

# Meet Called to Hear of Congress Farm Program; Morrow Fair Deserves Support

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As this column is written for this week, word comes of an educational meeting which will be held Wednesday in Pendleton to learn of the new farm program passed by Congress and signed by the President a few days ago. By the time you read this column we will be informed as to the special details of the program and will be able to discuss it with farmers in order that they might plan their fall seedings and know what regulations will be required to take part in it. ASC office personnel, County Committees, and Extension Agents will attend the meeting at Pendleton on Wednesday.

Also scheduled for this week is an educational meeting on county Civil Defense and special activities which will need to be carried out by the USDA Emergency Planning Committee. With

## Attend Cattleman's Meet At Enterprise

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson attended the Wallowa County Cattleman's association meeting Saturday at Enterprise. They were guests there of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Litch. At noon, Mrs. Thompson was present for the Cowbelle's luncheon held at the Wallowa Lake lodge.

The Thompsons made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore of Pendleton.

## Ione News

Ione—Mrs. Elbe Akers and Mrs. James Barnett were in Portland on Saturday, returning to Ione the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Akers and Ivan motored to Woodburn to pick up their son, John. From there they drove to Monmouth where they visited with Mrs. Akers brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lollar, returning home on Sunday.

Elmer Peterson is visiting at the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson at Dayville. He plans to do some fishing in the South Fork.

Debbie and Cindy Barnett returned home to The Dalles on Friday after visiting in the Ione area with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson, and with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett and children. Their father, David took them home.

Mrs. Barbara Kinder of The Dalles spent a few days last week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Braaten and son have moved from the Jessie Griffin home to Pendleton where he is now employed in a service station.

David Ely and family of Pendleton, came by Saturday morning to take his father, Fred Ely to The Dalles where he caught a bus to Portland where he visited at the Odd Fellows home with his brothers, George and Charlie Ely. He reported that George isn't too well at this time but that Charlie was getting along just fine. David Ely and his family went on to Mt. Adams to pick huckleberries, getting 11 gallons. He met his father in The Dalles again on Sunday evening bring him home.

Relatives of Elmer Peterson recently held a potluck picnic barbecue in the Ione City park honoring his birthday. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Aldrich and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ball and family of Ione and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Christopherson and daughters of Rock Creek.

the threat of war getting stronger from day to day more emphasis will be put on civil defense and preparedness in case of a nuclear attack. Are you surprised that Civil Defense is a field of concern for the extension service? If anyone or everyone should survive a nuclear attack one of the first needs will be for food. Farmers must know how to produce food under radio active conditions, just as they learned to cope with hail, frost, cold, insects and disease. Food surpluses quickly could become deficits.

This is the last column which will appear before county fair time. While we have neglected to urge our readers to participate in our county fair, I am sure that they have all been making great plans for a big fair again this year. We hope that all divisions will be "running over" with exhibits and that this will be the biggest fair yet. Farmers who have not yet set aside their best bale of hay, one that they are proud of as the best tied bale, selected their wheat and barley exhibits, still have time to get them together. Even though test weight of grains are down a little this year they will be comparable and competition should be great. Past superintendent, Kenneth Smouse and present superintendent, Bill Rawlins, have built the grain exhibit at our Morrow county fair up to one of the biggest in the state of Oregon even exceeding the state fair. We hope we will not slack up on it this year. Bob Jones is again ready for a big fruit and vegetable display and from the looks of the many good gardens throughout the county it should be the biggest exhibit yet. If you haven't sold your wool yet you better dig around for a good fleece and bring it in to exhibit. Things are pointing to a good fair, won't you do your share to help and take home some ribbons?

It has been an exceptionally busy week with dozens of farm-

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ers stopping by the office to discuss wheat yields, varieties, and farming practices in general. We have enjoyed it a lot and hope that those who stop by left with some of their questions answered. It appears as though from these farmers that Morrow county will seed considerably less acres to Omar this fall and that Burt will be up. This trend is indicated in the north end of the county and an area to the west side. A number of farmers in the Eightmile and higher elevation areas are going to try some Golden wheat—no more than they will be able to harvest before the danger of shatter. This variety yields well in the higher elevations but is subject to a lot of shatter and most farmers will be able to harvest it when it is ready so will not seed a great acreage. A few farmers, especially those who have had experience with growing Brevor

will seed some this fall. Kenneth Peck, Lexington, and Harry Proudfoot, Echo, have seed of this variety to put in. They obtained their seed from Ronald Rew who farms at the Rew Elevator west of Pendleton. In this area Brevor has been consistently good yielder and these farmers feel that their conditions are much like that and are going to try some again this year. Brevor has not been a big yielder in the county when grown in past years but is suited to lighter soils, lower rain fall and shallow soils where it has been a fair producer. If there are any farmers interested in seeding some Brevor, Norton Taylor, county extension agent, Milton-Free-water, can give you the name of a source of seed in that area. Ron Rew had additional seed available sometime back. A few farmers have located Golden seed wheat through the Condon

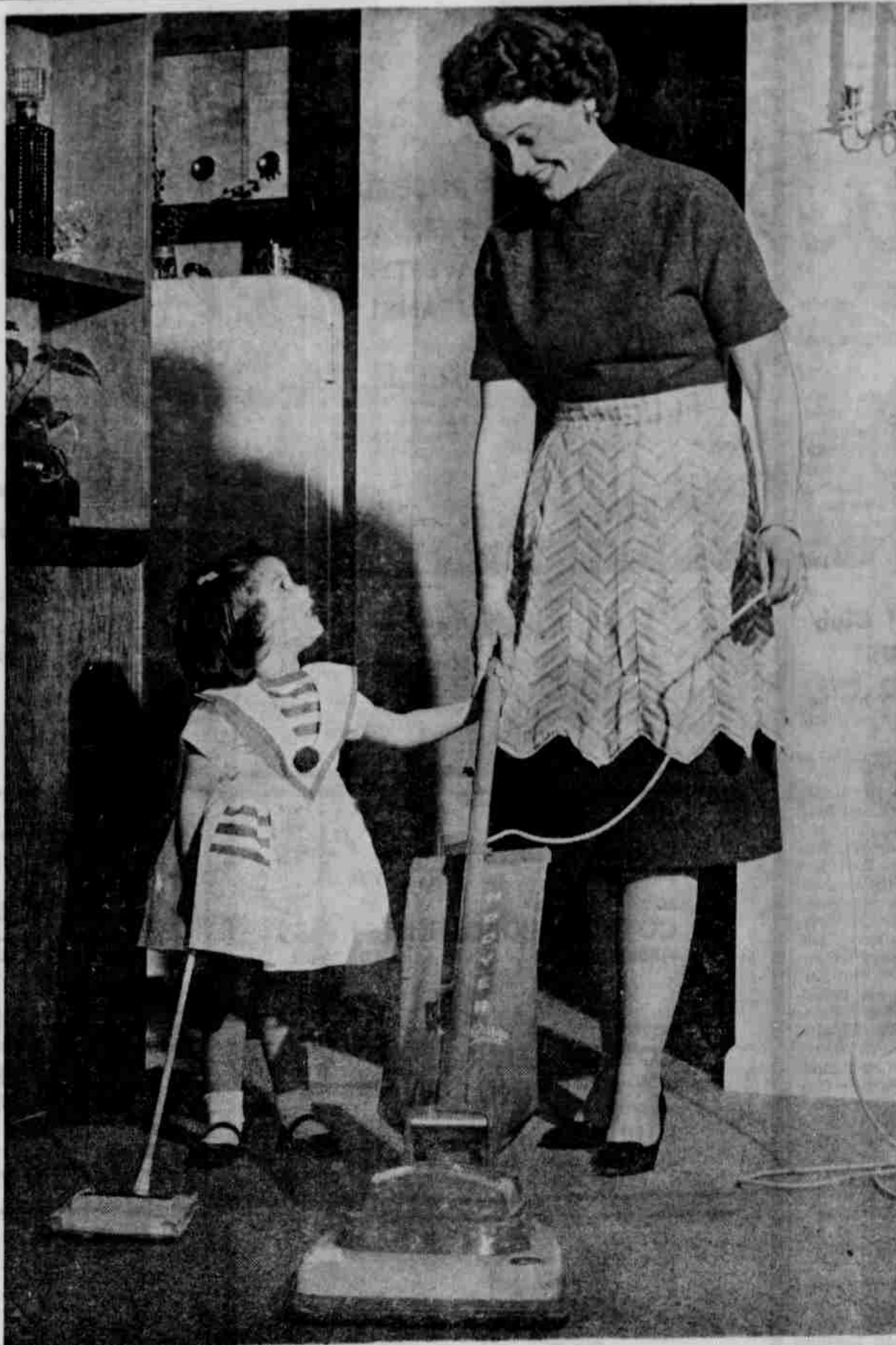
Grain Growers at Condon where quite an acreage is grown.

On Saturday, August 19, Columbia Basin county agents will meet with the member of the Farm Crops and Plant Pathology Departments of OSU to discuss variety recommendations and other research findings concerning leaf stripe rust of wheat. At the same time agents will be given latest information on the new "shorty" wheat variety which it is expected will be released this fall. We will find out the amount of seed available, how it will be allocated and other information pertaining to it. We are still receiving applications for it at this office and the county seed allocation committee will meet soon to allocate seed which we have available for distribution here in the county. Applications have been received from four farmers to date.

In visiting with these farmers it was also very interesting to get comments and reports on fertilizing results from this year's crop. Most farmers I visited with are of the opinion that this was one of these years when fertilizing did not return a great profit. Many report that they felt yields on fertilized grain just paid for the cost of fertilizer while some

feel that they went behind. Many are undecided what to do this fall, whether to fertilize or to raise a crop without fertilizing. Unless a lot of rainfall comes before seeding time many will not fertilize this fall but top dress in the spring if conditions look favorable then. Some feel that they have enough fertilizer residue to provide them an increased yield without further fertilizing this year. It is our opinion that a farmer should make a drastic change in his farming operation but should continue very much as he has been operating considering only the conditions as they are this fall. This might mean that a minimum amount of fertilizer be used so that the farmer will not be hurt much in case of a year when there is no response with a possibility of adding more in the spring in case of good moisture and growing conditions. We know with the short crop this year that many farmers will be money conscious and will be cutting out some costs of operation. It is fine to be efficient but it is not so good to sacrifice potential yield and resultant income to save a few dollars now. In other words, don't be afraid to spend a dollar if it promises to return two or three.

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