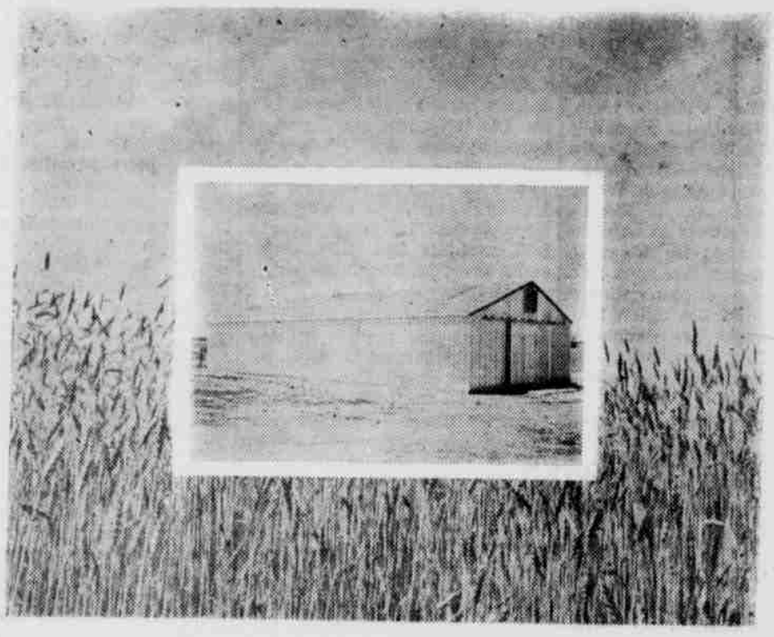

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