

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Valley Storm Causes Great Loss To Agriculture

By N. C. ANDERSON

Morrow county citizens can be thankful that they were saved the destruction caused by the heavy winds in the coast and valley area of western Oregon. While earlier reports of the storm emphasized the tree and power line damage they are now determining agricultural income producing losses. For instance, it is reported now that the nut growing industry of the Willamette valley alone suffered a 40 million dollar loss. This loss is not like a power line that can be repaired in a few days. It takes quite a number of years to grow a nut or fruit orchard to producing maturity. Pears, apples and nut harvest were completed in a matter of minutes in many cases during the storm.

In this weeks' Oregon Crop-Weather summary there was hardly a county in western Oregon but what reported heavy damage to their agricultural industry. In a letter from Noel Bennion, poultry specialist, OSU, he estimated a 3 million dollar loss to the poultry industry.

Main losses were in buildings, equipment and production with the loss in production being from exposure, changes in environment, reduced supply of feed, water and artificial light. Ralph Clark, horticultural specialist, to county extension agents for OSU, last week sent instructions handling damage to ornamentals caused by the storm. Many home owners will be struggling in the next few years to nurse a favorite ornamental back to recovery. Eastern Oregon is blessed with the absence of tornadoes, hurricanes and other extreme weather conditions that many areas are regularly threatened by.

Sterilant Recommended For Weed Control

During the past several years there have been developed some excellent soil sterilants for the control of cheatgrass, rye and this type of weed. These sterilants are especially suited for the control of cheat and rye along roadsides, fence rows and waste areas that threaten to move into cropland. It's time now to use these chemicals. This is considerably earlier than during the past few years because of our early fall rains. Recommended for the control of cheat, rye, volunteer grains, and "what-have-you," is 4 lbs. of Atrazine and 2 lbs. of Amino Triazol. This is a very effective control for all weeds and grasses and should not be used where there is perennial grasses that you do not wish to kill. Fence line and roadside weeds can be controlled for about \$16 worth of materials per acre. It takes an 8 ft. wide and 1 mile long area to make up an acre so the material goes a long way for this type of control. For most effective control this application should be made after annual weeds have germinated but before they get 6 inches high. We would like for those especially who have been asking for recommendations for the control of rye after it has reached the heading stage to note this recommendation. It is much more effective and less costly if applied at this time rather than to wait until head stage.

Soil Bank Restrictions Still Apply to Grazing

A word of caution is given to those ranchers with Soil Bank seedings who might have misinterpreted the recent announcement that grazing restrictions on the 1962 feed grain or wheat stabilization program diverted acres are now removed to allow pasturing as of November 1. This applies only to diversion acres as definitely announced. Restrictions on Soil Bank contract seedings have not been changed.

Area Conservation Speech Finals Set October 29

Winners in the Soil Conserva-

tion District sponsored speech contests of this area will compete for area winner at a contest scheduled to be held in Heppner. The contest will draw winners from conservation districts in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties. It will be held at the Heppner elementary school multi-purpose room beginning at 7:30, Monday evening, October 29. The public is invited to attend.

Chemical Fallow Research Made at Swanson Ranch

Last Thursday Arnold Appleby, weed research man at the Pendleton Branch Experiment station, and I established a chemical fallow trial at the Gai Swanson ranch south of Ione. This trial was set up to further compare promising and new chemicals for chemical fallow. In addition to various rates applications will be made in December and February as well as October for comparable results. Atrazine alone, Atrazine plus Amino Triazol, Atrazine plus Dalapon, at different rates as well as Hyvar and a new Dupont product made up the 13 plots put out Thursday. 28 plots using these and new chemicals not yet developed past the number stage will be established. Six chemicals at different rates will be applied in February. This trial, one of several at the experiment stations and on Columbia Basin farms, is aimed at the possibility of a cheaper and more effective recommendation for chemical fallow.

Farmers Advised to Study New Wheat, Feed Grain Program

By the time this news is read by our ranchers we hope they will be quite well informed on the wheat and feed grain program. This past week Columbia Basin agents had an opportunity to meet with Marion Thomas, extension agricultural economist, and Manning Becker, farm management specialist, from OSU to go over the details and effects of the program on individual farm income. On Monday of this week we had interpretations of the actual mechanics of the program from the state ASC committee. Extension specialists have prepared forms for working out a budget as to how the wheat and feed grain programs will effect each operation. We have examples of incomes and variable costs of some alternatives under these programs. There are individual characteristics to each farm operation which will affect a farmer's decision in what participation he will have in these programs. Some may find that they wish to participate in neither while others might participate in either the barley or wheat program. I would be happy to work out budgets with anyone interested in helping them to arrive at their decision.

A part of the new farm program is an extension of expiring conservation reserve contracts. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced recently that most farmers who are participating in the conservation reserve program and whose contracts will expire December 31, 1962 will have an opportunity to continue their land in conserving use in the 1963 Land Use Adjustment program as a part of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. Farmers who have land in which contracts expire this year are urged not to destroy the protective cover on the land until they become acquainted with provisions of the new program. While we do not have all of the details when this article is being written we are told that the terms and conditions will be similar to those for existing contracts. Longer range aspects of the Land Use Adjustment program are being developed and will be announced later.

Sawdust is Effective For Animal Yard Use

Any animal confined to a muddy yard will not do as well as it would if kept out of the mud. Paved lots are desirable but they are expensive and there are other ways to keep animals out of this mud. Shavings or sawdust are available in this area and are relatively inexpensive. In most cases they can be secured for the hauling. To get the job done don't be stingy with the sawdust or shavings. A layer of at least 18 inches thick or more is desirable if the place is located on poorly drained soil. The shavings or sawdust to be most effective should be added while the ground is quite dry but this may not be possible this fall.

Chats With Your Home Agent

Great Decisions Program Unber Study for County

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Publicity on the 1962 "Great Decisions" program has come across my desk announcing the eight controversial topics of study this year. Included are: Common Market—Blue print for a new Europe? Red China and the USSR—How firm an al-

liance? Algeria—What future? Spain—End of the France area? India—Is democracy working? Laos and Vietnam—Southeast Asia in danger? Alliance for Progress—New Deal for the Americas? Peace What problems and Prospects?

Great Decisions is an annual nation-wide review by local citizens in their own communities, of the most important decisions we face in the world today. Now in its ninth year, it is a non-partisan educational program sponsored by the Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Foreign Policy Association, signed to help individual citizens get the facts about current foreign affairs issues; talk over the facts in the traditional American way, with their own friends and neighbors, at times and places of their own choosing; reach individual opinions on the United States Foreign Policy and communicate these opinions to policy-makers in Washington.

Schools, newspapers, and local organizations will be contacted locally to form a county planning group for this program beginning February 3. The committees functions will be to coordinate public activities, recruit organizers of informal home discussion groups, and arrange special events during the "Great Decisions" study. During eight weeks of community-wide study and discus-

Date, Committees Named for County 4-H Award Night

"Golden Day's of Achievement" has been selected as the theme for this year's 4-H Achievement party to be held Saturday evening, November 10, at the Ione school cafeteria in Ione, stated Joe Hay, county extension agent.

The Achievement Party will get underway at 7:00 p.m. with some entertainment followed by the presentation of pins and awards. Cartoons will be shown in one of the class rooms for pre-4-H age children.

Refreshments will follow the presentation of pins and awards. Cookies, coffee and punch will be served.

Helping to plan this year's 4-H Achievement Party were Mrs. Roger Campbell, Lexington, chairman; Mrs. Hershall Townsend, Ione; Mrs. Harry Proudfoot, Echo; and Mrs. Jim Bloodsworth, Heppner.

A similar 4-H achievement party night has been scheduled by North Morrow county 4-H leaders and will be held on Saturday night, November 3 at the Irrigon schoolhouse. The North Morrow Achievement Party committee consisting of Mrs. Perry Pummel, Irrigon, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Schmeder, Irrigon; Penny Jones, Irrigon, and Sandra Thorpe, Boardman have decided upon a potluck supper at the school cafeteria. The potluck supper is for all 4-H members and parents and will start at 6:30. The presentation of pins and awards will follow at 7:30.

"The Achievement Party is the final event of the 4-H club year," Hay said. "It is held to honor 4-H boys and girls who have completed their club projects this past year. Many county-wide awards will also be presented to boys and girls who have done an outstanding job in their project areas."

tion, individual participants in the program will be able to express their opinions on each of the issues by use on an "opinion ballot." Local ballot summaries will be forwarded to Congress and to the State Department in Washington. In previous years we have had "Great Decision" study groups in Rhea Creek, Ione and Heppner schools.

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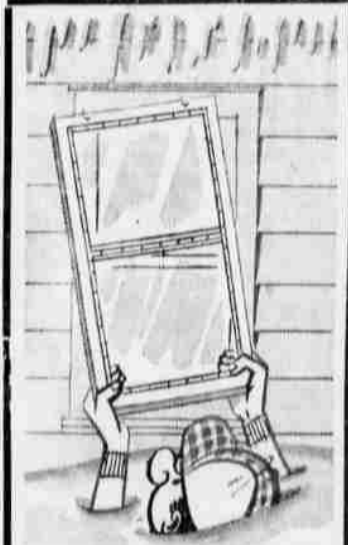
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