

Three Important Public Meetings Slated Here

By N. C. ANDERSON

There are three events scheduled for next week which should be of interest to many of our ranchers. First, the annual conservation speech contest will be held at the multipurpose room at the elementary school in Heppner at 8:00 p.m. on October 23. Several high school students will participate with a speech on "Water Conservation in the Heppner Soil Conservation District." The public is invited to this local contest sponsored by the Heppner Soil Conservation District with trophies and medals for participants provided by the Morrow County Grain Growers.

On Wednesday, October 24, the annual fall meeting of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers association will be held at the Willows Grange in Ione. Starting at 9:00 a.m. the day will be devoted largely to committee meetings, drafting recommendations for action by county, state and national wheat groups. Meeting during the day will be the Domestic Wheat Utilization, Public Relations, Federal Agricultural Programs, Production and Land Use, Marketing and Transportation, Taxation and Legislation committees. Of special interest to all ranchers will be a discussion of the new farm program with emphasis on the certificate plan which will be presented by Allen Tom, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. This discussion will be held immediately following the noon lunch which will be prepared by the Willows Grange Home Economics club. All interested persons are urged to attend.

On Thursday, October 25, the annual soil judging contest sponsored by the Heppner Soil Con-

servation District will get underway at 1:15 p.m. Meeting at the fairgrounds at Heppner the public will be given a brief outline of plans for the contest judging which will be done in soil pits located not too far from the fairgrounds. This year Inland Chemical company has offered to provide prizes for the first and second place men, women and youth participating in the contest. The contest is held at this time of the year as a last minute training for those who might like to take part in the annual state soil judging contest. This contest sponsored by the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts will be held at Coburg near Eugene on November 7. The annual meeting of this association follows at Eugene on November 8-9. Again, we hope for a good turnout at our county contest. We hope the prizes will act as an incentive this year to have a larger turnout.

Four Morrow Families Host Valley Editors

The Frank Anderson, Louis Carlson, Bob Jepsen and Kenneth Turner families, I am sure, did much to promote better understanding between the rancher and the city dweller when they were hosts to four Portland and Oregon City newspaper editors last week. Each of the families enjoyed having their guest but commented on the time being too short to visit with and show them everything they wished to. The first results, an editorial by Jalmer Johnson, Associate Editor, The Oregonian, who stayed at the Frank Anderson ranch is an indication of this better understanding. For those who have not read this editorial, "Wheatgrowers Earn Their

Chats With Your Home Agent

Emergency Brings Out Need for Stockpiling Food

By ESTHER KIRMIS
I didn't realize I was experiencing history last Columbus day when the worst windstorm in the state's history hit Willamette valley. I was in Corvallis finishing up some training on furniture restoration when the big blow—the tail end of Typhoon Frieda hit!

My guardian angel was surely working overtime as I had intended to drive to Portland that night. Instead he deluged me with such a downpour of rain, previous to the windstorm, that I decided to spend the night in Corvallis.

Hurricane force winds slammed into Corvallis around 4:00

p.m. and I saw trees after trees topple over like matchsticks, taking power lines with them. Signs and roofing flew in all directions, and many large plate glass windows in downtown Corvallis blew in.

What a slave we have become to electricity. Without power—no lights, no heat, no hot food. Traffic became congested and sirens screaming as police cars sped to emergencies—these were just a few of the problems that confronted us. It was a little preview of what Civil Defense has been talking about if we should experience an atomic attack.

Although I had taken shelter in a downtown motel, I couldn't help but think how much more secure families must feel who have done some stockpiling of food and clothing for just such an emergency.

Civil Defense has provided us with many good bulletins that will assist us in choice of foods for such an emergency. Why not call or write the county agent's office for "Family Food Stockpile for Survival."

Now for other items... Is it apple polishing to call homemaking an executive job? When you're up to your elbows in dishwasher you may wonder what an executive is, anyway. Do you really count in this money-conscious world?

A recent African visitor to the OSU campus said that one of the big problems in his underdeveloped country was that "the women didn't want anything." What music that would be to some American husband's ears! But think what this means. Without demand for things to be manufactured and sold, there aren't many jobs, people are hungry, and living is largely a matter of merely existing. You homemakers pack a wallop here in our land. Your wants dominate every consumer product made in America. If enough of you turn thumbs down on an item, they stop making it. You, the consumer, make this country tick. Turn this over in your mind while you're working at that stack of ironing, or anytime you need a boost.

Gopher Poison Baiting Advised This Month

October is a good time to poison gophers. Use strychnine and rholplex treated oats with baiting machines. Use strychnine treated carrot strips for hand baiting. Cover the opening after inserting the bait when using a probe. If using a gopher baiting machine: (1) the artificial burrow must intercept the gophers runways, (2) the machine must make a good artificial burrow, (3) a teaspoon full of bait should be placed in the artificial burrow every five to six feet apart. If the gopher infestation is at all heavy it will be no problem to intercept runways. After these good rains an artificial burrow can be easily made in the moist soil. There are several gopher baiting machines in the county and those who used them last winter and spring were quite happy with results. For those who might be interested in a gopher baiting machine I would suggest that you visit with Pat and Gordon O'Brien, Ron and George Curran, W. W. Weatherford or Harry Proudfoot who have had experience with these.

Calfhood Testing, Herd Testing Encouraged

As cows are being brought in off of the summer range, calves weaned, cattle to be kept over winter sprayed with a systemic insecticide such as Coral or Ruelene, one operation that many cattlemen have been neglecting is the calfhood vaccination of heifers. While it does not work out many times to vaccinate heifer calves that will be sold immediately it is still a good idea if arrangements can be made. It is an exceptionally good habit to get into for the heifers that you will save regardless of whether you intend to keep them for replacements in your own herd, sell them for replacements on the feeder market. There is no cost for calfhood vaccination and arrangements can be made by calling Dr. Norene at Heppner. The job of calfhood vaccinations should not be put off as most of our calves are the right age for vaccination at weaning time. If there are cattlemen who have not had their cow herd tested for sometime I would suggest that you consider testing them this year. Contact Federal Veterinarian Dr. Henry Heffernan, Pendleton, phone 276-6162 for arrangements.

Rainfall Records Important to Farmers

We hope that all of our weather observers have been keeping records of rainfall during the August, September and October rains. We haven't had a very good turn-in of records for August and September so we would like to ask you to continue keeping records as during the past. For those who do not have report sheets we would be glad to send you some if you will contact this office. We have not mimeographed a new supply and sent them out to everyone since we have been waiting to find out changes which might be made from last years form.

USDA Sets Prices On Wool Support

A shorn wool incentive of 62 cents per pound and a mohair support price of 76 cents per pound were announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the period beginning April 1 and ending December 31, 1963.

The USDA also announced that the marketing year under the wool payment program is being changed from an April-March period to a calendar year basis in line with recommendations from producers. In making this transition, the 1963 marketing year will be a 9-month one from April 1 through December 31. After 1963, the marketing year will be on a 12-month calendar year basis.

The incentive price for shorn wool for the 1963 marketing year is the same as for the first eight years of the program, running from 1955 through the 1962 marketing years. The mohair price is up 2 cents from the 74-cent level for the 1962 marketing year.

The wool incentive price is established under the legislation which directs the Secretary of

Agriculture to take into consideration prices paid and other cost conditions affecting sheep production in determining a support price that will encourage an annual production of 300 million pounds of shorn wool.

The Act also requires that both the total amount of payments and reimbursements to Commodity Credit Corporation for expenditures in operating the program be limited to a portion of the duties collected on imports of wool and wool manufactures.

The year under the program was changed to a calendar year basis after receiving recommendations from producers. The present closing date of March 31 comes within the peak shearing season in some areas of the country and was encouraging earlier-than-normal shearing and selling of the wool in order to receive the payments the following July rather than a year later. USDA officials said the new yearly basis from January through December is expected to contribute to better production practices and more orderly marketing of wool and mohair.

helps sleeves to dry into shape and also shortens drying time.

County Auto Toll 64 in 25 Years

Traffic deaths in Morrow county total 64 for the 25-year period, 1936 through 1961, a report from Vern L. Hill, director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, shows.

This is an average of some 2.5 deaths per year. In four years during the period the county went without fatalities—in 1940, 1942, 1944 and 1957. In four other years there was only one death each year—in 1938, 1941, 1945 and 1955.

Record number of deaths for any year was seven in 1951. None of the years showed six deaths, but two years, including last year (1961), had five deaths each. The other was in 1943.

In the state at large, the record accident toll was in 1959 with 492 deaths, followed closely by 1961 with 485. Low year was the year year of 1943 when 233 died in auto accidents, the report shows.

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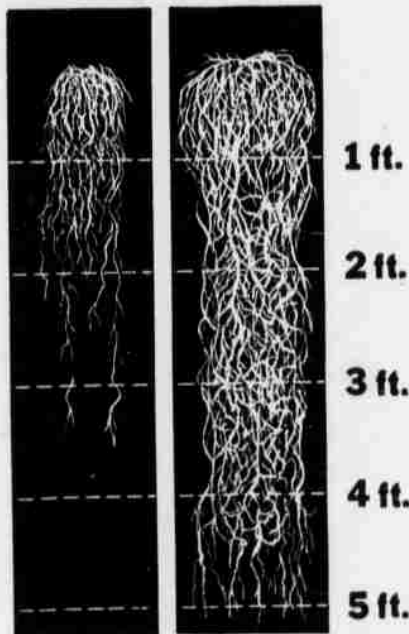
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