

# Full Agenda Slated By Wheat League

The sale of wheat to Russia and other Eastern European countries will be a prime topic on the agenda of the Oregon Wheat Growers League when it convened for its three-day annual meeting this week at the Portland Hilton Hotel.

The grower organization proposed a resolution backing the late President Kennedy's stand supporting the sale at an October workshop meeting held in Pendleton. The resolution was referred to county chapters of the Wheat League for study prior to offering it for a general membership vote in Portland.

Other business to be administered at the annual meeting, which opened on Thursday, includes election of 1964 officers and reports to be submitted by seven standing committees.

Highlighting the Wheat League gathering will be several addresses by nationally recognized experts on various facets of agriculture. Lead-off speaker on Thursday morning was Dean F. E. Price of Oregon State University who discussed Oregon's agricultural research program.

Benton J. Strong, Senatorial assistant on farm legislation in Washington, D. C., spoke on "Wheat's Eleventh Hour." He was followed by Dr. Clyde L. Rasmussen, director of the Western Utilization Research Laboratory in Albany, California, who talked at a Thursday luncheon on "Wheat Food Products for Specialized Markets."

The Wheat League's Friday morning program will feature a panel discussion on "Production Practices and Chemical Aspects of the Protein Problem." Panelists will include John Brown, Portland Department of Agriculture administrator; Dr. Norman Goetze and Dr. Tom Jackson of Oregon State University; Dr. Mark Barmore of the Western Wheat Quality Laboratory in Pullman, Washington; and Dr. Robert Ramig of the Pendleton Experimental Station.

The Friday luncheon will hear an address on "Trade Policies and How They Affect the Pacific Northwest" by Tom Kerr, president of the Kerr Milling Company of Portland and Helix.

The second day's afternoon session will open with a report by Raphael Raymond of Helix on the 1963 activities of the Oregon Wheat Commission. He will be followed by Louise Humphrey,

Oregon Tax Research, who will challenge the growers with "It's Your Move," an analysis of our tax structure's effect on farm operating costs.

After a review of Western Wheat Associates activities by its president, Robert Sheffels of Govan, Washington, Wheat League members will hear a report on farm legislation and outlook in the nation's capital. Ken Kendrick, executive vice president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, will talk on "As I See It from Washington."

High point of the growers convention will be the reception and annual banquet held on Friday evening. No address is scheduled, but the winners of several contests sponsored each year by the Wheat League will be announced. William Hulse of Wasco will act as toastmaster.

Winners of the 1963 Wheat League cake baking contest from nine counties will be honored at the banquet, and the winner of the state "bake-off" will be announced by Mrs. Milton Morgan, chairman of the League's Wheat Utilization Committee.

The name of the annually-selected "Conservation Man of the Year" in Oregon will be announced by Howard Eubanks, chairman of the Wheat League committee which toured farms in nine counties during the past summer.

Saturday, the final day of the Portland meet, will be devoted to Wheat League business, including committee reports, resolutions, and election of officers. Reports and resolutions will be submitted by John Welbes, Pendleton; Larry Kaseberg, Wasco; Mrs. Milton Morgan, Ione; Thomas Vaughn, Pendleton; Robert Jepsen, Ione; Glen Broggetti, Helix; Don Woodward, Pendleton; Walt Jacobs, Ione; Allen Tom, The Dalles; and Willis Nartz of Ashwood. Chairing the seshino will be outgoing League president L. E. Kaseberg of Wasco, assisted by Ronald Rev, Pendleton, parliamentarian.

In addition to Kaseberg, meetings and luncheons during the annual meeting will be presided over by Milton Morgan, 1st vice president, and Melvin Pace, 2nd vice president of the League.

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## County Agent's Office

# County Extension Report Shows Good Progress

By N. C. ANDERSON

After several weeks of struggle, sandwiching in regular extension activities, our annual report is complete. The report is required by Federal, State and County contributors to financing of our program. This year, for the first time, the report will be mimeographed so that a limited number of copies will be available to leading and interested persons other than Federal, State and County officials.

Generally speaking, accomplishments of the three agents were the greatest of any year since the extension program got underway in Morrow county back in 1918. Accomplishments are measured in a number of ways, one of the prime indicators being long time program accomplishments.

On the shorter side, we found that we had made 1133 farm and home visits, 80 more than in 1962. On the same hand, office calls total 1870, 72 more than in 1962. A total of 2,435 telephone calls were also received. One of the means of keeping our people informed is through news articles. During the year, 424 were published; 12,905 bulletins covering many subjects in the field of agriculture, home economics and 4-H were distributed. There were 313 different circular or commodity letters written during the year.

In addition to the individual contacts, a number of meetings were held that pertained to the extension program. There were 21 training meetings held for local leaders with 156 in attendance; for youth, 30 training meetings were held with 371 attending. Other meetings at which agents presented educational information totaled 165 meetings for adults, with 4,192 attending; 98 for 4-H with 4,173 attending.

The majority of the time was spent on extension organization and program planning with 78 days on livestock production and marketing, 61 in field crops, 43 in public affairs, 33 in soils management, 76 on insects, fire control, rodents and weather; 31 in planning and management of the farm business as well as many days on community development projects and others.

Our 4-H club program remained on the same level as a year ago. There were 47 clubs, an increase over last year with 325 boys and girls carrying 472 projects. These 325 4-H members represent 38½% of the potential 4-H boys and girls in Morrow county. Projects covered almost all agricultural, home economics and miscellaneous available to these boys and girls.

**Tests Made on Weed Plots**  
Joe Hay has recently established some roadside weed control plots on rye and cheatgrass which should be interesting to watch. These plots are in Blackhorse Canyon, Clarks Canyon and a mile east of the John Proudfoot farm north of Ione. The demonstration plots, each ½ mile long, are designed to compare the control of rye and cheatgrass along roadsides using 4 pounds of Atrazine and 2 pounds of Amitrole T; 4 pounds of Simazine and 2 pounds of Amitrole-T; and 4 pounds of Hyvar X and 2 pounds of Amitrole-T.

The plots in Clarks Canyon are between W. C. Van Winkles and Paul Jones and the ones in Blackhorse canyon are between Rufus Pipers and Bernard Doherty.

Additional plots in these same areas will be sprayed in March using the same chemicals to



demonstrate the importance of timing when applying these chemicals.

Chemicals for the plots were donated by Geigy Chemical Company and Inland Chemical Service, Heppner.

### Points Given on Ewe Shearing

With the growing conditions that have been prevalent in the county this fall, there is a possibility that ewes may be losing weight or losing condition during the latter stages of pregnancy. Grass is somewhat watery and it is difficult for ewes to obtain enough dry matter.

The ewes need to be supplemented with some excellent quality hay, preferably a legume grass mixture. If the legume hay is not available, it would be well to feed ewes a pound of grain and approximately one-tenth of a pound of protein supplement per head daily. It is not necessary to process this grain.

As the lambing season approaches, sheep producers should tag the heads to clear the vision of ewes, as well as tag around the udder region and up the back side of the hind legs—up to and over the dock. On shearing the udder region, it is desirable to start at the front of the hind flank, shear directly across the belly, and remove all of the wool to the rear and up and over the dock. This not only cuts down the possibility of infection, but it leaves the udder region more accessible to the new born lamb.

### Check on Stored Dahlia Roots

Storage rots, caused by *Verticillium* and *Fusarium* fungi, can cause dahlia roots to decay during the winter months. At digging time and through the winter, check the roots at intervals for visible rotting or breakdown. If diseased plants

are retained and planted next spring, they will probably develop stem rots and wilts. Very few, if any, healthy dahlia plants will grow from such roots.

Store roots in a cool dry place. Inspect roots at intervals and discard unhealthy ones.

### Compost Hints Given

Many home orchard and common garden diseases in shrubs, ornamentals, and annuals are carried over from year to year on old dead leaves. While garden cleanup weather "caught cold" this past week, there is still much to be done in most home yards. Rake up the leaves and dispose of them in the fall instead of waiting until spring.

Rose diseases, such as rust and leaf spot, overwinter on old leaves either on plants or on the ground. Apple and pear scab, carnella blight, and several other diseases are reproduced from year to year on leaves or old flower petals.

By raking and cleaning up during the fall, a good start can be made on disease control for next year. The leaves may be burned or buried on the bottom of compost pile. The raking and general clean-up operation can be repeated again in midwinter or the early spring months when the dormant spray applications are commonly made on roses, peaches, apples and pears.

### Heppner Extension To Meet Tuesday

Heppner Extension Unit will meet Tuesday, December 10, at the home of Mrs. Riley Munkers beginning at 10:30 a.m. A potluck luncheon will be served. The project, "Wide Choice of Home Furnishings," will be led by Mrs. Edna Turner and Mrs. Wallace Wolf.

## Four-H Officers To Have Training Day December 7

Training in home-made games that might be made and played at their meeting is the highlight of this year's officers training scheduled for Saturday, December 7, at the multipurpose room of the Heppner Elementary school, says Extension Agents Esther Kirmis and Joe Hay. The meeting is scheduled to get underway at 9:00 a.m. and run until noon.

Sixteen junior leaders, two 4-H leaders, and the two agents are the faculty that day, says Miss Kirmis. They will aid the 4-H officers to be better leaders of their own clubs.

The morning will begin with a registration and "get-acquainted" game. After that the officers will divide into the following groups to receive individual training:

Presidents and vice-presidents with Joe Hay, agent.

Secretaries with Mrs. Louis Carlson, Ione, 4-H leader.

News reporters with Esther Kirmis, agent.

Song leaders with Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, Ione, 4-H leader, and Jean Stockard, junior leader.

About 10:30 a.m. the junior leaders will take over with home-

made games that are suitable for fun at the meeting place. These games were loaned to the Extension office by Jessalee Mallalieu, OSU recreation specialist, and were first used at the 4-H Achievement Party in November explains the agent.

Mrs. W. H. Wolf and Mrs. Harriett Evans, Heppner, new 4-H leaders, will assist with the registration.

A similar training is scheduled for North Morrow 4-H officers in the near future.

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