

## Annual Conclave Of Farm Bureau Due Nov. 27-29

Delegates to the 29th convention of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation will meet in Portland November 27-29 to form policy of the general farm organization for the 1962 year. County resolutions formed at the county level in 32 Oregon counties show the issue of reapportionment to be one of the top considerations to come before the delegate body on November 29.

Through the Farm Bureau process, each county forms its own resolutions in regard to important issues. These issues are then brought before a body of elected county voting delegates who must cast their ballot on the basis of their counties' instructions.

Since a great percentage of counties would lose representation under the new reapportionment law, farmers have stated through their county Farm Bureau resolutions that they favor a more representative form of state representation. Most counties have signified that they favor the federal plan of apportionment with one house based on population and the other house on area.

Other top issues scheduled to come before the delegates will be property taxes, farm labor, government land use programs and the farm program. Policies adopted by the voting delegates on matters of state issues will be the policy of the organization for the next year.

## Farm-City Week Ties Together Social Security Needs

"Farm-City Week" is a nationwide observance calling attention to the common goals and common needs of farm and city people. In keeping with the observance, Vernon A. Welo, district manager of the La Grande Social Security office, pointed out that social security is designed to meet the needs of both farm and city people.

"It wasn't always this way," Welo said. "At first, only industrial and commercial workers were covered by the program. Later, self-employed people's earnings started counting toward social security. At the same time, some farm employees were also covered. In 1955, self-employed farmers were covered for the first time. Now, the program is the same for farm and non-farm people."

Welo went on to say that this year additional changes were made in the social security law. Under the new law, many people can now qualify for benefits who previously could not. This is so because the amount of work required was reduced. Now, approximately one-fourth less work under social security is needed to qualify. Welo urged that anyone who has ever been denied old-age or survivors benefits because of insufficient social security credit again get in touch with this office. Also available at your local social security office is a free booklet explaining the recent changes in the law.

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## FARM NEWS

### Wheat League Plans Three Day Meet In Pendleton

When members of the Oregon Wheat Growers league convene in Pendleton on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2, delegates will have an opportunity of receiving first-hand reports from speakers who are interested in wheat from a local to an international level.

Experts in production, sales and development programs will be in attendance at the three-day meeting to provide league members first hand reports on activities of the past 12 months. Some of the speakers will concentrate on presentation of goals set for the ensuing year.

Ron Rew, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers league, will address those in attendance on Thursday, Nov. 30. Other speakers on the opening day program with their subjects are:

"Address of Welcome," Mel Winter, mayor, city of Pendleton; "Farm Policy and the Future," John A. Scmittner, Staff Advisor Agricultural Economics, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.; "Looking into Asia's Crystal Ball," Floyd Root, president, Western Wheat Associates.

On Friday, Dec. 1, program "The Work of an Atache in Foreign Market Development," E. J. Bell, European area officer, Foreign Agricultural Service, Washington, D. C.; "Grain Fever," Marion Thomas, Extension Agricultural Economist, Oregon State University, Corvallis; "Problems of NAWG in Washington," James B. Dyess, executive vice president NAWG, Washington, D. C.; "Federal Crop Insurance Program," John N. Luft, manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Washington, D. C.; "Western Wheat Associates in Washington," Clancy Jean, WWA representative, Washington, D. C.; "Commission Report," Winn Tuttle, administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission, Pendleton. Annual banquet of the league will be held the evening of Dec. 1 and Giles French, Moro, will be toastmaster.

INVENTORY time is coming up. Get your inventory sheets at the Gazette-Times.

### 4-H Leaders Get Invitation

Invitations were sent to all Morrow County 4-H leaders and prospective leaders to attend the Columbia Basin 4-H leader conference on Tuesday, November 23, at the Civic Auditorium, 4th and Federal street, in The Dalles, beginning at 9:00 A. M., according to Joe Hay and Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agents.

"The program was set up to serve beginning 4-H leaders and to help all 4-H leaders in project areas with specific problems," states Mrs. E. M. Baker, Regional IV vice president who will chairmen this meeting of five counties.

The following presentation will be featured:

1. Orientation to 4-H leadership and 4-H projects.
2. Discussion periods broken down to project groups, both livestock and home economics areas.
3. Recreation ideas for 4-H club meetings.
4. Use of 4-H contests in the 4-H program.
5. Specific questions to be answered by a panel of leaders and agents.
6. Evaluation of the days' training.

Miss Lois Redmann, state 4-H club agent from Corvallis, will be on hand to assist with the meeting.

Lunch will be served in the auditorium in the form of a smorgasbord. It will cost \$1.50 and will be collected upon registration. Courtesy parking stickers will be available for those who register for the conference.

"We urge all leaders to attend," say the agents. "It is a rare opportunity for us to have this kind of 4-H leader program this close to home."

### 'Nifty Needles' Club Has New Members

The 4-H sewing club met at the City Hall with our leader, Mrs. Shirley Baker, on Saturday, November 18.

Our next meeting will be December 16.

The name of our club is "Nifty Needles." Our club had two new members. Their names are Penny Papineau and Mary Katherine Campbell.

Mary Campbell is our new song leader. Mrs. Baker gave us a list of things we will need for our sewing box.

Lineta Cooper, reporter

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## County Agent's Office

# Safflower Crop Good Income For Diverted Farm Acreages

By N. C. ANDERSON

Ranches looking for a way to get the most income from each acre might consider seeding safflower in the spring of 1962. A few days ago I received a letter from Pacific Oil Seeds Incorporated indicating their interest in safflower growers for 1962. This is the company that contracted it with some of our ranchers a few years back for safflower production. Conditions at that time were different than now and after an attempt by two or three ranchers to produce safflower they determined that barley was a better crop to grow. However, conditions have changed since then. For one thing the company is offering \$80 per ton at the local elevator an increase of \$10 a ton over their price of a few years ago. In addition, under the new feed grain bill you can leave the acreage diverted from barley, wheat, milo and corn idle and draw a cash payment per acre or you are permitted to grow safflower on these diverted acres and still get support on wheat and feed grains such as barley. This payment, in addition to whatever can be realized from safflower, should interest many. We would suggest that you contact Pacific Oil Seeds Incorporated, Post Office Box 652, Woodland, Calif., if you are interested in growing this crop.

Farmers find that pigs are smarter on what to eat than any other livestock. Pigs seem to know how much to eat of the right feeds for fastest gain at least cost. That's why it is a good bet to feed hogs free choice rations.

Perhaps the first of its kind in the state of Oregon was a demonstration established last Tuesday at the Don Greenup ranch. The demonstration was a seeding of two acres of bitterbrush. The bitterbrush was seeded upon the recommendation of the Range and Pasture Improvement committee of the Morrow county Livestock Growers Association. Last winter they asked that there be some experimenting with the possibility of establishing more bitterbrush on dry range. They went on to point out that the leaves of this plant run about 20% protein. Plantings would provide protein supplement on late summer range so that cattle might have enough protein to maintain their weight. Two pounds of seed was secured from the State Game Commission and seeded at the rate of 1 pound per acre. A special range seeder was used and Howard Cushman, Oregon State University, helped the agent in making the seeding. If this proves popular there are at least two sources of seed in the Pacific Northwest which might be purchased for further seedings of this kind.

Frank Anderson, Heppner, is the first rancher to take advantage of the forage analytical service which was instituted last spring. Frank had two sources of forage analyzed, his wild grass and alfalfa hays. The results of the test will enable him to plan his rations for his winter beef feed by knowing the percent of dry matter, crude protein percent of dry matter and crude protein percent as feed basis.

Marked differences in protein content between high and low quality forages prompted need for the testing program to more accurately balance feed rations. Studies showed for example that farmers frequently add high levels of protein supplement to fair looking hay when actually the hay is high in crude protein. The result is that the ration provides animals with far more total content than is recommended for a balanced feed. Oregon alfalfa may range from 12% to more than 20% protein content depending upon methods of production, time of harvest, and other management practices. By knowing the exact protein content, ranchers can save money. Crude protein is valued at about ten cents a pound in the feed trade. Thus, a 1% protein increase in a ton of hay is worth about \$2. Importance of analyzing pelleted hay as well as loose or baled hay is that it tends to "mask" any visual differences between high and low quality hay.

This office has a hay sampling tool and containers for mailing samples to the Oregon State University Forage Analysis Laboratory and instructions for taking samples. Last week we treated 10 head of replacement heifers at the Fritz Cutsforth ranch with Rueene, the new pour-on systemic insecticide. We also treated the herd bulls and will be able to check for grub and lice control as the lice and grub seasons progress. The more we use this new pour-on method the more we like the ease of application. It will be interesting to note the control we get as a basis of recommending its use next year as the material becomes available.

A timely reminder—cattle can still be sprayed with a systemic insecticide if it is applied this month. With an abnormally dry fall and much seeding yet to be done many farmers are considering diverting more than the minimum 10% of their acreage to conservation uses under the 1962 wheat stabilization program.

Many have been concerned in planning this diversion that they might lose their wheat acreage history by such action. Word has come from Mr. R. E. Schedeen, chairman, Oregon State agriculture stabilization and conservation committee, that wheat farmers should not fear this. He explained that the wheat stabilization program provides a full history credit be given producers on all the acreage they divert under the program. This history credit will apply on the future farm, county and state wheat allotments. A similar provision now applies to wheat acreage history on farms retired on the conservation reserve. Most farmers we visited with feel that the productivity index established for their community and their farm are adequate and will encourage them to divert as much as the maximum 40% in case crop conditions look poor next spring. Two are considering the same for the 40% diversion of barley acres.

### Farm Loan Increase In FHA Explained

Benefits available to farmers and others under recent legislation on the Agricultural Act of 1961 in agricultural credit services were explained at a meeting in La Grande. Attending were Robert C. Smith, chairman of the Morrow area Farmers Home Administration advisory committee, along with Charles L. Hunt and John F. Walch, other committee members.

A farmer can now borrow up to \$35,000 for farm and home operating credit. He can obtain long term loans to buy, enlarge or improve his farm. Refinancing of debts is also possible when the total indebtedness on the farm does not exceed \$60,000.

Each loan is accompanied by technical assistance in farm and financial management. Rural communities, private corporations operating on a non-profit basis, municipalities and political subdivisions, irrigation districts, drainage districts, flood control districts and soil conservation districts can also obtain long term loans for facilities directly related to soil conservation, water conservation, development, use and control or drainage.

Merlin Halderson is the local Farmers Home Administration county supervisor. His office is located at 105 S. E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, and additional information can be obtained there each Monday.

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