

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Tax Research Man To Speak At Meet

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Plans were made this past week by the executive committee of the Morrow County Wheat Growers for their annual spring meeting which will be held at the Lexington Grange Hall on Monday evening, June 22. This annual event has been of much interest to our people each year but this year the group feels it will have a more significant meaning.

They have been real fortunate in securing George Annala, manager of Oregon Tax Research, who will discuss the Oregon tax structure with those who attend. For some who have heard Mr. Annala talk, they would not miss this opportunity to hear him again. For those who have not, this will be a real treat.

Mr. Annala, a past state legislator and farmer in the Hood River area, does an excellent job in discussing taxes so that everyone can understand what he is saying. In addition to explaining the Oregon tax structure, he will visit about proposed methods of taxing, farm re-appraisal and farm land values.

Committee chairmen will make brief committee reports on activities and progress on many projects of the Oregon

Wheat Growers League. The 1964 Conservation Man of the Year will be presented and colored slides of his operation shown. The meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, June 22, at the Lexington Grange Hall, beginning at 8:00 p.m. We know you will want to mark down this important meeting on your calendar now. We will have more information on the meeting in next week's paper.

State SC Field Day To Be at Storrie Ranch

Conservation minded farmers will want to attend the State Soil Conservation Man of the Year Field Day on Thursday, June 18. This will be held on the John Storrie ranch, 1963 state winner, near Pendleton. The ranch is reached by going 5 1/2 miles toward La Grande on U. S. Highway 30 from the Umatilla County Courthouse, turning right at the weighing station, proceeding 3 miles south on paved road, then 1 1/2 miles east. The road will be marked. Program will begin at 10:30 and will end at 3:30. Conservation practices that will be seen during the day are stubble mulch, contour seeding, terraces, and grass waterways. Several cars are going from Morrow county. If you have some

room or want a ride notify this office.

Spraying Mixture Recommended For Branching Knapweed Control

We have had several callers at the office during the past week asking for recommendations for the control of branching knapweed. This reminded us that it was that time of the year and that there should be many concerned with control of this weed which has spread rapidly throughout the county. Many new infestations were found last year, brought on eventually with the good moisture and growing conditions.

Branching knapweed is best controlled by spraying with 3 pounds of 2, 4-D ester when in the early bud stage which is generally reached about this time. The 3 pounds acid could be well supplied by 1/4 gallon of 8 pound butyl ester. If you are using a hand gun for spot treatment, mix with 100 gallons of water and be sure that all foliage is wet. When spraying by boom, mix this amount of 2, 4-D in at least 10 gallons of water per acre.

Substitution Provision Being Considered For 1965

So that summer fallow operations for next year's crop may take place promptly, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that substitution between wheat and feed grains will be authorized in the 1965 program. Agricultural legislation makes provision for this substitution in the 1964-65 program, but it could not be put into effect for 1964 because of the time element involved.

Reason for the substitution of wheat and feed grains for 1965 is to permit greater flexibility in farm operations.

Substitution will apply on individual farms only if the farm has both a feed grain base and a wheat allotment. Producers will need to meet at least the minimum diversion for both wheat and feed grains in order to utilize the substitution provision.

Wheat marketing certificates will be issued to program cooperators in a manner similar to this year's crop on the smaller of: (1) the normal production of the acreage allotment, multiplied by the domestic and export allocation percentages to be announced at a later date by the secretary, or (2) the wheat acreage planted for harvest multiplied by the normal yield. The number of certificates allocated to a farm will not be increased because of the substitution of wheat for feed grains.

For wheat producers in compliance with program requirements, the total production of wheat will be eligible for price support loans even though the wheat acreage is in excess of the wheat allotment because of the substitution provisions.

Feed grain production of program cooperators will be eligible for price support loans when such crops are grown in place of wheat. If price support payments are authorized as a part of the 1965 Feed Grain Program and feed grains are substituted for wheat, the price support payments will be limited to the nor-

mal production of the feed grain base less the diverted acreage.

Conservation Tour Members See Irrigation Practices in Action

The 20 interested persons who attended the annual conservation and better farming practices tour on Friday of last week, seemed to enjoy the day as usual. It was an opportunity for many to get out and see what other ranchers are doing, to visit with their neighbor and to see how the crops are looking in another community. Each year there are ranchers who tell us that this is the first time they have ever been in a particular part of the county even though they have lived in the county all their life. While the group was small Friday, they all seemed to be enjoying the tour.

This year's tour centered more on irrigation practices than any such tours of the past. We had a good look at the results of land leveling on the Howard Cleveland, John Hanna, Charlie Monagle and Randall Martin farms on Hinton Creek, alfalfa seeding were looking real good. Randall Martin's 1964 land leveling project with dams, provides quite a few new acres to go into alfalfa production for another year.

Ron and Tom Currin, Billy Healy, Pat O'Brien and Charlie Daly explained their leveling, seeding and alfalfa production programs. Channel change to make the larger fields and less waste acres are quite popular on this area with much of this practice being carried out in the past and a lot more projected for the future.

Ron and Tom Currin are clearing and shaping up several new fields on the old Marion Finch ranch which they purchased about a year ago. On this ranch we saw the results of last Monday evening's hail storm which was hard to believe. Alfalfa which reached above the knees on Monday afternoon, is beat into the ground with nothing left for salvage. Rabbit brush and grass on the range-land looks as if a band of several thousand sheep had gone through recently, as Ron Currin explained.

Everyone was interested in a new irrigation dam at the Charlie Daly ranch. On Fritz Cutsforth ranch we saw border and sprinkler irrigation set-ups with concrete turnout dams and from the amount of pasture he is providing, it looks like this irrigation system was well worth the money spent. As a result of this development, Fritz has been able to increase his cow herd from 90 to 170 pairs.

The highlight stop of the day

Wheat Growers' Conservation Man Field Day Stated

The Oregon Wheat Growers League will hold its annual Soil Conservation Man of the Year field day on Thursday, June 18, at the John Storrie ranch near Pendleton.

Nearly one hundred wheat farmers are expected to attend the all-day event, as well as representatives of the press, radio and TV throughout the state. The program will commence at 10:30 a.m.

Storrie, who operates a 2700-acre wheat ranch located 12

miles southeast of Pendleton, won the Umatilla county award for his conservation practices last summer, and was named Conservation Man of the Year for 1963 at the annual meeting of the Wheat League in December.

After inspecting the ranch headquarters and meeting their host and his family, Field Day visitors will hear an introduction by Royal Raymond, county program chairman, followed by a welcoming address and explanation of his ranch operations by Storrie. The morning program will conclude with an open-air lunch on the headquarters grounds.

The main speaker for the day will be Gene M. Lear, associate director of Oregon State University Extension Service, who will review his agency's current activities in agricultural research, conservation techniques and crop improvement methods.

Following Lear's address, Edwin H. Miller will explain the rules and factors governing the selection of the statewide win-

ner of the annual farm competition. Miller is the chairman of the Wheat League's Man of the Year Selection Committee.

Morrow County CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY

For the week ending June 5 (Compiled by the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture).

Alfalfa hay is being cut and raked in many areas throughout the county. The cutting of hay coincided with the first rainfall of the season and little has been baled. Two severe cloudbursts and hail hit parts of the county on Monday and Friday of the week. Precipitation was from none to 1.50 inches in scattered areas. Livestock ranges critical; many cattle taken to other areas for summer pasture. Diverted wheat and barley being used for grazing. Rainfall did much good in scattered areas of the county. Loss on fallow fields from water erosion high in several areas.

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