

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Morrow Men Hear Leaders At Land and People Meet

By NELS ANDERSON

The Land and People conference presided over by the Secretary of Agriculture in Portland last Monday and Tuesday was quite interesting, and I believe, very worthwhile. Aimed at plans for strengthening rural America, discussions during the two day meeting stressed the problems and opportunities of the Pacific Northwest. Monday evening group meetings aimed at a discussion of the Rural Area Development program, presenting ideas for communities that had run out of ideas and giving a better understanding of just what this administration is aiming at in the rural development program. It was interesting to hear reports of different counties in the Pacific Northwest that were strengthening the stability of their communities through "do-it yourself" projects to provide more jobs and a better living for those in the community. Communities were doing this on their own rather than relying on Federal funds and other helps at a time when the Federal government has its fingers in about everything that is being done. Scientific and technical progress has advanced so fast that many jobs have been replaced by labor-saving machines and methods. Secretary of Agriculture Freeman recognized this when he said, "But let me make it perfectly clear that the real threat to rural America does not lie in scientific and technical progress itself. The real threat lies in the failure to direct the changes growing out of these to meet the real needs and wants of all the people of this nation. And the health of the entire nation, not merely that of the countryside, will be seriously threatened if we fail to preserve and advance the real value of the past as we adopt and make use of the potential for the future."

Governor Mark Hatfield in his address aimed remarks in the same direction when he indicated that we could develop the Pacific Northwest in recreation, industry, tourism and still produce the food that is required to feed an expanding population.

Included in the over 1500 persons that registered for the conference were W. W. Weatherford, Harold Beach, Clarence Rosewall, and myself with O. W. Cutsforth and sons, Kenneth, Pat and Fritz flying in Monday morning and leaving the middle of the day, having opportunity to hear Secretary of Agriculture Freeman and panels on Rural Changes in our region and stimulating economic growth in rural areas.

Safflower Crops Under Promotion

A representative of Pacific Oil Seeds Inc., a California concern who has contracted for safflower in the past years, called at the office last week in the interest of contracting for safflower production in the Pacific Northwest in 1963. This concern is hopeful of getting an acreage of safflower out in the Columbia Basin; however, they are waiting to see what effect the new farm program will have in stimulating interest in the crop. With new varieties that are now adapted to this area it is hopeful that safflower might become a profitable crop for this dryland area competing with barley as a source of income. Acreages are being so-

lited with a contract price of \$85 a ton, f. o. b. Portland, at this time. If enough interest is shown in the crop an educational meeting will be held this winter.

Wheatgrowers Association Sets Fall Meeting Oct. 24

Meeting last Wednesday evening, the executive committee of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association made plans for their annual fall meeting which will be held at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione on Wednesday, October 24. The meeting will get underway at 9:00 a.m. and, like such annual meetings of this group, it will be strictly a work session. At this time recommendations will be drafted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheatgrowers League which will be held in Portland on November 26, 27, and 28. Recommendations acted upon there will go to the National Association of Wheatgrowers at their annual meeting held in Denver on December 12, 13, and 14.

An invitation has been extended to Allen Tom, president, Oregon wheatgrowers league, to visit with the group immediately following the no-host luncheon discussing various aspects of the new farm program with special emphasis on the certificate plan which will go into effect for the 1964 crop year. A nomination committee will make its report and election of officers will be held for president, vice-president and secretary. Plans were laid at this meeting for a membership drive which will begin immediately and concluded at the time of this annual meeting. Checking through memberships in Morrow county it was found that there were a considerable number of new farm operators who are not yet members of the Oregon wheatgrowers league. We hope all of you will make a note of this date and hold it clear as this meeting is an important one to all Morrow county wheatgrowers.

New Farm Program Sign-up Still Questionable

I am pleased to report the discussion on the new farm program which I reluctantly made in my column last week still holds true. It is hoped that by the time you read this the details of the new program will be available. Members of the Oregon State ASCS committee were attending a regional meeting for details and interpretations of the program late last week in Minneapolis. While sign-up for compliance was announced for October 15, personnel in the local ASCS office are doubtful that arrangements can be made by this time since there are so few details known now. Regardless, educational programs and information will be carried to ranchers as soon as they are known.

Prized Sack of Gaines Brings Woe to Owner

And then there's the story making the rounds of a middle-aged Morrow county rancher who had just purchased the last eight sacks of Gaines wheat left in Morrow county. It seems that this is just what he needed to seed twenty acres of double summer fallow. After leaving Heppner with the eight sacks on his flat bed pick-up, he was found setting along side the road in the midst of a sack of wheat which had virtually exploded as it hit the shoulder of the highway, cry-

Wheat Growers Consider Three For Man of Year

"Conservation Man of the Year" nominations from Morrow, Union and Sherman counties are in the hands of Oregon Wheat Growers League officials.

Nominees include: Sherman county, George von Borstel; Union county, Rex Roulet; Morrow county, Elmer Palmer and Son.

Actually, if not so listed, the Union county entry is also a father-son combination as Rex Roulet of Elgin is in partnership with his son, Billy R.

The three nominations received, along with those from other wheat growing counties in the state, will be the entry list from which Oregon Wheat Growers League officers will select one to be awarded the prized "Man of the Year" honor.

This presentation will be made at the Multnomah hotel in Portland on the evening of Wednesday, November 28. The annual state meeting is scheduled in Portland on November 26, 27 and 28.

A description of the men and the practices they follow prove that all are deeply concerned with land conservation in the state.

Elmer Palmer and his son, Roger, operate a ranch consisting of 4,630 acres. The Palmers own all but 800 acres which they rent from the Palmer estate.

Elmer Palmer started strip cropping in 1949. Contour strip-cropping followed.

Union county nominee, Rex Roulet, and his son, Billy R., carry on a father-son-grandson tradition of conservation in the Elgin area. Rex Roulet purchased 220 acres of land which had been farmed by his father, W. H. Roulet. Rex, in turn, added to the holdings and, in 1945, went into partnership with his son, Billy R.

Currently the Roulets have 1120 acres. They have 539 cultivated acres, 438 acres of pasture and 43 acres of forest tract.

Sherman county's George von Borstel lives in Grass Valley with his wife, Patricia, and four children. The farm consists of 1420 acres of farmland, 1060 acres of cropland, 360 acres of rangeland and 159 acres of improved pasture.

The von Borstel farm has four erosion and stock water dams and a yearly weed control program and limited fertilizing is in order.

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Portland Grain Exchange

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ing profusely. Those who witnessed this episode do not yet know whether it was the loss of a seven dollar sack of wheat and the shortage to finish the twenty-acre field or just the fact of loading the pick-up, with all the room to spare in such a manner that one sack would bounce off on a smooth oiled road.

Chats With Your Home Agent

Managing Family Income Discussed By Specialist

By ESTHER KIRMIS

"Everytime you spend a dime or dollar you're buying a small part of a way of living. Your spending moves you closer to what you want out of life or puts you on a treadmill that never gets anywhere."

Mrs. Dorothy Sherril Miller, family finance specialist, believes that money management can be learned to "buy a way of living that families really want."

Basic to managing income is to accept the fact that everyone has 100 percent of income to use—regardless of size. Getting what is wanted from income is an individual responsibility and cannot be blamed on taxes, inflation or the high cost of living, declares Mrs. Miller.

The next step is to draft a pattern of spending that will take care of monthly needs and set aside money for some long term goals—such as children's education, a new boat or home ownership. Every month's spending ought to move the family closer to realizing some of its dreams.

Another way to use money wisely is to learn about life in-

urance, social security, savings, investments and credit.

Families who become familiar with only four basic types of life insurance are better able to understand the multitude of policies offered, says Mrs. Miller. "The effort is small," she continues, "compared with the dollars in premiums a family may pay in a lifetime or the benefits it may get from having invested in the right kind of insurance."

Social security forms the compulsory base of savings, investments and insurance programs of nine out of ten families in the U. S. That's why families should become familiar with their rights and privileges under the social security law. Armed with this information they are in a better position to plan their savings, life insurance and investment programs, she says.

By 1969, employed persons will pay 4 5/8 percent tax, matched by the employer. Self-employed persons will pay 6.9 percent tax. At those rates in 45 years of earnings an employed person and his employer could pay almost \$20,000 into social security and the self-employed person almost \$15,000.

Families who get ahead are those who put some money to work in savings and watch it multiply. Those who invested money at 3 percent interest in 1950 were 9 percent ahead of inflation in 1960—which refutes the theory that inflation eats up savings, noted Mrs. Miller. She recommends analyzing advantages and drawbacks of various savings and investments before choosing ones best for you.

When it comes to credit, Mrs. Miller advises families to learn to figure interest charges. Going into debt for small purchases is an expensive way to buy. She recommends that couples accumulate some cash early in marriage, borrow from their reserve at a "going" rate of interest, and faithfully pay themselves back.

Wool Payments Referendum Gets Strong Majority

The United States Department of Agriculture announced on October 1 that preliminary results of a producer referendum on continuation of deductions from wool payments, to be used in promoting wool and lamb, show producers owning 17,420,935 sheep voted for (91 percent) and producers owning 1,720,104 sheep voted against (9 percent).

On the basis of individual producer voting, the preliminary tabulation shows 86,239 producers voted for (87.7 percent) and 12,117 voted against (12.3 percent).

The referendum was held to determine producer approval of a proposed agreement between the Secretary of Agriculture and the American Sheep Producers, Inc., an organization of sheep producers. The agreement would continue deductions from wool payments made under the National Wool Act of 1954 for the 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965 marketing years. The deductions would provide funds to finance the council's advertising, promotional, and related market development activities on lamb and wool.

This year 98,356 producers owning 19,141,039 sheep voted. In the 1959 referendum 102,326 producers voted (68.91 percent voted favorably) and they owned 20,854,594 sheep (81.07 percent voted favorably). In the 1955 referendum 67,288 producers voted (71.27 percent voted favorably) and they owned 12,918,165 sheep (71.98 percent voted favorably).

Oregon producers voted 87.2 percent for the program. This represented 89.1 percent of the sheep in the state. The sister state of Washington, 92.9 percent of the producers voted in favor and 95.8 percent of the sheep. In Idaho, 90.5 percent of the producers favored the promotion program which represented 96.2 percent of the sheep.

Death In Baker Takes Mrs. Pearl A. Chidsey

Mrs. Pearl Ann Chidsey, 83, a former resident of Heppner and recently of Silverton and Baker, died September 25 at St. Elizabeth hospital, Baker.

Mrs. Chidsey was born March 13, 1879, to Samuel and Clarissa Franklin at Monument. She attended school at Hamilton. She was married to Thomas E. Chidsey at Prairie City June 24, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Chidsey celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in June. She was a member of the Christian church at

This keeps something in the "kitty" when it's needed.

We are planning a man and wife shortcourse on money management in January with much of this above information discussed.

Silverton and other organizations there, including the Eastern Star. She had made her home in Silverton prior to living in Baker the past two years. She was a resident of Heppner for about 20 years and will be remembered by many friends here.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas E. Chidsey who makes his home with their daughter, Mrs. Robert McCord in Baker; a son, Edward F. Chidsey of Salem; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Stoy of Grants Pass and Mrs. McCord of Baker; nine grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and by several nieces and nephews.

Services were held September 28 at the Golden Funeral Home in Salem, with interment in the Restlawn Memory Gardens.

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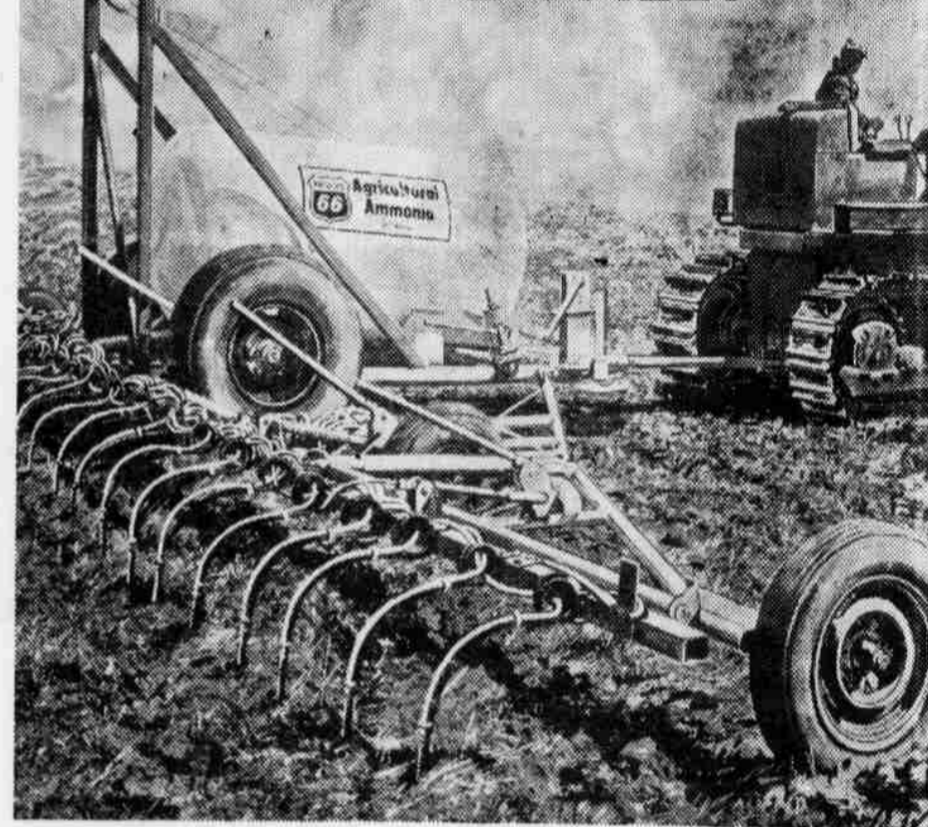


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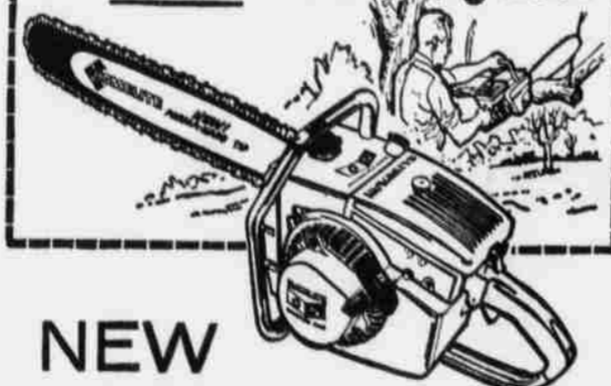
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