

# FARM NEWS

## County Agent's Office

### Livestock Growers To Hear Panel on Taxes

By N. C. ANDERSON

An important feature of the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association is a tax panel on Friday afternoon, January 11. On the panel will be some outstanding tax authorities, and I believe that this will be a rare opportunity for all of our people to hear and discuss problems and possible solutions to our tax situation.

Everyone knows that the state legislators this year face the problem of determining where additional taxes will come from to pay for the ever-increasing demand for services and the rising cost of government. Several proposed plans will be discussed by the panel and those of us who must determine the best method for raising these funds will have the opportunity to have questions answered first-hand. It is unfortunate that we could not have on the panel one of our state legislators, however all legislators will be in Salem receiving pre-legislature assignments and preparing for the sessions that get underway Monday morning the 14th.

We are fortunate, however, to have ex-legislator, Lloyd Key from Umatilla county who is informed as to proposals, as well as a representative of the Oregon State Tax Commission and Dr. Grant Blanche, OSU Agricultural Economist who is an authority in tax proposals and who was active in hearings and studies made by the interim committee on taxation since the last legislature.

#### Roving Dogs Causing Increased Livestock Damage

Of much concern to livestock-growers, as well as our predator control people, is the increasing amount of damage being done by roving dogs. Several sheep have been killed of late as well as running of cows and sheep. This is especially bad at this time of the year when at this time with calf and sheep ready to lamb. The law provides that dogs can be destroyed if found doing damage on someone's property. It might be well to check on your dog to determine whether he has been roving of late if you are concerned about him not returning from one of his trips.

#### Research Recommendations To Go Before Wheat League

Those who have followed the activity of committees drafting recommendations for the use of 2,4-D will be interested in the joint recommendations made by the group composed of Milton-Freewater fruit and vegetable growers and representatives of wheat growers at a meeting held recently. These recommendations will be presented to the Oregon Wheat Growers League Executive Committee who will meet at the Temple Hotel in Pendleton at 9:00 a. m. January 16.

The recommendations made by the joint committee were briefly: (1) that the use of isopropyl ester 2,4-D be restricted for 2 years, (2) that the use of butyl ester 2,4-D be restricted in the present secondary restricted area of the East Umatilla County Chemical Control District and that if results of research show that butyl is damaging horticultural crops that its use then be restricted, except by permit, in Umatilla county, (3) that no spraying of 2,4-D be done when wind velocity exceeds 15 m.p.h., (4) that research by OSU on the 2,4-D drift damage problem be continued and that the legislature appropriate at least \$25,000 for his research, (5) that government agencies using 2,4-D be required to also pay Oregon tax on 2,4-D (6) that the Washington State Department of Agriculture be asked to restrict the use of isopropyl ester 2,4-D in Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Walla Walla Counties in the state of Washington, (7) that OSU be requested to extend its educational activities relative to the proper use of pesticides and weedicides.

**Rain Gauges Available**  
The Morrow County Weather Observers have recently received a shipment of rain gauges such as were distributed at the time that the program got underway to those who agreed to keep weather records. Anyone interested in one of these gauges can buy them at cost at the County Agent's office.

**D. O. Nelson Farm Shows Modern, Up-to-Date Operation**  
Talking about rainfall, it was interesting while making a recent visit at the D. O. Nelson ranch in the north Lexington community to see and compare rainfall records for the past several years. Delwin has a complete record for many years and I agreed with him, wholeheartedly when he said, "If I were to do it over again, or to give any advice to a young man beginning to farm I would say to keep a good set of records on anything they do." This, of course,

is becoming more necessary each year as the farmer strives to increase efficiency.

It was interesting to note that one of the best crops harvested on this ranch was during a year of slightly over 7 inches of rainfall. This further indicates that if rain comes at the right time it doesn't take a lot of it.

While visiting this ranch I was particularly interested in a new 35' by 82' machine shed that the Nelsons are in process of building. This machine shed has some unique features that I have never seen in the many sheds built throughout Morrow county in recent years. The trusses for this shed were constructed in their own shop, laminated from plywood and two by fours put together with glue. The large sliding doors are made of double thickness of inch and one-half plywood glued together. The old problem of keeping doors on the track is remedied by an inch and a half pipe cemented into the concrete door sill and apron with a channel iron lip on the bottom of the doors which ride over the pipe keeping it rolling true.

A great amount of concrete poured for this foundation and floor was made easy with a power take-off concrete mixer and scoop mounted on a wheel tractor. Delwin says that the concrete is mixed and poured without being "touched by human hands" until it is time for the finishing. It is always a pleasure to visit this neatly kept ranch that will now be able to have the major equipment under roof for longer and more efficient operation.

#### Livestock Club Plans Placing Town Sign

The Ione Livestock club met January 2, at the Ione Community church, with 13 members present. Rolly Ekstrom reported on the expenses for different sizes of signs that might be erected at the edge of town. It was decided to make a sign 3' x 4' of 5/8" plywood. Steve Lindstrom was appointed as head of the painting committee and offered a can of paint. Rolly donated four steel fence posts.

Cherilyn Smouse read an invitation from the Gazette-Times for 4-H club officers to see the paper being put together and printed on December 27 or January 3. Our assistant leader, Mr. John Proudfoot, showed a movie on the raising of a litter of pigs. Charles Nelson, reporter

#### Livestock Club Sees Halter Demonstration

Rhea Creek Livestock club met on January 6 at Rhea Creek Grange hall. We have a new member, Terry Corbin. John Hall demonstrated how to make rope halters.

Our visitors were Mrs. Darrell Harris, Mrs. Albert Wright and Dianna, Mrs. Wilbur Van Brocklin, Mrs. Bill Rawlins and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bergstrom and Mike. Our hostesses were Mrs. Harold Wright and Mrs. Gene Hall.

Hal Bergstrom, reporter

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Watkins and family went to Medford December 26, to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wilsey, and family. The Watkins returned home the following Sunday.

### Price Supports Deadline Nears

January 31, 1963, is the deadline for Price Support Loans and Purchase agreements on some grain harvested in 1962. These crops include wheat, barley, oats and rye.

Warehouse and farm stored loans are available on eligible grains. David McLeod, manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office, reminds growers that good storage, which must first be approved by the ASC county committee, is a requisite for obtaining a price support loan on any farm stored crop.

While the farmer himself is responsible for storing a crop covered by a purchase agreement, the condition and quality of the crop will be a determining factor in the amount of support he receives should he decide to deliver his crop under the support program at the end of the season.

Loans made on wheat will mature on March 31, 1963. Loans for barley, oats and rye have a April 30 maturity date.

Any grower wanting a loan, who is not familiar with the requirements, should contact the local ASCS office for further details.

### Panel on Program At Annual Meeting Of Boardman SCS

The annual meeting of the Boardman Soil Conservation District will be Tuesday evening, January 15, at the Greenfield Grange hall in Boardman, starting with a potluck dinner by the grange home economics club at 6:30 p. m.

The program for the evening will get underway at 7:30 with a film titled "Mountain Water." The film was produced in the western part of the United States and shows how maintain vegetation conserves and regulates water supplies for industrial, agricultural and domestic use.

A short business meeting will be conducted following the film. The district supervisors will present a short review of the annual report and the audit report.

"How Government Agencies Assist Farmers in the Boardman Soil Conservation District," will be the topic of a panel discussion following the business meeting. The panel is being used this year in place of a speaker. Members of the panel include Max Jones, representing the Boardman Soil Conservation District, moderator; Clarence Underwood, representing the Soil Conservation Service; David McLeod, representing the Morrow County Agricultural, Stabilization and Conservation Service; and Hay, who is secretary of the district, will represent the county agent's office. Following a short presentation by each of the panel members the meeting will be open for a question and answer session. Hay indicated that farmers are encouraged to ask questions so that the panel can do a better job of providing information for them.

Arrangements have been made with the grange home economics club for serving the potluck supper. They will provide coffee, punch and bread as well as the silverware and plates. "Everyone is invited to attend and bring a main dish plus a salad or dessert, enough for your family," Hay said.

A door prize drawing will be held at the close of the meeting.

#### Rhea Grange Moves Meeting to Jan. 18

The regular meeting of the Rhea Creek Grange has been postponed from January 11 to Friday evening, January 18, as called by Master Ned Clark. District Deputy Thorpe, Boardman, will be present to assist with floor work. A 6:30 p. m. potluck dinner will be served preceding the meeting.

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### Chats With Your Home Agent

## Planning Adds Efficiency For New Home Owners

By ESTHER KIRMIS

New home owners often find their beautiful dream kitchen has turned into a nightmare after they live there a few months. Some of the inconveniences are: Lack of counter space opens wrong way, and traffic passes through work area. Good planning doesn't need to add to the cost.

Functional arrangement, as well as good equipment, is more important than ever, now that so many appliances are built-in and changes later would be costly.

To aid new home seekers and families interested in remodeling, Oregon State University Extension Service has prepared

an easy-to-read leaflet, "What Is A Good Kitchen." This consists of seven essential points which prospective home buyers can use as a guide in deciding if the kitchen meets their family's needs. Prepared by Bernice Strawn, OSU home management and equipment specialist, this guide stresses functional features such as traffic patterns, work centers, storage needs and lighting.

Free copies of the leaflet are available from the County Extension office—telephone 676-9642. We also invite builders to obtain a copy for use as a guide in future planning.

**WHAT ABOUT BATHROOMS?**

Many home improvements today include addition of an extra bathroom or a half bath. If possible, locate one bath near the outside entrance, to serve as a "mud room" for children and adults who work in the garden or farm yard. This will prevent tracking mud into living areas and make housekeeping easier. Plan space nearby for hanging coats and dirty boots used in heavy work.

One place to look for space for such a room is under a stairway, an often wasted area. Sometimes part of a hall can be partitioned off, or an old pantry may be converted to a bathroom. Occasionally a back porch may be enclosed to provide both a storage area and a bathroom.

Trends in bathroom today are: ample storage for bathroom supplies and linens, built-in clothes hampers, twin lavatories for use of several members of the family at the same time, and compartment toilet facilities. A large mirror over the lavatory or built-in vanity for shaving and make-up, replaces the narrow medicine cabinet on the wall.

You need to consider height of the lavatory in relation to height of adults in the family. Recent housing research by home economists at a leading university shows that a height of 34 inches from floor to top of the front rim is acceptable for most adults. People over 5 feet 10 inches tall find a height of 35 to 37 inches is more comfortable to use.

Good lighting and ventilation are also important in planning a bathroom. Consider the possible need for auxiliary heat. Select materials for walls, floors, ceilings and counter top which are waterproof and stain resistant. Natural wood may be used if treated to resist moisture.

Anyone interested in looking at house plans for ideas in remodeling or building a new house may get help at the County Extension office. A number of moderate and low cost house plans, designed for western states by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, are available.

### Schools Resume After Holidays

By MARY LEE MARLOW

**BOARDMAN**—Teachers of Riverside High school and Boardman Grade school returned to their classes Wednesday of last week after a week and a half of vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Daniels and daughters Pam and Vickie spent the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels in Caldwell, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Peterson in Parma, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Dante Daltoso and son visited at the home of Mrs. Daltoso's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Busch, in Butte, Mont.

Mrs. Evelyn McInnis visited at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Taft, in Spokane, Wn., and with friends at Connell, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leroux and daughter visited in Seattle, Wn., at the home of Leroux's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Records.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Talbot spent the vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talbot, in John Day, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith, in Hagerman Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mitteldorf are the parents of a daughter, born January 6 at the Umatilla hospital. She has been named Lisa Dee. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peck of Boardman, and Mrs. O. A. Amos of Hermiston. The baby weighed nine pounds, 14 ounces.

**Many Are Hospital Patients**

Mrs. Zoe Billings is in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston suffering with a broken ankle received in a fall at her home here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe and daughters Sandra and Teresa went to La Grande Sunday to see Mrs. Thorpe's father, Paul Smith, Union, who is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital there.

Larry Thorpe, Hermiston, accompanied them.

Elvin Ely was in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston several days last week with the flu. Visitors at the Ely home New Years were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Vaught of Kennewick, Wn.

Mrs. Dwight Ewing has been in the General hospital in Walla Walla, Wn. the past two weeks with a broken hip, suffered in a fall at Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matz visited last week in Portland at the home of Matz's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown.

Mrs. Glen Carpenter and nephew, Darold LaChance, have returned home from a ten day trip to Arcata, Calif., where they visited at the home of LaChance's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaChance. They also went to Crestview where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred LaChance at the China Lake Naval Base. Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaChance and sons Stevie and Frankie returned here with them to visit several days.

Mrs. Isabel Davis has returned

to her home in Condon after visiting the past six weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fortner.

Mrs. Lowell Shattuck went to Goldendale, Wn., last week to take her mother, Mrs. Della Faulkner, home after a visit here. Mrs. Shattuck remained there for the week.

Mrs. Guy Ferguson was a patient in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston several days last week with the flu.

Six tables of pinhole were in play at the card party held at the grange hall last Friday night. Prizes were won by Mrs. Don Downey, Earl Briggs, Mrs. Glen Carpenter and A. R. Fortner. Hostesses were Mrs. Nathan Thorpe and Mrs. Bernard Donovan.

The Home Extension unit will meet January 15 at the home of Mrs. Nathan Thorpe at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Don Downey will be co-hostess. Subject will be "Buying ready-to-wear," with Mrs. Jim Harper and Mrs. H. M. Walker as leaders.

Menus for Riverside High school and Boardman Grade school for the week of January 14-18 are as follows: Monday—barbecued beef, biscuits, mashed potatoes, salad, and fruit; Tuesday—hot dogs, buttered peas, salad, applesauce with a twist; Wednesday—baker beans cheese sticks, salad, pineapple and tapioca pudding; Thursday—battered corn, cole slaw, peanut butter sandwiches, cherry crunch; Friday—fish sticks, tartar sauce, baked potatoes green beans, pineapple upside down cake.

The Boardman Community church held a Watch Night service New Years Eve at the church. A film, "In Times Like These" was shown. There were games and refreshments in the basement at 10:30 p.m., followed by a service until midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams and sons of Medford spent a few days here visiting friends during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mahoney left Monday for a six week stay in Arizona and to spend some time at Palm Springs, Calif.

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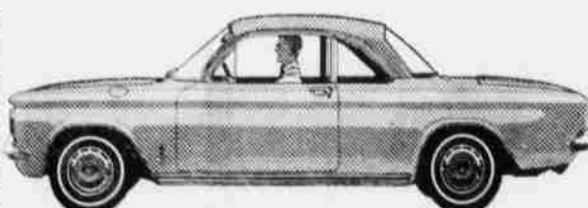
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