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Financial statement table with columns for various funds (STATE TAX STREET FUND, STREET DEPARTMENT, WATER UTILITIES FUND, SEWER FUND, etc.) and their respective amounts.

RECEIPTS

Table showing receipts for various funds (GENERAL, GENERAL ROAD, WATER UTILITIES, SEWER FUND, FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE FUND) with columns for fiscal year, actual receipts, and estimated receipts.

Chats With Your Home Agent

Ceylon Delegate Guest Speaker

By ESTHER KIRMIS. "A membership in the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) is the best 'key' any woman has to open doors into any foreign country," explained Mrs. Armas Jakuu, Hood River, when she spoke to 28 Morrow county alumni members at their annual gathering at the home of Mrs. Randall Martin, Lena, on May 28.



MRS. ARMAS JAKUU (center) presents a linen hand towel, depicting the 102 countries in the Associated Country Women of the World to Morrow county advisory committee at the alumni gathering May 28. Mrs. Weldon Witherrite, Echo (left), and Mrs. John Graves, Heppner, (right) are members of the committee.



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Rains Good Tonic for Grains

By N. C. ANDERSON. Everyone seems to be happy, and rightly so, with the good May rains. Weather conditions have been ideal for development of what looks like a "bumper" grain crop if we can avoid extremely hot days or hot winds that invariably come while the crop is ripening. It will have to hold off this year a little longer since we have so much late winter and spring grain. It was interesting to note the precipitation pattern from our weather observers. While we have but ten monthly records at the time that this column is being written all with the exception of one have recorded in the neighborhood of three inches. On Butter Creek, Mrs. Marion Finch reports 2.69 while Gordon O'Brien reports 3.02 inches. Highest precipitation was from Al Fetsch from the Social Ridge community southwest of Lexington with 3.26 inches. W. C. Rosewall, Heppner, recorded 2.71 inches while Don Pointer, north Lexington reported 3.15 inches. Harold Peck, on upper Rhea Creek reports but 2.05 inches. Bryce Keene on Rhea Creek reports 2.66 while Lonnie McCabe of the south lone area reports 3.07. Rainfall was good in northern Morrow county with Harry Proudfoot reporting 2.95 inches during the month of May to bring the total precipitation in that area to 3.40 inches since January 1 and 10.05 inches during the growing season September 1 to date.

ment against the regulation was expressed in petitions carrying 500 signatures and in 31 letters from individuals. Of the 31 hearings throughout the state eighteen of twenty-four cattlemen at the Salem hearing voted for repeal. Earlier at Condon 84 of more than 100 at the hearing wanted repeal. At Vale, 15 wanted to continue the program and 12 wanted immediate repeal.

A "weedy flower," Dalmatian Toad Flax, is a weed to be on the lookout for. Reported in all of our neighboring counties, we have not had identification here. Its bright yellow flowers tinged with orange and resembling wild snapdragon are most commonly seen in vacant lots, waste areas, rural cemeteries, and similar locations. A vigorous root system that aids for rapid spread of the pest crowding out valuable forage plants on rangeland. The vertical roots extend as deep as 6 feet and lateral roots may branch out as far as 10 feet or more from the parent plant. Control may be had by hand pulling of individual plants being careful to remove lateral roots to prevent growth of new plants. For eradication of small patches the use of soil sterilants applied in the fall is effective. Spray programs with 2,4,5-T commonly called Silvex are recommended for large areas, using 2 lbs. of Silvex in 50 gallons of water per acre. The weed should be sprayed when about 6 inches high and before the early bloom stage.

A public hearing for the proposed budget of the Oregon Beef Council is scheduled at the Imperial Hotel, Portland, for 10:00 A. M. (daylight saving time) Tuesday, June 12. At this meeting any producer or other persons subject to Oregon Beef Council assessments has a right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget. This proposed budget, like budgets of all commissions and councils that are required by law to hold such a public hearing, is available at this office.

We received just last week our copy of the 1962 Yearbook of Agriculture. This year's title is "After A 100 Years." It is excellent and recommended to everyone who might like to review the authoritative story about agriculture in America during the past century. The 1962 yearbook makes a special point of covering agriculture throughout the U. S. The section is devoted to pictures and descriptions of farmers in nearly all of the states. It also describes in its 704 pages and 706 photographs the century's development in conservation of land and forests, breeding and plants and animals, home economics, marketing, and control of insects. Try your senator or representative for a free copy. The superintendent of documents at the government printing office in Washington sells copies at \$3.00 each.

The Peace Corps again announces a placement test to fill demands for a variety of openings in many countries. This next placement test will be held on Saturday, June 9, beginning at 8:30 a. m. For this area the test will be held at the U. S. District courtroom at the Federal Building in Pendleton. The Peace Corps placement test is not competitive. Anyone with the equivalent of a high school education is eligible to take the test. There is no passing score. The test helps the Peace Corps determine the overseas assignment for which applicants are best qualified. Peace Corps application blanks are available at the testing center and may be completed at the time the test is taken. Volunteers must be American citizens at least 18 years old. There are openings for teachers, farmers, carpenters, nurses, engineers and many others.

Oregon wheat growers who are participating in the 1962 wheat stabilization program are eligible for substantially higher support rates on this year's crop. The new minimum county support prices range from \$1.78 a bushel in Harney county to \$2.07 a bushel in Wasco county. The increase from last year is 16 cents a bushel in Baker, Curry, Hood River, Josephine, Linn, Malheur, and Marion counties. All other counties are up 19 cents a bushel.

The Federal terminal price support was raised to \$2.18 a bushel or 19 cents above last year's rate.

These rates are based on the 1962 national average minimum support price of \$2 a bushel.

County rates generally reflect terminal rates, less handling and freight charges needed to get the wheat to terminals. Also, county rates are adjusted up or down for grade and quality to determine support prices for individual producers.

CowBelles To Sponsor Rose Festival Exhibit

The Oregon CowBelles, with the approval and cooperation of the Oregon Beef Council, are planning an exhibit to be placed in the Portland Rose Festival center from June 8 through June 17.

This is the first venture of the CowBelles, as an organization, into the Rose Festival activities. Mrs. Mildred Jones is combining the efforts of her "Beef for Father's Day" committee with those of the exhibit committee to create an attractive display. The booth will be staffed by CowBelles from Baker, Harney, Malheur, Umatilla and Wasco counties. Miss Berniz Blann is chairman of the committee planning this project.

Ranchers Get Chance to Hear Interim Group

The Legislative Interim Committee on Agriculture will hold June 7th and 8th hearings in Enterprise, La Grande, and Baker to hear problems of ranchers, sportsmen, and consumers.

Representative Don McKinnis, Summerville, said a variety of subjects ranging from the cost of agricultural land taxes; duplications in uses of public funds; the power of departments to make rules having the effect of law; the use of parimutuel funds for fairs, to the operation of Oregon's meat inspection program, will be considered.

The meeting at La Grande city office building will begin at 10 o'clock June 7th and continue until mid-afternoon. The committee will then go to Enterprise

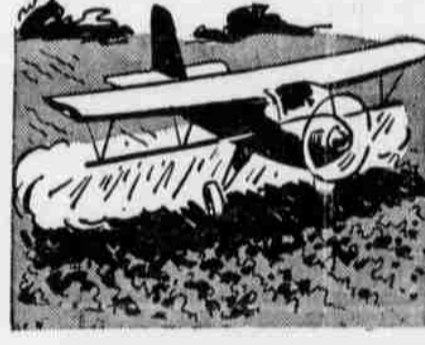
for a 7 P. M. meeting at the courthouse. The Baker hearing will convene at 1:30 P. M. June 8th in the Baker Hotel.

McKinnis, who is chairman of the Subcommittee on Use of Public Funds, said ranchers have asked for opportunity to present their views on the matter of wheat farm land acquisition in the Ladd Marsh area by the Oregon game Commission. McKinnis said he had been advised that these game Commission's holdings had increased from 2,000 acres in 1949 to 1,500 acres in 1961 and that additional tracts were being considered for immediate acquisition.

"These land purchases, which also include federal wheat allotments, may be entirely justified," McKinnis said, "but we want to know about land costs as sales prices are being transferred as values to adjacent lands in tax re-appraisals. We are also interested in the farm use being made of these lands and the extent the Game Commission plans to engage in farming operations."

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