

County Agent's Office

# Farm Calendar Full Of Important Dates

By N. C. ANDERSON

January is filled with important meeting dates that will keep the average rancher and those interested in agriculture quite busy this month. A number of important dates are scheduled.

By the time this column is read, the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District meeting will have been held early this week as will the organization for our Grain Management Study, a group of farmers who are meeting with Manning Becker, OSU Farm Management Specialist. A Livestock Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday and Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, ASC and Extension Service personnel of the Columbia Basin will meet jointly Friday the 10th, to review recommendations for conservation practices for the future. This is an annual event aimed at keeping each other informed and bringing up to date recommendations which are given ranchers in all conservation practices.

On Monday, January 13, Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association Executive Committee members are invited to attend a joint meeting of the county livestock associations and executive committee members of the Oregon Cattleman Association to discuss problems and projects beneficial to the livestock industry. This will be held at the Tapadera Motel, Pendleton, starting at 12:00 noon.

The annual Fertilizer Industry Conference for the Walla Walla-Pendleton area will be held this year on Tuesday, January 14 at the Marcus Whitman Hotel at Walla Walla. While this is of primary interest to manufacturers, distributors and dealers in Eastern Oregon and Washington there are others who might be interested in attending.

Covered this year will be some information on foliar analysis as a guide for determining fertilizer needs, quality survey and variety results of protein tests in Oregon, a progress report on breeding for striped rust resistance, including a chemical rust control review.

Karl Hobson, Extension Marketing Price Specialist, Washington State University will discuss "The World Wheat Situation In The Future" as luncheon speaker that noon. There will be reports on foot rot research and later in the afternoon, a discussion on green pea fertilization which of course would be of little interest to our growers. The program starts at 10:00 a.m. On January 15 and 16 the agents will be in Condon attending a district conference on Extension Administrative Programs.

Friday, January 17, is an important date for us. The newly reorganized Extension Advisory Council will meet that afternoon at 1:30. The new council appointed at the recommendation of those involved with our extension program the last 6 months, is intended to work closely with the agents in advising us of program. This will be especially important since activities will be curtailed with the loss of one extension agent this month. The council will deal with our program, budgets and related extension activities as an advisory group.

Later in the month meetings are scheduled for the Boardman Soil Conservation District for Tuesday, the 21st; the annual 4-H Club Leaders Conference at Oregon State University, Corvallis, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Those who will not be attending the conference will meet at the monthly 4-H Club Council meeting on the evening of the 23rd at the N. C. Anderson home in Heppner. Pamona Grange will meet on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Willows Grange. I will show slides of my Dow Study Tour for the lecturers program in the afternoon. These are some of the meetings scheduled for the month which will be participated in by many of our cooperators.

**Enrollments Needed Now For Coming Weed Shortcourse**

Pre-enrollment for the Weed Course scheduled for Heppner on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5 and 6, are coming in slow. The cut-off date is set for January 10. There will need to be more enrollment in the next week to indicate interest in holding the shortcourse.

What we think is an interesting and educational program has been lined up for the two day shortcourse. Briefly, it will be a discussion of weed problems and an identification of weeds common to Morrow county, a discussion on growth characteristics of plants and what makes control possible, how herbicides kill weeds, legislation and weed control, research studies and promising new chemicals, selecting equipment for a good job, ending on the last afternoon with our annual Morrow county weed meeting.

Participating in the shortcourse, in addition to myself, will be Rex Warren and Arnold Appleby from Oregon State University and Claron Hesp with Farm Chemicals, Athena. If you haven't sent in your enrollment form, do so today.

Population Predicted to Double With Wheat Surplus Lifted  
An interesting statement was

lifted from the December 31 issue of the "National Association of Wheatgrowers Report from Washington." I quote Ken Kendrick, executive vice-president: "Your 20-year-old son who is thinking about making farming his life-time work may not be wrestling with this surplus problem by the time he is 50 years old. World population has doubled from 1 1/2 billion to 3 billion since 1900. Experts say that in just 35 years, or by the year 2000, our population will be double again to 6 billion. A high percentage of this increase in people will come from nations whose food supplies are short even now.

Predictions are that by 2000 the population of the United States will have reached 380 million. Although Junior may look forward to having all production restrictions removed—this is not the picture for the next 10 or 15 years. Wheatgrowers have the land and capability to produce 2 billion bushels of wheat in the U. S.—if all controls were removed. With all out production we could bury ourselves in the mountains of wheat."

**January 31 Deadline Set**

January 31, 1964, is the deadline for taking out price support loans and purchase agreements on a number of crops harvested in 1963. The crops included wheat, barley, oats and rye.

**Culling of Heifers Advised If Found Non-Producing**

Of every 100 bred heifers that fail as a 3-year-old to produce a calf, 29 will fail to calve the next year, too. That's what USDA and Montana Researchers found when they studied 30 year calving records of cattle at the U. S. Range Livestock Experiment Station, Miles City, Mont. This research confirms the practical advice given many cattlemen. If heifers are bred and can't conceive, it's often wise to cull them as soon as possible.

During these 30 year records, those who produced a calf during the first year they were bred averaged an 86.8% lifetime calf crop. Those that didn't calve as three-year-olds had a lifetime calving average of 54.9%. This low percentage, however, included records of cows that never calved. Cows in this experiment were sold old if they failed to calve at both 3 and 4 years of age.

We have had some report of ranchers who have run into some difficulty in feeding Gaines wheat hay. The difficulty involved beards that lodge around the teeth, on top of the tongue, on the side of the tongue and under the lower lip causing severe sores. The problem has been found with both long hay and chopped. We would like to check further on this situation and would appreciate anyone who has had experiences good or bad with feeding Gaines to report them to this office.

## Meeting to Study Irrigaton Water

By LaVELLE PARTLOW

IRRIGON—A public meeting has been announced by Mayor Chester Wilson in connection with the proposed domestic water system for the City of Irrigon. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 p.m. at the A. C. Houghton Cafeteria. Wilson stated the purpose of this meeting will be to present to the people the primary facts of a feasibility study and to answer any questions pertaining to the proposed system, its estimated cost, and the method which would be used in financing it.

The Engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield of Seattle is conducting the study and Archie French will be present to represent them. Fire insurance and real estate representatives are also expected to be present to give their views on the bearing a central water system would have in relation to insurance rates and property values. According to Wilson, this is an important meeting and all local people should plan to attend in order to have first hand information, as the actual construction of the project will be dependent on subscriber interest.

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# FARM NEWS

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## Bulletin Has Helpful Hints On Time Management

By ESTHER KIRMIS

A written plan helps get more work done, so we've often said. You might be a little skeptical, so we'd like you to know what others say.

In looking over our reports on the "Twelve Days of Christmas," November unit lesson on time management, we ran across these statements by some of the project leaders that had given the lesson.

Wrote Mrs. Dolly Summers, Boardman—"The idea of writing down the work really helps. Now that I've made a plan I can see how inefficient my old methods were. I'm gradually changing."

From Mrs. Carl Rhea of Pine City—"I had a defeatist attitude but now I see the job can be done with a plan."

For help in planning time, write us for the Extension bulletin, "Work Smarter—Not Harder." A written plan for your work would make a good New Year's resolution.

We regretted to hear that we have lost our energetic 4-H Irrigon Community leader, Mrs. M. E. Hadwick. She and "Red" (her husband), have sold their home, bought a trailer home, and are moving to the Vernon Gerberding's dairy ranch near Salem.

When I visited them in December they were puzzling with 40 years of accumulated things! (Some problem).

We wish them well in their new home on wheels.

Mrs. Max Jones, Irrigon, has consented to take her place as the Irrigon Community 4-H leader. We're surely congratulating ourselves on our good fortune.

There are now ten clubs in Irrigon that meet together once a month in the old school for their business meeting and recreation. Project meetings in foods, clothing, knitting, wood-working, beekeeping, horse, rifle, and flowers are held at a different time.

**Dinner To Honor the Hays**

We hate to see Joe and Lorraine Hay leave Morrow county this January. Joe had become quite entrenched with 4-H work. (His job was terminated by the OSU State Extension service in compliance with necessitated budget cuts in the state).

Four-H leaders are having a farewell potluck supper for the couple on Sunday evening, January 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Pine City school.

We felt that having it in Pine City would enable both the north

A grouch is a guy who has himself sized up and is sore about it.

A mother-in-law is a referee with an interest in one of the fighters.

The only time money goes very far these days is when a quarter rolls under the bed.

A man is old when he scans the menu without first looking at the waitress.

French will also have the first steps of a feasibility study on a proposed sewerage system for the city to present to the council at that time.

Letters of information concerning the proposed water system were mailed to property owners and residents of Irrigon last Monday.



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## Anfuso Amendment Provisions Told By League Officer

By JOHN WELBES  
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Much confusion and misunderstanding has resulted from the passing of an amendment to the Agricultural Act of 1938 by Congress in 1958. The amendment was introduced by Victor Anfuso of New York and bears his name. The purpose of this law was to hold down increased allotments East of the Mississippi and to protect and possibly increase wheat allotments West of the Mississippi which is the principal area of wheat production.

To the amazement of many this amendment is still in effect. The law simply requires that the acreage history credit in any year in which a farmer exceeds his allotment rather than his base acreage. At present, allotments are only about 60% of each farm's base acreage.

Let us use a simple example. A farm with a base acreage of 100 acres has an allotment of 60 acres. If the farmer in 1964 exceeds his allotment, his acreage credit or base for that year will be only 60 acres instead of 100.

When his allotment for 1966 is computed, (allotments are figured on 5 years average) his base will be four years at 100 acres and one year at 60 acres (1964) for an average of 92 acres for the five years and his allotment assuming the 60% factor, will be reduced for 1966 to 55.2 acres. (60% x 92 A). It is estimated that an average farmer with excess plantings in 1964 will be faced with 1966 allotment reductions of between 6-

The Rev Charles Knox, pastor of the Heppner Christian church, and Mrs. Knox went to Eugene this week for the 3-day Preachers' Parliament of Christian Churches. The parliament is held periodically for ministers of the conference with some outstanding speakers on the program. They left Tuesday for the parliament which extends through Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevener and Brian returned to their home in Cornelius, New Year's Day after spending two days visiting in Heppner. The Heveners stayed at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saling.

## Services Changed

Worship time is changed at Hope and Valby Lutheran churches for Sunday, January 12, only to ease the schedule for the annual meeting at Valby. Pastor Ken Robinson announces. For the coming Sunday only at the Hope church Sunday School will be at 10:15 a.m. and worship will be at 9 a.m. At the Valby church Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m. and worship service will be at 11 a.m.

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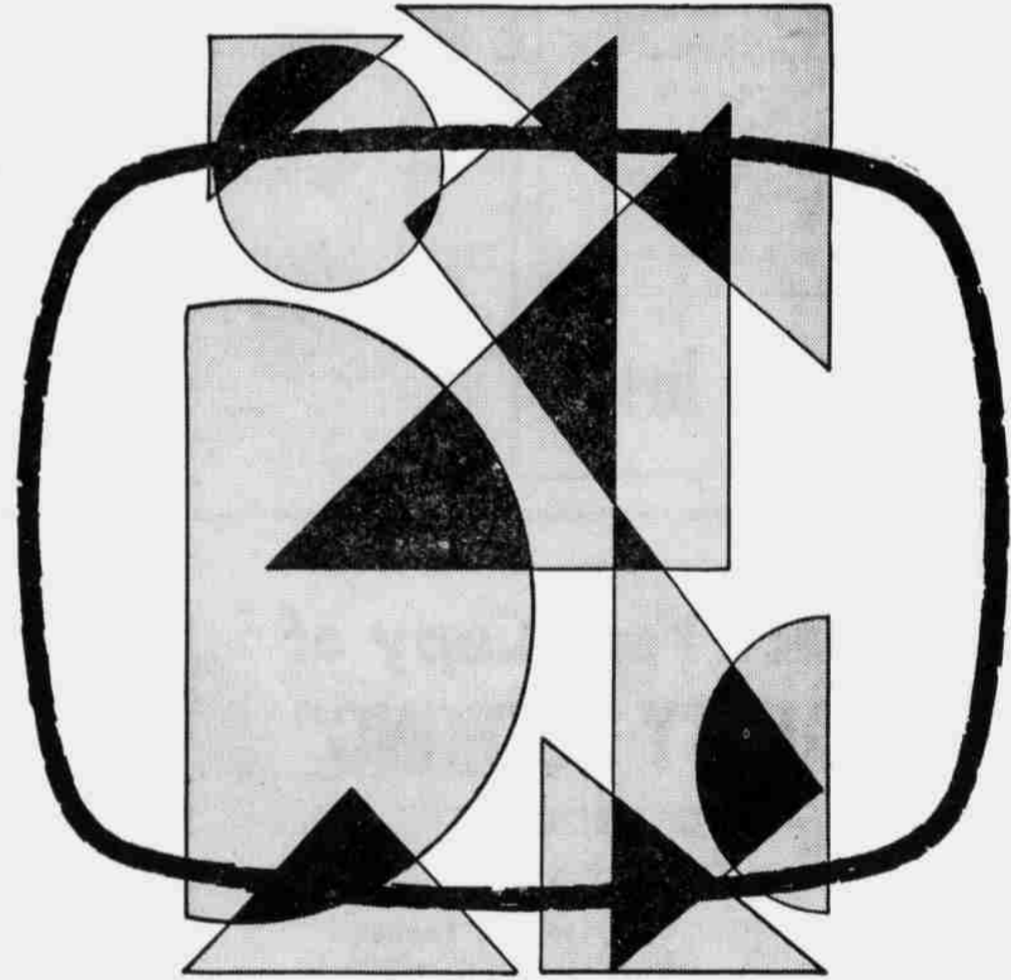
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