

New Standards Downgrade Wheat, Alarm Ranchers

Morrow county wheat ranchers are becoming alarmed at implications of grading under the new Official Grain Standards which became effective June 1, 1964.

Downgrading of several varieties of wheat under the new standards not only will cause discounts on the grain but threatens the market of white wheat varieties to foreign countries. Much of the Morrow county wheat goes for export.

Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, said Wednesday that virtually every rancher who is harvesting Burt, Requa, Orfed and Forty-four varieties of wheat is finding that his production is being downgraded as low as No. 4. The same wheat last year would have been graded No. 1.

Lamb sent a telegram to Walter Davidson, division director, Grain Branch, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in Wash-

ington, D. C., late last week, appealing for relief on the grading.

Text of the wire was as follows:

"Under the wheat grading rules, one kernel of red wheat per 100 kernel sample of soft white wheat grades the grain down from No. 1 to No. 3. Less than one kernel will grade the wheat down to No. 2. Every sample of Burt variety wheat developed by Washington State College, which to this time graded number one soft white, is now grading down due to contrasting classes.

"This is costing our farmers from two cents and more per bushel and in many cases makes their grain ineligible to apply on contract.

"This change, which does not improve the quality, is creating distress among our growers who demand by what reasoning such artificial penalties are placed

upon them."

Lamb said that he is also appealing to Congressman Al Ullman and Senator Wayne Morse, Cong. Ullman telephoned him Wednesday to say that he is going to work at once on the problem.

"We don't know exactly what can be done about it, but certainly something can be done," he said. "We need all the support on this that we can get."

Under Public Law 480 wheat that is graded lower than No. 2 is not eligible for export. Such grain that has been disqualified for export will have the alternative of being sold for feed grain, Lamb said. This would be at a lower price than that for export, and if the downgrading creates a surplus of feed grains, the price could drop further.

The foreign cash purchaser may demand discounts on the grounds that the wheat does not grade as previously although it

is of the same quality.

Lamb said that any variety of white wheat which has a red wheat in its ancestry sometimes reverts back and causes the new grade of "Contrasting Classes" with subsequent downgrading. It is possible under the new grading standards for wheat that graded No. 1 last year and carried no discount to grade in such a manner this year as to take a 9c discount per bushel.

White wheat with one kernel of red wheat per 100 in a sample or red wheat with one kernel of white wheat per 100 grade under the new standards so that they are not eligible under contract except at the discretion of the buyer.

Some ranchers and farm organizations particularly those in the midwest favored the new standards with the idea of increasing the quality and therefore increasing the foreign market.

Lamb said that many who favored the new standards did not realize the widespread implications and only now, when the harvest is getting in full swing, are they becoming aware of the impact.

The incidence of the red kernels in the wheat comes as a result of some of the white varieties' tendency to revert back and not because of mixed seed or any careless treatment on the part of the rancher, according to Lamb.

Those who are harvesting Gaines wheat are not troubled by the downgrading because it appears to be free from the red kernels. There is more Gaines in the county this year than ever before.

Lamb said that he could not say how much of the county's total production is in the four varieties affected but estimated that it is probably somewhat less than half.



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ASCS Wheat Payments to Reach \$1.5 Million

Grants Pass Man Buys Mortuary

J. F. Sweeney of Grants Pass has purchased the Creswick Mortuary here from Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick and will take possession about August 15, the Creswicks announced this week.

Plans of the Heppner couple are indefinite for the present, but they expect to move to a new location.

They came to Heppner on April 7, 1949, and have operated the mortuary through the past 15 years. At the present time Creswick is justice of the peace for the Heppner district.

Sweeney and his wife, Olive, have five children, the oldest of whom is 15. He plans to come to Heppner next week prior to taking over the business at a later date.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Creswick have been active in community, church and lodge affairs. Besides being justice of the peace, he served for a time as county assessor. He is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce development committee and is first vice president of that organization.

Creswick is past worthy patron of Order of Eastern Star and is a past high priest of Heppner chapter 26, Royal Arch Masons. He is a former lay leader of the Heppner Methodist church and served as Cub Scout pack master here for several years.

As development committee chairman of the Chamber, Creswick has been very active in working for highway improvements and for construction of the Willow Creek multipurpose dam at Heppner.

He is second vice president of the Oregon Funeral Directors association and served as program chairman of its recent state convention.

Mrs. Creswick is a past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star here and served for two terms as president of the Heppner Parent-Teacher association.

The youngest of the Creswicks' four children, Donald, graduated from Heppner High school in the spring. Their daughter, Mrs. Duane Gentry, lives in The Dalles. A married son, David, is in Salt Lake City, and another son, Ronald, is a junior in Oregon State university.

Two Young Men Find and Return Purse with \$102

A Portland woman will long be grateful to two young men, Alan Lane and Richard Benson, who found her purse along upper Willow Creek, some 18 miles from Heppner, and returned it late Saturday night to Officer Jim Gordon of Oregon state police.

Mrs. Beverly Jean Harris of 5008 S. W. Gladstone, Portland, lost the purse during the day Saturday while on an outing. She reported it to city police. In addition to \$102 in cash, the purse contained important personal papers.

The two young men found the purse and when they returned late Saturday night they took it directly to Officer Gordon's house.

Mrs. Harris was overjoyed at her good fortune and grateful for the honesty of the finders. She gave them a \$5 reward.



NO. THESE pictures weren't taken from the Gazette-Times files of 50 years ago. They show the crew at Central Market togedd for the Sidewalk Barcar on July 10 and 11. In top photo are (from left) Dale Vance, C. E. (Clint) McQuarrie, Forrest Burkenbine, Flo Privett, Ron Reid, Marie McQuarrie. Bottom photo, from left, Mike Pierce, Ernie McCabe and Ann Jones. (G-T Photo)

New Dentist Coming

Dr. Robert Todd, dentist, of Reedsport, will open dental offices in Heppner probably some time next week, he has announced. Dr. Todd will be located in the Heppner Clinic in quarters owned by Dr. C. M. Wagner.

Date of the opening is not definitely determined because the dentist is awaiting arrival of new equipment from the east, he said last week.

He and his family will live in the basement apartment of the clinic. The family includes the wife, Dolores, and children, Keith, 8, Bobby, 7, and Wendy, 4.

McDaniel Sells Box Mill to Hutchins

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McDaniel, Sammy and Ivan, Jr., moved from Heppner over the weekend into a ranch home 13 miles from Monument, located near Cottonwood Creek. McDaniel, former owner and operator of the Heppner Box Mill, is now employed in the Monument vicinity as a U. S. Government trapper.

Floyd Hutchins has purchased the Box Mill and recently received word that his son-in-law, Larry Angell, who has been attending school in Salt Lake City, will return to Heppner to live and assist Hutchins in the mill operations.

Benefitting Growers Total 730

With wheat harvest under way in Oregon, David McLeod, manager of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office, today stated that wheat farmers will begin getting income-boosting certificates which have cash values soon after July 27 as a result of participation in the 1964 Wheat Program.

In total, these certificates and acreage diversion payments are estimated at \$1,500,000.00 for the expected 730 participants in the 1964 program in this county. Total payments in the state will be about 10 million dollars. The certificates and diversion payments will raise wheat returns and mean substantially more income than anticipated before the new program was put into effect.

The new program also provides for an increase to \$130 per bushel in the national average wheat price-support loan rate from the \$126 average required before the new program was authorized.

The manager said that market prices for wheat during the past several years have reflected changes in support prices. Both participants and nonparticipants will benefit to the degree that the higher loan price under the new program increases wheat market prices.

While market prices change with loan level shifts, McLeod noted that in the 15-year period, 1949-63, the yearly average price received by farmers for the wheat ranged from three to 17 cents below the average loan level in 11 of the years, was the same in one year, and ranged from one to four cents above in three of the years.

As a result of the new program, farm income nationally from the 1964 wheat crop now is estimated to total about \$2.1 billion, a small decrease from the \$2.3 billion for the 1963 crop but in marked contrast to the sharp decline anticipated without a new program. Certificate earnings and diversion payments under the new program will account for an estimated \$30 million of the estimated \$2.1 billion 1964 wheat crop income.

Participating farmers will get marketing certificates or the cash value for their share of domestic utilization and exports. Certificates are valued at 70c per bushel for wheat for export. Participants can receive certificates on up to 90 percent of the normal production on their wheat allotments.

The certificate provisions will keep wheat costs for domestic food use and for net export at about the levels for these uses in recent years.

Entering Students Need Health Checks

Parents are reminded that Oregon School Law requires all incoming first and ninth grade students to have a pre-school physical examination and to present the completed form at the beginning of the school year, according to the Morrow County health department. The "Oregon Pupil Medical Record" forms may be obtained in the office of local doctors, the Morrow county health department, or Morrow county schools. Birth certificate application forms (required only for first graders) are also available in the health department office and will be mailed upon request.

Rodeo Dance Set For Irish Princess

A rodeo princess of Irish descent whose family is in the third generation on their ranch in Blackhorse Canyon will be honored Saturday night at the second in the 1964 series of Rodeo Princess dances.

She is 19-year-old Martha Doherty, who represents the Lexington Grange on the royal court.

The dance in her honor will be in the county fair pavilion, Heppner, starting at 10 p.m. and

Silkhardt of Kinzua will furnish the music.

Princess Martha's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Doherty, came from Ireland and homesteaded the family ranch. Her father, Bernard Doherty, was born there, and Martha, who was born in Heppner on April 9, 1945, has lived there all of her life.

After attending the University of Oregon during the past year as a freshman, Martha is transferring to Portland University for her sophomore year, as yet undecided on her major.

Hedman Purchases Lujan's Interest In Case Furniture

Arnie Hedman became sole owner of Case Furniture store on Saturday, July 18, when he purchased the interest of his partner, Gil Lujan of Ione, the owner announced Tuesday.

The two men have operated the Heppner store as a partnership since January 22, 1963, after purchasing it from Gene Case.

Hedman said that the store will operate under the same name and with the same policies as in the past.

Lujan, who teaches in Ione High school in winter months, is a ranger at Yellowstone park this summer, a seasonal position that he has held for some 14 years. Hedman has devoted full time to the store while Lujan was actively engaged in the business only on a part time basis.

Hedman is a former teacher at Ione High school but moved to Heppner with his family after he and Lujan bought the store.

The owner announces that he will continue to stock a complete line of furniture, including carpeting and rugs, lamps and pole lamps, mattresses, recliners and occasional chairs, mirrors, as well as linoleum, counter tops, paints, window shades and traverse rods, knick knacks and pictures.

Lujan has extended a "thank you" to all those whom he dealt with in the store, and Hedman invites everyone to come in at any time when he may be of service.

Parents Get Weight Of Baby Daughter In Choice Roast

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Morter of Ione received a choice beef roast from Morrow County CowBelles Friday. It was 6 lb. 12 oz., the exact weight of their baby daughter, Diann Louise, at the time of her birth on June 15.

Diann was the baby born closest to Father's Day in the county, and the CowBelles, who annually choose a Father of the Year, decided to also present this gift to the baby born closest to Father's Day as another of its beef promotions.

Mrs. Elmer Palmer of Eight-mile made the presentation on behalf of the CowBelles. The parents might have preferred getting the equivalent of their daughter's present weight in beef, since she has grown considerably in the past month, but were happy to receive the gift based on the birth weight.

Final Swimming Lessons to Start At Pool Tuesday

The last session of swimming lessons available for beginners, juniors and seniors in life saving will begin next Tuesday at the local pool, according to Tom Hughes, lifeguard and swimming instructor.

Qualifications for the junior class include that the child is between 12 and 16 years of age and has passed swimming requirements. Senior life saving is for those ages 16 and up and must be a good swimmer. A \$1 fee is charged for the series of lessons, plus regular admission to the pool or with a season ticket.

Beginners classes will start at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, with junior and seniors coming at 9:30. Those interested in life saving are asked to contact Hughes or Beverly Blake at the pool. At least 10 are needed for a class.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM
Report for the week of July 16-22 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	80	49	—
Friday	86	56	—
Saturday	76	42	—
Sunday	82	49	—
Monday	88	51	—
Tuesday	79	44	—
Wednesday	79	42	—