

# Kenny Heads Advisory Council

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Don Kenny was elected chairman and Mrs. Douglas Drake, Heppner, vice chairman of the newly reorganized Extension Advisory Council, when members met last Friday afternoon. The group spent much of the time in the three hour meeting discussing the budget of the extension service and proposals for joint extension programs between Morrow and adjoining counties as a result of the recent state tax cut.

Proposed was a joint arrangement for servicing the agricultural extension program in north Morrow county from the Hermiston Extension office and an arrangement with Gilliam and Sherman counties on weed demonstration and related work. It is expected that the north Morrow county arrangement will get underway soon on a trial basis while the weed program proposal will be studied by the Morrow County Weed Committee before financing arrangements are attempted. The council approved both proposals on a trial basis.

The group spent some time

visiting about the responsibilities of the council which include direction in program development to fit the community and interested groups with a well-rounded adult agricultural and home economics programs as well as 4-H. This includes office management, personnel and financing with the major time in the next meeting being scheduled to review the proposed budget as well as discussing program. Each of the council members was presented with a 1962-63 annual report in order that he might acquaint himself with activities of the extension activities in Morrow county during the past.

The council reorganized upon the suggestion of leaders who were active in restoring the budget for the county agent's office after the cut was made at the budget hearing late last June. Memberships were selected by various groups to represent major commodities, programs and interests throughout Morrow county.

Terms were selected at this meeting on a staggering basis with three year-terms to be filled by Raymond Lundell, Ione; Don Kenny, Irrigon; Fred Nelson, Lexington, and Bob Seard, Boardman. Two-year terms will be filled by Mrs. Andrew Skiles, Irrigon; Norman Nelson, Lexington, and Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Ione. The fourth year term will be selected for a business representative which has not yet been appointed. One-year terms were drawn by Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; Mrs. Grace Drake, Heppner; Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon, and Tad Miller, Heppner. The group will meet at 1:30 on Friday, February 7, to further consider aspects of the program.

Present at this meeting were Tad Miller, Mrs. Douglas Drake and Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Skiles and Don Kenny, Irrigon; Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Raymond Lundell and Kenneth Simouse, Ione; Norman Nelson, Lexington. Meeting with the group were W. G. Nibler, state extension agent, Oregon State University, and Agents Esther Kirmis and myself.

**Farm Tax Guides Available**  
Our supply of the popular Farmer's Tax Guide has arrived. We have had many inquiries for the 1964 edition and are sure

that we have filled the request which we had on record at the office. About 45 copies were mailed filling those requests, however, we do have several copies left which we would be happy to distribute on a first come, first serve basis.

### Insemination Proving Successful to Rancher

Dick Paine, Heppner, reports the first beef calves to arrive from artificial insemination look good. Dick, son-in-law of Dick Wilkinson, took training for insemination at the American Breeders Service Laboratory last spring after serving his stint with the U. S. Army. They expect 62 calves from artificially inseminated cows. Dick says they are prepared this winter for an earlier start and hope to breed considerable more of their beef herd in this manner.

There is considerable interest from beef men throughout the county in doing some of this breeding this spring or in subsequent years. It is reported that Kenneth Cutsforth has made plans to attend the training school in the mid-west where Dick took his training last spring. Kenneth expects to use his training in the techniques of artificial insemination on his herd when he returns.

### Safflower Production Shows Possibilities in County Program

An interesting summary of the economics of safflower production in Gilliam county this past year was made by County Extension Agent Ernest Kirsch for the two Gilliam county growers that contracted for safflower production this past year. Production of the two growers compared one in the higher elevation with a heavier Morrow soil in the Mayville area, with a lower elevation of Ritzville soil in the Olex-Arlington community. The Morrow soil averaged 1 1/2 feet deep while the Ritzville soil was 6 feet. Yield of clean seed was 565 pounds on Morrow soil, 853 pounds on Ritzville soil.

Barley yield in adjacent fields in the Morrow soil was 1350 pounds on the Ritzville soil, 1800 pounds. Net income figures included support payment from the 1963 barley program which provided that safflower could be seeded on diverted barley acres without losing the support payment. Lost, however, was the diversion payment on these acres. Net income per acre above barley amounted to \$9.10 at the Mayville location, \$10.01 at the Olex location.

Taking into consideration in determining the increased income from safflower was an additional harvest cost, additional seed cost and other economic differences. While I have not visited with each of the six contract growers of safflower in Morrow county for 1963, yields were somewhat comparable for those that I have figures from. It would appear that even though safflower has not been the crop that we would highly recommend, that there are possibilities under the present program considering 1963 contract prices are the same in 1964 and subsequent years.

# FARM NEWS

### Lamb Feed Pellets Compared

USDA has recently found through research the relative merit of feeding a 100% ground alfalfa hay pellet compared with various rations of barley and alfalfa for the fattening of feeder lambs in work at the Dubois, Idaho, station. The lambs were about 60 days of age upon entering the feedlot and the rations were self fed for 42 days. Lambs fed the 100% alfalfa hay pellet had the lowest feed cost per pound of gain but the highest shrinkage of body weight, in transit to market at Ogden, Utah. The net return per lamb was \$2 for those receiving 100% alfalfa hay pellets, \$2.14 for those receiving a 50-50 ratio of alfalfa to barley, and \$2.27 for those receiving a 25-75 barley-alfalfa-pellet.

### Gaines Leads Northwest With 41% Total Receipts

Gaines far exceeded all other varieties of wheat harvested in the Pacific Northwest in 1963, says the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Reports on 62 million bushels of wheat received at interior elevators by December showed Gaines the leading variety with 41% of total receipts. Omar was second with 22%, Brevor third with 15% and Burt fourth with 11%. Gaines was not even ranked among the first 10 wheat varieties in 1962.

Consequently, the rise to first place with 41% of the first total is the most spectacular change in varieties ever recorded. Omar remained in the second place occupied in 1962 but declined in relative importance from 33 to 22%. Brevor dropped very sharply from first place in 1962 with 36% of the receipts, to third place with 15%. Burt dropped from third to fourth but remained at about the same relative importance, 12% in 1962, and 11% in 1963. Following Brevor and Burt, other important common white wheats were Federation, Marfed, Golden, Idaed and Requa. Elmar and Hymar were the white club wheats following Omar and Elgin.

### Shortcourse Registration Needed

Registration for the weed control shortcourse are a little short of the number that we can adequately handle. The shortcourse, scheduled for February 5 and 6 will cover important weed problems, control methods,

## Higher Wheat Standards Made In Export Trade

Congressman Al Ullman announced today that the Department of Agriculture is establishing new quality standards in grades of wheat as an important step to increase dollar sale of U. S. wheat in overseas markets. Secretary of Agriculture Freeman will make the new standards effective May 1. They are designed to improve the quality of American wheat made available for export and at the same time to stress the price to growers of high quality wheat.

Congressman Ullman said that the regulation will enable the Commodity Credit Corp. to guarantee the quality of grain owned by the public and is expected to provide substantial taxpayer savings in the export subsidy program under public law 480.

Complete details of the revised standards are scheduled to be published in the federal register next week.

### Country Cutters Meet At Beckett Home

The Country Cutters 4-H club met at the home of Molly Beckett on Saturday, January 4. Our club is going to give team demonstrations at the fair this year so we drew numbers for teams. The rest of our meeting was spent in practicing the sewing of darts.

Refreshments were served by Molly. Our next meeting will be on February 1 in Pendleton. Kristine Peterson, reporter

review of research and promising new chemicals and application equipment as well as definite weed control recommendations. The shortcourse is scheduled to be held from 10:00 to 3:30 each of these two days.

Money receipt books in duplicate and triplicate are on sale at the Gazette-Times.

## Wheat Exports Up 40 Per Cent

Inspectors with the grain division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture inspected close to 40 per cent more grain for export in 1963 than the previous year.

The export inspection figure for 1963 was 86,964,965 bushels. The figure for the previous year was 62,386,190 bushels. Wheat exports accounted for 74,610,463 bushels in 1963 and in 1962 the wheat exported totaled 40,378,082 bushels.

Grain receipts in Portland for 1963 also showed an increase, with the total 118,532,398 bushels. The 1962 total was 87,349,922.

Wheat accounted for 95,362,574 bushels of the grain received in Portland in 1963. The previous year the wheat received totaled 59,584,577 bushels.

Track inspections at Pendleton for 1963 jumped to 2,497 from 1,342 the previous year. At Merrill track inspections climbed to 345 from the 607 of 1962, but truck inspections were down.

The 1963 figure was 43 compared with 55 truck inspections in 1962.

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