

Trip to County Gives Reporters Insight on Problems of Ranchers

A two-day stay in the country doesn't give a visitor a chance to look at all the problems or come up with all the answers, but a recent trip into Morrow county on the part of four Portland area newsmen did provide them with the knowledge that the farmer in Oregon is an important individual in the state's overall economic program.

Sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers league, this second annual Editors' Trip was participated in by staff members of the Oregonian, Oregon Journal, Portland Reporter and Oregon City Enterprise-Courier.

In something less than 60 hours, Portland area newsmen visited farm families, lived with four of them and learned something of the problems which face wheat growers one year after another.

Hosts to the "visiting firemen" were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jepsen. All live in the lone-Heppner area of Morrow county.

Farmers opened up their homes—and their account books—to Jalmar Johnson, Oregonian; Don Sterling, Oregon Journal; Robert Holley, Portland Reporter,

and Jack Fenton, Oregon City Enterprise-Courier.

Wheat growers were deluged with questions concerning costs of operation, subsidies, parities, sales program, conservation efforts and marginal costs which often spell the difference between a good year and a poor one.

This second annual trip found newsmen participating in a water conservation meeting and other activities in the Heppner-lone area.

Newsmen learned that size has something to do with monetary returns. They discovered that mere size without additional returns may spell a shortcut to the poor farm.

Newsmen learned that a difference of 25 miles produces some differences in soil content, per acre yield and erosion challenges. They learned that Morrow county, to a certain extent, has problems which are not in evidence in other wheat growing counties of the state. They also were told that other counties have particular problems which do not affect those living in Morrow county.

If some residents of metropolitan centers in Oregon still believe that golden colored grain

spells quick riches for farmers, take it from the four Portland newsmen who made the trip into Morrow county "it just ain't so." They learned something of the farmer, his goals, his chances of success and the problems he faces to "stay alive." In turn, they also found out that farm dollars are important dollars to the overall economy of the entire state.

Metropolitan newsmen learned that Morrow county farmers—as do their counter-parts in other wheat growing areas—know something of foreign sales, the value of a sound promotion program to assist farmers attain their goals and, in general, they are as much a business man as is the president of a bank.

Putting the shoe on the other foot, farmers learned something of the challenges and trials which face editorial workers. They learned that all facets of business efforts and promotion in Oregon are important to the industrial and agricultural growth of the state.

In brief, each learned to respect the other. Mutual respect and confidence spells statewide stability. It must be attained—and retained—to get the job done.

SCHOOL MENUS

November 5-9
MONDAY—Hamburger gravy on rice, spinach, carrot sticks, hot rolls and butter, and milk.
TUESDAY—Hamburger casseroles (Mor) cabbage slaw, jello fruit salad, cake, bread and butter, and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Spaghetti and meat balls, cold tomatoes, celery sticks, fruit, bread and butter, and milk.
THURSDAY—Creamed tuna on hot rolls, lettuce salad, fruit, milk, cheese sticks, and butter.
FRIDAY—Vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwiches, pineapple upside down cake, and milk.

Mrs. Harold Gugle and Mrs. Leon Bentley of Irrigon attended the Classroom Teachers Conference in Bend October 26 and 27.

Bid Date Set For Cemetery Relocation Work

By MRS. ALBERT PARTLOW

IRRIGON—Invitation for bids on "Relocation of Irrigon Cemetery, Morrow County, Oregon" has been issued with bid opening about November 14, and work to be completed within 60 days. The description of work to be performed or supplies to be furnished is as follows: "Construction of gravel surface roads and chain-link fencing with gates; search for unknown burials; disintering 69 remains and backfilling old graves; construct and transport 69 rough boxes; reintering 69 remains at new site; relocate 26 existing stone markers; provide and set 43 new concrete markers." Approximate total cost is about \$25,000.00. Bids from small business concerns only will be considered.

Location of the project will be in the vicinity of Irrigon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner arrived home Wednesday evening from a 2 1/2 week vacation in Oklahoma and Missouri. Warners drove from Irrigon to Tulsa, where they spent five days with their daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. James Copeland, Sharon and Ruthie, and in Springfield, Mo., with their daughter, Miss Linda Warner, who is attending Evangel College at Springfield, and another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril McLellan, Steve and Bruce. On their way home, Warners stopped in Iola, Kans., to visit with Rev. and Mrs. Pember and family, where he is pastor the Assembly of God church. In Fort Collins, Colo., Warners visited an aunt, Mrs. Lillian Hinkle.

Home after a 2-month vacation back east, are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith. The Smiths left in August, driving from here to Yellowstone Park, then on to Coal Valley, Ill. where they visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith and daughters, Marina and Rebecca. From there they drove to Lincoln, Neb., where they visited two sisters of Mrs. Smith's and Smith's brother and their families, returning home Wednesday.

A. C. Houghton "Bobcats" lost a heart-breaker to Stanfield's football team by a score of 7-6. The Bobcats played at Arlington Thursday, October 25, with final score ending in a tie, Arlington 14, and the Bobcats 14. In the in-

tramural football league at A. C. Houghton elementary, the "Bullets" have clinched the title, with the "All-star" game to be played Saturday, November 10.

A "Beginners' Sewing Class" was held at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Hadwick and Mrs. Richard Ryan were instructors, and following a discussion on suitable fabrics for the beginners to use, Mrs. Hadwick served the ladies date-cake and coffee.

Misses Gloria Hasecall, Sheryl Witherspoon, Cathy McGinnis, Toni Olin, Donna Eppenbach, Elnora Eppenbach, Janice Marlow and Larry Paxson attended the Baptist Youth Fellowship convention held in Milton-Freewater last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Christiansen took their daughter and grandson, Mrs. Michael Creighton and Vincent to The Dalles last Monday, after they had visited in Irrigon during the week.

A Fellowship pot-luck dinner will be held in the basement of the Baptist church Sunday evening at 5:30 p. m. to begin a new "Evening Fellowship Program." Following the dinner there will be a seminar for adult groups.

"Swedish Weaving" will be taught at the ladies' Home Extension meeting at the home of Mrs. Richard Ryan November 8 at 10:30 a. m. Instructors will be Mrs. Andy Skiles and Mrs. Paul Slaughter. A noon luncheon will be served with a charge of 50¢ per plate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Zehner and daughter Mattie of Portland, visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zehner and family, arriving in Irrigon Monday evening and returning to their home Wednesday morning.

Illness interrupted the 30-day

leave of SK3 John Califf, who has been stationed at Okinawa the past five months. Califf arrived home on leave from Okinawa Oct. 22. He became ill and after examination was flown from Pasco to Moses Lake on a C-47, and underwent surgery for a ruptured hernia at the Moses Lake Air Force Base hospital. Califf's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zehner and family drove to Moses Lake Saturday morning, to visit Califf. They report that he is doing satisfactorily, but will be at the hospital under doctors' care for two or three weeks.

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