

County Agent's Office

Ranchers Feel Need For Production Study

By N. C. ANDERSON

Nine ranchers from scattered communities throughout the county indicated their interest in participating in a grain cost-of-production study at a meeting last Tuesday evening. The interest was first generated at the recent Farm Management workshop. Four of the nine ranchers participated in the study made in 1958 and were interested in updating information for present cost and efficiency operation comparisons.

The group met with Manning Becker, Farm Management Specialist, OSU, to work out particulars for the study. This study will be more meaningful to each operator since each rancher will keep actual costs on all operations rather than use average costs from other studies which was the case in the 1958 study. The 1964-65 cost will be kept on the same operation also which will give better comparisons. Follow costs will be taken this year on all fallow operations and the cost then carried into the production year on this same land in 1965.

Those who attended the meeting, indicating interest in the study, were Kenneth Smouse, Louis Carlson, Don Peterson, and Bob Rietmann, Ione; Dean Graves, Hardman; Kenneth Turner, Melvin Moyer and Tad Miller, Heppner; and Harry Proudfoot, Echo. Louis Carlson, Harry Proudfoot, Melvin Moyer and Kenneth Turner participated in the study made in 1958.

Wheat Leads the State In Product Value for 1963

Wheat held top value spot in the state with hay and barley second and third in 1963 production. Some 5 1/2 million tons of crops valued at \$261 million were produced in Oregon during the 1963 crop season. Both volume and value topped last year by 2% and both were highest on record. Top national value ranking was held by 12 Oregon crops.

Oregon led the nation in value of production in snap beans for processing, fliberts, 3 kinds of cane berries and 7 kinds of field seeds.

Oregon's ten leading crops this season in order of value of production are wheat, hay, barley, snap beans for processing, potatoes, rye grass seed, strawberries, pears, onions, and sugar beets. The top ten crops accounted for nearly \$3 out of every \$4 of crop value.

Advisory Committee To Meet Friday To Plan Coming Program

The newly appointed Extension Advisory committee will meet Friday afternoon, January 17, to organize and consider extension programs for the future, and help to determine long time personnel needs and budget to carry out this work.

To be considered will be curtailment of various programs as a result of loss of extension personnel recently. The new council is composed of 12 members, as recommended by a steering committee which met early this fall.

As recommended by the steering committee, the following appointments were made by organizations and groups dealing with the particular commodity that the committee asked be represented: For wheat, Tad Miller, Heppner; livestock, north Morrow county, Don Kenny, Irrigon; livestock, south Morrow county, Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; specialty crops and forage, Bob Sicard, Boardman; weeds, Norman Nelson, Lexington; home economics, north Morrow, Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon; South Morrow, Mrs. Douglas Drake, Heppner; 4-H, North Morrow, Mrs. Andrew Skiles, Irrigon; South Morrow, Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Ione; Fair, Fred Nelson, Lexington; Soil and Water Resources, Raymond Lundell, Ione.

One appointment still remains to be made for a person to represent business which is expected to be made by the January 17 meeting. A chairman, vice-chairman and secretary will be elected at this first meeting as well as determination of regular meeting dates and mechanics for selection for replacement for council members as terms expire.

Robinson Elected County Fair Chairman, Schedule Planned

At a recent meeting of the county fair committee, Don Robinson, Heppner, was elected chairman for the coming year. Making plans for the 1964 fair, judges for both agricultural and home economics were selected to be contacted for availability.

The tentative agricultural schedule set for the August 25 to 28th dates called for the 4-H saddle horse show and FFA livestock judging contest on the first day, Tuesday, August 25. Two judging arenas will be operated in 1964 to speed up judging and shorten the length of time previously taken in judging all exhibits.

Four-H and FFA livestock judging, contests and exhibits will be on Wednesday and Thursday with the 4-H and FFA livestock auction on Thursday evening. Open class livestock will be judged on Thursday with the open class horse show on Friday, August 28.

Local Breeders To Participate In Columbia Hereford Show

Kirk and Robinson, Heppner, and Leo Barnett, Condon, will be among the Polled Hereford

breeders who will participate in the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford show and sale to be held at Walla Walla next week. The show is scheduled for January 22, the sale for the 23.

There will be 200 head of the finest quality Polled Herefords exhibited from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. Kirk and Robinson will show 6 head with 2 to sell, Barnett, 6 or more on exhibit. Polled breeders who have been looking for good breeding stock would do well to consider attending this event.

Delegates Impress National Meeting; Tom is Elected

Walt Jacobs, Ione, who has just returned from the annual meeting, National Association of Wheatgrowers in Amarilla, Tex., was glad to get back to Oregon. He and Mrs. Jacobs were two of several from Morrow county and a part of a delegation of 26 from Oregon attending this National meeting.

Walt was high in his praise for the Oregon delegation and their participation and leadership in activities at the annual meeting. He reported they had been successful in getting underway a letter writing campaign from all states asking for a voluntary certificate plan from this session of congress.

He was happy to report that Allen Tom, Sherman and Morrow county rancher, had been elected as vice-chairman of the National Association.

February 4 Date Set for Annual Soil Conservation Meeting

Plans of the annual meeting and completion of the score sheet for entry in the National Soil Conservation District Awards program, which the district won first place in 1963, were main items of business at the regular monthly meeting of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors who met on January 7.

February 4 was set as the date for the annual meeting; Lexington Grange hall as the place. The main feature of this year's program will be colored slides and a report from Garland Swanson and Raymond French who were awarded a week's trip to Goodyear Farms at Litchfield, Ariz., this past December. A quick preview of colored slides taken by chairman Raymond French indicated that this part of the program will be good.

Also included on the program will be a progress report on watershed development within the district and details of loans available through Home Administration for financing such developments. William Coffield, soil conservation service, will lead the discussion on the watershed development with a representative of Farmers Home Administration to explain loans.

An election will occupy part of the meeting as the terms of three supervisors expire this year. The terms of Raymond Lundell and Robert Jepsen expire, as does the term of W. C. Rosewall.

Report Shows Farmer's Progress

The annual work plan for the district was completed and approved by the supervisors. Plans were made for publishing an annual news letter and a "Grass Roots Conservation Inventory" with William Cochran, administrative assistant, Oregon State Soil Conservation committee, completed. The supervisors heard a progress report from Work Unit Conservationist, Ralph Richards on December accomplishments which included 14,900 feet of diversions at the Roger Palmer ranch, 13,600 feet at the Duvall ranch, 6350 for Art Warthen, 2800 feet for Elmer Palmer and 800 feet for Robert Jepsen.

There was one-half mile of channel change at the Howard Cleveland ranch, 782 for Everett Harshman and 800 feet at the Duvall ranch. Twenty-seven acres of land leveling was completed at the Randall Martin ranch, 12 acres for E. W. Wattenburger and an acre of land smoothing at the Duvall ranch. There were 1740 feet of permanent main line installed at the Kenneth Cutsforth ranch and a conservation basic plan completed for Van Scholack Brothers on 5,290 acres.

First Aid Class Set in Pendleton

A class for First Aid Instructors is planned for the week of February 17 (5 nights in a row) at the Red Cross office, room 217, Title Insurance Building (corner of S. E. Court and Main), Pendleton, from 7:00 to 10:00.

Anyone 20 years of age or over who holds a current advanced first aid card who is interested in becoming an instructor, may attend. Anyone holding a current instructors card may take the course as a review.

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MRS. ALBERTA JOHNSTON

Speaker Helps Direct Extension Training

Mrs. Alberta Johnston, OSU family finance specialist, Corvallis, was in the county last week as "kick-off" speaker at the Money Management short-course in Irrigon sponsored by the Extension service. She also assisted Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent, in training 12 project leaders on "Wills" on January 7.

The Heppner steering committee, which also met with Mrs. Johnston January 7, decided there was not sufficient interest to conduct a Money Management shortcourse in Heppner this year.

Leaders of Farm Groups Adopt Voluntary Plan

Representatives of seven organizations from Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam counties were present for a joint meeting at Lexington Grange hall last Tuesday evening, January 7, to discuss ideas and suggestions relative to a unified agreement on a resolution to be sent into Congress.

The meeting was sponsored by the Morrow County Farm Bureau. Other organizations represented included Morrow County Farmers Union, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Morrow County Unit Oregon Wheat League, Umatilla County Farm Bureau and Gilliam County Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau President Herman Blettell called the meeting to order and explained the desire for a unified farm bill. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and carried that the group go on record as favoring a resolution of a voluntary certificate program for 1964. It reads as follows: "We favor a 1964 wheat program calling for the basic principles of a voluntary certificate program. This resolution was carried without opposition at Lexington, Oregon, on the 7th of January, 1964."

General feeling was that individual letters carry weight in Washington, D. C., with those present urged to write letters and encourage others to write letters to congressmen and aid in getting the unified wheat program through Congress.

Harold Beach, state chairman of Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, was present to discuss phases of the Quiedowell Plan, the McGovern Bill and the Humphrey Bill. Lou Norris, legislative and tax consultant for the state bureau, explained the principles of each bill, with the feeling that principles of the McGovern bill came closer to acceptance, except in the area of the voluntary program.

Diversion payments, support prices and parity prices were discussed, as well as a retirement plan and problems of the feeding industry.

The predicted wheat exports estimated at 1.5 billion bushels and their predicted cost of export, along with no dramatic increase in wheat planting and more new wheat legislation, brought considerable comment.

Army Band Auditions Billed in Pendleton

Sergeant First Class Young, local U. S. Army recruiter announced today that Chief Warrant Officer Richard H. Zoller, Army bandmaster currently assigned to Fort Lewis, Wn., will be in Pendleton during January and February for the purpose of auditioning candidates for direct enlistment to a U. S. Army band.

Direct enlistment for assignment to Army Band is guaranteed before enlistment upon successful completion of auditions by candidates. Musicians in the Heppner area who are liable for military service and wish to continue their musical careers will find this enlistment option an excellent opportunity according to Sergeant Young. Auditions will be conducted at the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Pendleton. Appointments may be arranged by phoning 276-6534. Candidates must bring their own instruments.

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FARM NEWS

Chats From Your Home Agent

Boardman Shows 60% Increase in Six Years

By ESTHER KIRMIS

It was a coincidence that Mrs. Harold Walker's report on Boardman relocation to the Morrow County Home Economics program planning committee on January 10 at the Lexington school and a news article in last Friday's Pendleton paper both told the same story—Boardman is on the rise!

The Walkers, who are associated with the Corps of Engineers, came to Boardman in 1962 when Walker was assigned to the Arlington and Boardman relocation job. They are a good liaison people between the old residents of Boardman and the new coming in—as they are accepted by both.

She gave the women an idea of what is happening at the north end of Morrow county with the aid of drawings of Boardman as we now know it—and another of how it will be.

The 1960 census shows the river town with 137 population, she commented. The Bureau of Census in Salem has confirmed that there are now 231 people in Boardman city limits—a 60% increase. Counting the surrounding area—which make greater Boardman, however, shows 485 population, she added.

Ruralettes Work On Club Projects

Shauna and Carley Bergstrom were hostesses for the last two meetings of the Ruralettes 4-H club.

During the December meeting, Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, our leader, showed us how to put the waist band on our aprons. Demonstrations were given "How to File and Care for your Nails" by Darlene Warren and "How to Iron a Blouse" by Julie Zinter.

At our last meeting, on January 11, we practiced sewing on snaps, hooks and eyes using the button-hole stitch. After each one had finished, Mrs. Bergstrom helped us cut out our skirts.

Julie Zinter, reporter

Medical Course To Start Monday For Six Sessions

Rhea Creek community is scheduling six Medical Self-Help training meetings beginning Monday, January 20, at the Rhea Creek Grange hall, at 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Albert Wright, extension unit chairman, and Ned Clark, Rhea Creek Grange master.

Radioactive fallout; first aid for shock, bleeding, fracture and burns; water and food and nursing care for the sick and injured are some of the topics that will be discussed by William Crooke, first aid instructor; Mrs. Marvin Casebeer, Pioneer hospital head nurse, and Esther Kirmis, county extension agent.

The course, sponsored by Civil Defense, is intended to give students knowledge as to how they may meet their own health requirements in the event that adequate medical care is not available following a nuclear attack or any emergency.

All interested Morrow county residents are urged to attend these training sessions. Proper knowledge and skills in many instances assure that you as well as your fellow citizens can remain physically well and be prepared to assume the tasks of rehabilitation once an emergency is over, says Morrow County Civil Defense director, C. J. D. Bauman.

Here is the schedule: January 20—Radioactive Fallout and Shelter and Shock; William Crooke, instructor. January 21—Bleeding and Artificial Respiration; Mr. Crook, instructor. February 3—Fractures and Splinting; Transportation of the Injured; Mr. Crooke, instructor. February 10—Burns and Nursing Care of the Sick and Injured;

Reports Due Soon

Bob Albrecht, field representative for the Social Security Administration in Morrow county, reminds all farm employers to file their reports by January 31 with Internal Revenue and pay the tax on the covered wages they paid in 1963 to their hired workers.

Mrs. Casebeer, instructor. February 17—Hygiene, Sanitation and Vermin Control; Water and Food; Esther Kirmis, instructor. February 24—Infant and Child Care; Emergency Childbirth; Mrs. Casebeer, instructor.

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John McGuffin finally gets electricity in 1962, thanks to rural electrification

Who'll serve the million still without electricity?

Last July, a rural electric cooperative forded a dusty ocean of grass to bring electricity to John McGuffin's lonely ranch in New Mexico. John, who lives 30 miles from the nearest town, was the 5-millionth consumer to get light and power through the REA program. But there are still a million rural Americans living without electricity.

McGuffin had no hope of electrifying his isolated ranch until Lea County Electric Cooperative was organized in 1949. With the help of Rural Electrification Administration loans, rural electric lines began to grow his way. Through the years, the local people who owned

and operated this non-profit electric system never forgot their obligation to serve everyone . . . never stopped breaking trail to distant, out-of-the-way places.

So John wasn't surprised when they strung the last 3 1/2 miles of wire that tied his lonely ranch to jet-age America! Now, he's the 6,689th member-owner of a local electric system serving a vast thinly populated area of 4,000 square miles.

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