

County Farmers Asked To Enter P-I Exposition

By N. C. ANDERSON

Several have asked about entering exhibits in the Land Products show at Pacific International as a response to my item in this news column recently. Entries are open in alfalfa, alfalfa-grass mixture, grass clover and clover-grass mixture, and miscellaneous hay exhibits. The exhibits shall consist of a bale slice or equivalent loose sample.

There are entries also in the small grain division which includes wheat, barley, oats and rye, and in forage seeds which includes legume and grass. In the small grains division the exhibits shall consist of one quart of untreated grain. In the forage seed division, exhibits shall consist of an ounce of untreated seed.

These entries must be in place at the Pacific International at 8:00 a.m. October 12. Our offer to get these exhibits to PI is still open if you will bring them to the office.

Agent's Annual Reports Serve Many Uses in County Work

Annual report time at the county agent's office is fast approaching. We are now receiving 4-H club completions and reorganization for the new club year. The past year's program and accomplishments are being summarized with actual compiling of statistical and narrative under way after October 1. These annual reports serve several purposes. They provide a report to the tax paying public, as well as a means of evaluating accomplishments, and to set goals for the year ahead.

One part of the annual report is the determination of the estimated values of products sold by farmers which is referred to as county agricultural income. This week we had some help with this from Bob Granger, agricultural statistician, who works as coordinator between OSU and the Department of Agricultural Economics, USDA. While the income figures are still tentative, we found the value of products sold to be approximately 20% more than in 1962.

There were several contributing factors including more bar-

ley and wheat acreage, coupled with larger yields for both of these crops, a larger hay crop and an increase in beef cattle numbers, which will result in a greater number of calves to be sold. We will report in detail this income later this fall.

Plots to Determine Effects Of Fertilizers on Wheat

Last week, two fertilizer experimental plots were established in an attempt to determine if there are limiting elements that affect the utilization of nitrogen by wheat to its fullest advantage. One of these plots were established again at the Frank Anderson ranch in Eightmile in continuing research started three years ago, testing phosphorous responses.

Last year a detailed plot was devised with the Sherman Branch Experiment Station cooperating. Another was established at the Louis Carlson Ranch. There are 60 plots to compare various rates of phosphorous and sulfur alone, and in combination with each other, as well as with various rates of nitrogen. Plots will be harvested with the stations' combine and individual plot yields determined.

New Chemicals Get Good Results on Canada Thistle

This past week when Rex Warren, OSU farm crop specialist, was in the county for our chemical fallow weed meeting, we visited a few of our weed plots to observe control results. We were very well pleased with the control of Canada thistle at the Tom Huston ranch on Rock Creek above Hardman, using both Tordon and Banvel D, two new chemicals. Tordon was applied at the rate of 2 and 4 pound rates, Banvel D at the rate of 4 pounds per acre. While we realize that definite results cannot be appraised until the next growing season, the knock-down, with no regrowth, surely looks good. These chemicals were applied when the Canada Thistle was coming into bloom well, which is a bit later than we would expect the best results. It will be interesting to observe these treated plots next spring, to determine regrowth.



While we were looking at plots we visited some where MCPA had been applied last fall for the control of morning glory. This material is sold under the name of Binetrol. It was disappointing to find hardly any degree of control in these plots.

Pubescent Wheat Grass Effective at Carlson Ranch

Last week, while at the Louis Carlson ranch to set up a fertilizer demonstration plot on wheat, we had the opportunity to see a new seeding of nomad alfalfa and pubescent wheat grass made this past spring. While the seedlings had been grazed quite heavily this first season, they looked very good. Louis has been gradually working up and seeding down waste areas and small "hard-to-get-to" fields to increase his carrying capacity for the small herd of cattle he keeps at his wheat ranch.

He has some good seedlings of grass and alfalfa but has concentrated more on crested wheat grass until this pubescent wheat grass seeding was made. Where soil will support pubescent wheat grass carrying capacity is increased and palatability is somewhat higher than crested wheat grass. This seeding will also extend the grazing season of these pastures since pubescent comes into use a little later than crested wheat grass.

Precipitation Measures .54

It was interesting to note in the Oregon Crop-Weather summary for last week that only one of 30 selected stations in Oregon including the Coast, Willamette Valley, and all other points throughout the state that only 1 station reported more precipitation than Heppner, Burns reported .90 while Heppner had .54. This did not include the rains of early last week.

Sept. 30 Gas Tax Deadline

This is a last reminder for farmers to file their claim for refund of Federal tax on gasoline used on the farm. It will be too late to do so after September 30. If you have lost your form for claiming refund, we have a few left here at the office.

Greenup Adds Breeding Stock

Don Greenup, Hinton Creek rancher, who has an outstanding flock of registered Suffolk ewes improved this flock considerably this past week with a purchase of 50 head of ewe lambs from Eldon Riddell, Independence. Mr. Riddell has a large herd of nationally known Suffolks. The ewe lambs were big boned and growthy with excellent confirmation. Also purchased was a yearling Suffolk ram whose bone and growthiness as well as confirmation is the best I've seen in a Suffolk for a long time. This addition will provide some excellent breeding stock for those who have depended on this herd, especially rams during the past several years.

Fallow Shows Good Moisture

We were interested in some soil tests made recently at the Max Barclay and Kenneth Smouse ranches in the North Lexington and Ione communities. These tests made in late

August and early September showed the soil profile in summer fallow almost completely filled with moisture. In fact, in both of these cases, they were filled within an inch of capacity. With the September 13-17 rains the soil profile should be completely filled. This is a good way to start the new crop season, a situation which we do not always have at this time of the year.

Fire Equipment Featured

We note mention in "Today" a featured news page in the October issue of Farm Journal, mentioning D. O. Nelson, Lexington and his fire control equipment and practices followed at harvest time. Morrow county farmers have become more fire conscious and need to be congratulated on the good work that they have been doing in being better prepared to prevent and control farm fires. Almost everyone has some kind of fire fighting equipment; some more elaborate than others. A few fires that did start this summer were quickly extinguished with this good equipment. We can be quite thankful of the new fires this summer, especially in view of the tremendous hazard from lush growth of grass and stubble. Many fires were avoided. I am sure, by the consciousness that our ranchers have developed in fire prevention.

Freeman to Meet With Farmers Of Area Oct. 10

Farmers from Morrow county are invited to participate in a "Report and Review" session with U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman Thursday, October 10, at Walla Walla, reports N. C. Anderson, county extension agent.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in Walla Walla's Capital Theater. It is one of a series of 13 such conferences being held by Secretary Freeman throughout the nation.

The session will open with a brief statement by Secretary Freeman in the form of a report to farmers on the agricultural situation. This will be followed by a question and answer period and a time for farmers to make brief statements to Secretary Freeman, Anderson said.

Farmers from throughout Oregon and Washington have been invited to attend the Walla Walla meeting to express their opinions to Secretary Freeman about the way federal programs are administered, farm legislation and the Department of Agriculture.

Secretary Freeman decided on the series of conferences in an effort to find out what farmers are saying and thinking, the agent explained. In announcing his plans, Secretary Freeman pointed out that "since I have been in public life, I have learned the best way to find the most practical program is to go to the people directly. Personally, I look forward to these meetings with great pleasure and expectation."

Your Home Agent

Materials Give Aid to Hunting Season Widows

By ESTHER KIRMIS

I have been visiting around the county the last few weeks and found Mrs. Irvin Rauch, Lexington, and Mrs. Dick Borman, Heppner, bemoaning the fact that they would soon be widows—hunters' widows, that is (Deer season opens September 28).

Even these lovely gals, with all their charm, find it a losing fight to compete with their husbands' affections for hunting season.

Andy Landforce, OSU Wild Life Specialist, tried to explain the philosophy of hunting when he visited Morrow county a few years ago on behalf of Red Hat Day.

He described hunting as an opportunity for man to exert his "killing instinct" and his "urge to provide." Camping vacations built around hunting season brings men a friendship that gives them enough conversational material for the rest of the year.

Bulletins Available—

Knowing that Morrow county is the mecca for hunters we're offering three different bulletins on the sport: "Treats with Venison—Care and Recipes," "Game Foods"—Besides big game, including fowl, fish and storage, and "A Smokehouse for the Sportsman and Hobbyist"—for those who would like to try smoking their game.

Cutting Up Venison—

Stopped in at Central Market in Heppner the other day and found butcher Ernie McCabe, preparing for the onslaught of deer season begins.

He complained that most venison he will cut up, once people say, "cut all the steaks you can and grind the rest for hamburger." They have many tough steaks that would have made excellent pot roast, he says.

The bulletin, "Treats with Venison," shows the major cuts that will give you the most satisfactory meat.

Thomas Howell of Economy Market, Heppner, explained to me that from a 100 lb. deer you do not get 100 lbs. of meat, as some people expect. Loss from bone weight, trimmings, discarded bloodshot meat and fat may amount to 35 to 50% of the weight.

"Count on 50 to 70 pounds of locker meat for every 100 pounds of meat carried from the woods," explained Howell.

Jerky Recipe— Take a poll on who makes good jerky around Heppner and nine times out of ten the name of Mrs. Dick Borman comes up.

I asked if she would mind telling us how. (She dries it right over her wood stove in the kitchen).

Here's her recipe: "Remove fat from venison and slice meat into pieces about 1

inch thick and about 4 to 6 inches long. Any cut may be used, but tender cuts are best. They are better if cut across the grain of the meat.

"Place the strips layer on layer in a large bread pan or crock, using about 1 ounce of smoke salt per pound. Salt each layer as it is stacked. Allow to stand 6 hours or overnight.

"As you hang each piece to dry on a rack, brush with liquid smoke. (A pastry brush is good for this). A paper clip opened is good too for hanging each meat strip on a rack.

"Let dry from 24 to 48 hours, depending on sizes of pieces of meat."

An Unanswered Question

Asked N. C. Anderson, county agent who is an avid hunter, "Where's the best place to hunt in Morrow county?" (He and his friends Don Greenup and Andy Van Schoelack of Heppner and Don Kenny of Irrigon go out every year).

"Why all of Morrow county is good," says Nels. "Although I'm not telling where we go as we want to be there and fire the first shot when hunting season begins."

FFA Boys Place High On Judging Trips

Heppner Chapter, Future Farmers of America, has participated in two judging trips since the beginning of school. On September 14 five members went to the Sherman County Fair at Moro, where four placed in the top ten in individual judging and the Heppner team placed first in team judging. Five were also entered in the Pendleton Junior Livestock show on Saturday, September 21.

Steve Wagenblast placed 2nd in individual judging at Moro; Kenny Wright, 4th; John Wagenblast, 5th, and Tony Doherty, 9th. Also going was Dick Flaiz. In team placing, Heppner was 1st; Sherman, 2nd, and The Dalles, 3rd.

A first place in individual judging went to Tony Doherty at the Pendleton Show. Also competing were Dean Robinson, Kenny Wright, John Wagenblast and Steve Wagenblast.

Tony, Dean and Kenny joined as a team to win first place over six other schools entered in team judging. Other schools were Athena, 2nd; Pendleton, 3rd; and failing to place were Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Stanfield and Umatilla.

The boys were accompanied by their advisor, Gerald Jonasson on both trips.

No Hunting No Trespassing Signs at the Gazette-Times

Co-op Corner...

By JOE ENGELMAN

Question—

Do farmers alone organize cooperatives?

Answer—

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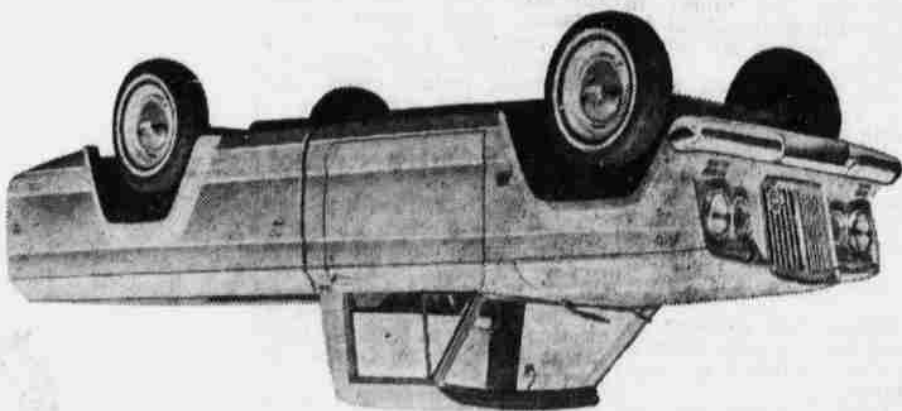
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