

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

District Tour Planned To Study Conservation

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The annual better farming methods and conservation tour sponsored by the Heppner Soil Conservation District is now being planned. Don Peterson representing the Heppner SCD and I are working out the stops for the day which will be announced this week. It includes a noon stop at the county winner, conservation man of the year, and promises a lot of good conservation practices as well as observing different dates of seeding. Gaines wheat seeded under different conditions at different times and many others. The tentative date is Thursday, May 31. Watch for further particulars.

While we are talking about conservation we would like to extend an invitation for everyone to visit the 1961 state winner conservation man of the year Paulen Kaseberg, at his ranch near Wasco. We have sent copies of the program to a selected group of farmers in Morrow county as far as our supply lasted, but still have a few left in the office. The program starts at 10:30 a. m. with a view of the farmstead and equipment and highlights of the ranch operation. After a free lunch at noon, E. R. Jackson will outline the history of the Conservation Man of the Year program and there will be a tour of the ranch to see the farm operation and how erosion has been checked by using stubble mulch, strip cropping, grass-legume rotations,

grass waterways and dams. We know you will be interested in this field day to be held on Thursday, May 24.

Many reports have come to this office that Morrow county farmers are finding stripe rust infections in their wheat. Quite a little of the early seeded wheat is showing yellowing and flecking, however, we have not found any actual rust pustules on the leaves. As of May 10 Dr. R. L. Fowelson, plant pathologist at OSU, had found a trace of rust in a September 10 seeded field of Omar wheat in the Jap Gulch area of Wasco county and a trace in an August seeding of Omar wheat east of Moro in Sherman county. We reported over a month ago that the first stripe rust of the season was found on Omar in a winter nursery at the Hyslop farm at Corvallis. Dr. Fowelson reports that spread and build-up in the nursery has been slow. The resistant variety, Druchamp is now showing symptoms of rust infection throughout the Willamette Valley. These are the only confirmed reports of stripe rust in Oregon. I am taking down today, Monday, May 14, some wheat from several fields to Corvallis for a laboratory inspection. I will report next week whether they are actual rust infections.

At a meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association executive committee last week the group felt their annual

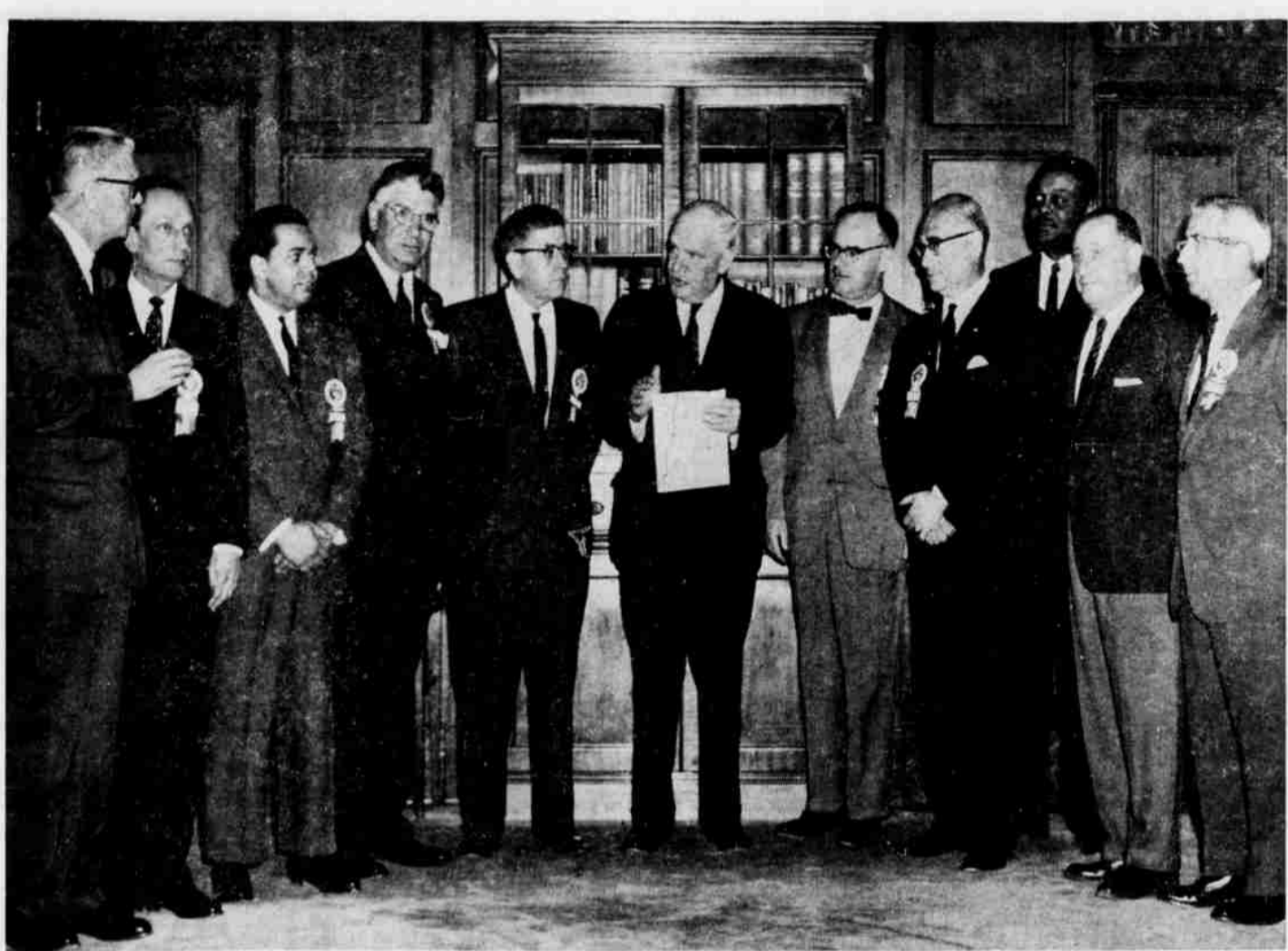
spring meeting should be delayed until there was some farm program legislation to report. Since there are reports that they hope for legislation to be passed by June 15, the group agreed to wait until that time. Tentative plans, at least, call for holding the meeting at the Lexington Grange hall. They discussed the Oregon Wheat Growers League sponsored fat stock show and sale to be held at The Dalles on June 3-6, and plan to individually urge more persons to support this event, especially at the auction sale. Tad Miller, chairman, reminded the group that Morrow county would be host this year for the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League which will be held in Portland on November 26-28. Mrs. Milton Morgan, domestic wheat utilization committee chairman reported on the annual cake baking contest for the county fair with publicity arranged for and rules to be published in the Morrow county fair premium list. Paul Tews, conservation man of the year committee chairman, announced that their county winner had been selected and that he would be honored at the annual spring meeting. In the meantime his farm will be visited during the annual conservation tour which will be held on May 31.

I think that everyone who assisted in the fifth grade school conservation tour on Wednesday of last week will agree that it was a day pleasantly spent. At least I know that it was with me. This was the second annual tour sponsored by the Heppner SCD. Three bus loads of fifth grade students from the Heppner and Lone schools toured the Willow Creek, Blackhorse, Sand Hollow, Base Line, Lone, Gooseberry and Eightmile areas to see soil erosion and conservation methods adapted to prevent this erosion as well as a variety of better farming practices. Stops were made at the Kenneth Turner ranch to see a farm pond and to identify grasses and weeds; at the Fritz Cutsforth ranch to see his artesian well; at Fred and Norman Nelson's machinery on Base Line to see machinery needed in a farm operation and to show what each implement is used for. After a sack lunch at the Lone school, stops were made at a "bird guzzler" at the Charles Carlson ranch and chested wheatgrass roadside seedings, trashy fallow and sod waterways at the Raymond Lundell ranch, as well as a stop at the Leonard Rill ranch to see a variety of evergreens in a planting at the farmstead there. A score of conservation practices, from farmstead windbreaks to diversion ditches, strip cropping, soil bank seedings and others were explained by Ralph Richards, soil conservation service, Gary Tullis and I. Teachers, Miss Marguerite Glavey, Mrs. Fred Hoskins, and Darryl Calhoun of Heppner and Jack Lloyd of Lone are to be complimented on the fine job they are doing with these boys and girls in teaching conservation to them. Bus drivers, Gary Tullis, Leonard Munkers and Ray Porter, Sr., contributed much to the success of the tour.

Oregon's per capita personal income last year was \$15 above the national average and the highest ever recorded for the state. This marks the third consecutive year that Oregonians have topped the national average. For the five years previous to 1959, from 1954 to 1958, our state lagged behind.

Gentry Completes Technical Training

Franklin B. Gentry, 23, of R.F.D. Rt. 1, Heppner, Oregon is receiving congratulations from friends and relatives for completing a specialized home training program in Instrumentation and Control from DeVry Technical Institute, 4141 Belmont Avenue, Chicago.



MAYOR AL LAMB of Heppner (fifth from left) is shown with other members of the Central Africa Trade Mission talking with Luthar H. Hodges, Secretary, U. S. Department of Commerce, during their briefing session before leaving in early May for Africa. Mayor Lamb left Heppner on May 2 and expects to be gone six weeks. From left are: An unidentified official of the Department of Commerce; B. Robert Sarich, deputy director

of the African division, Bureau of International Programs; James Del Rio, Detroit, Mich., businessman; E. Joseph Bannon, Lafayette, Ind., businessman; Mayor Lamb; Secretary Hodges; Hans Warmbrunn, New York City businessman; Frank Whittaker, trade development officer, to be attache in Dakar; Henry J. Block, Portland businessman; and Harold Greene, Augusta, Maine, businessman.

Junior Livestock Show June 3 to 6

Sixteenth annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the seventh at the present show home in the Seufert Buildings in Wasco County Park, The Dalles, will be held Sunday through Wednesday, June 3-6, announced Elmer Lierman, general manager.

With growth of the show over the years, nearly 200 4-H and FFA boys and girls are expected with their grain-fed steers, hogs and lambs, and advance planning is now underway by E. E. Bonham, of the 4-H exhibits division, and Virgil Choate, of the FFA division.

The work party of Wheat League members from Wasco and Sherman counties and others interested will be held at the show grounds Sunday, May 20. Lierman said. Exhibit pens will be set up and other advance work will be done in a program held annually since the show was moved to its present location opposite The Dalles Dam in 1956.

Junior Hereford Field Day Set By Association

A special junior field day for all Oregon youngsters between the ages of 10 and 21 who are interested in Hereford cattle will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Hudspheth Land and Livestock Company Ranch, near Prineville. The Oregon Hereford Association will sponsor the junior field day, according to Bill Wolfe, Wallawa, president. Hereford breeders, parents and 4-H and FFA leaders are also cordially invited to attend.

The organization of an Oregon Junior Hereford Association will be held during the day's program. Membership in the new association will be open to any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 21 who own Hereford steers. Fifteen states already have junior Hereford associations organized. A judging contest will be held during the morning program, featuring six classes of Herefords with numerous prizes

awarded the winning teams and individual judges. Oregon county agents and vocational agriculture instructors are invited to bring a judging team and as many individual judges as they wish.

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