

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

State Seed Program To Assist Wheat Men

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The new wheat standards and marketing discount schedules which went into effect on June 1 turned out to be of real economic concern to many of our wheat growers.

Red kernel contamination in Golden and Burt varieties resulted in discounts as high as 11c per bushel. Preliminary surveys indicate that a good share of this contamination is a result of poor quality seed.

While we have located several sources of clean Golden and Burt there is no certified seed available of Golden and only one field of Burt in the state. Because of this economic concern to our growers, we would like to again suggest that no one use wheat for seed that has been graded down on account of red kernel contamination. It may take some time to rid fields of off-type varieties and there is bound to be some wheat graded down again in 1965.

In order to help locate better sources of seed for 1965 plantings and to demonstrate the variation in quality of wheat seed lots, a state-wide project has been initiated in which Morrow county growers may wish to participate. The program is set up to include sampling of seed wheat which will be used by growers this fall to be grown at the Corvallis and Pendleton Experiment Stations for trueness-to-type tests.

Head counts of off-type wheats will be made in May and June of 1965. Samples of the seed lot will be analyzed for purity in the Oregon Seed Laboratory. The program is aimed at emphasizing the necessity of using clean seed, as a help in strengthening the cereal certification program and to aid in locating better seed sources for the 1965 plantings.

Morrow county ranchers who would like to participate in the program should contact this office.

Farm Exports Make Gains

Of interest for the past year has been a Foreign Trade Report which reaches this office periodically as published by Dr. Harold Hollands, Agricultural Economist, OSU. A recent issue received at this office contained this statement: "Farmers depend more heavily on export markets than any other group of American producers. In value, 15% of our farm output is sold abroad compared with only 8% of value of industrial output."

Witherites to Host IFYE Boy from Italy

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Witherite, Buttercreek ranchers, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Michele Palazzo, an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate from Italy who will spend almost three weeks with them later this month.

Michele is one of the five current IFYE visitors to Oregon who includes, Yoram Zer, Israel; Dorothy Ellen Evans, England; Antoinette Reuter, Luxembourg; and K. G. George, India. Yoram Zer who is now visiting the Walter Jaeger family in Condon visited our fair one day last week. Michele Palazzo who will stay with the Witherites has been visiting in Missouri and is now with the Kent McGruders in Clatskanie. He plans to work with agricultural cooperatives upon his return to Italy.

IFYE is a "people-to-people" program administered by the National 4-H Foundation on behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service. Young people in the program spend about six months in their host countries living with rural families in an effort to increase international understanding.

Bulgar Exports Doubled For Overseas Peace Use

Bulgar, the processed wheat food relatively new to this country but thousands of years old in certain foreign countries, has become a popular food item in late years. This was illustrated recently when the Farmers Cooperative Company, Hutchinson, Kans., was requested to double its Bulgar processing capacity.

The co-op now processes about 7 million pounds of Bulgar a month, most of it for the Feed for Peace shipments to 38 countries. The 50,000 member co-op is doubling the capacity of its

bulgar plant and has signed an agreement with the Agency for International Development to survey possibilities of setting an import-to-retail food distribution system in Columbia, South America.

Forestry Conservation Tour Planned for Sixth Graders

Arrangements have been completed with program schedule and handbooks mailed to 6th grade teachers in all the schools in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties for the School Forestry Conservation Tour. This, the second annual tour, will be held again at Bull Prairie on September 22 with an alternate of September 29 in case we are rained out as last year.

At a recent work day held at Bull Prairie, representatives of various agencies who will be manning the various stations planned made minor improvements for this year's tour. The program will be much the same as last year with the approximately 200 boys and girls assembling at Bull Prairie at 10:30, an early lunch and a two hour tour of stations which include Forest Soils, Range Management and Conservation, Fire Protection, Outdoor Manners, Timber Stand Improvement, Commercial Forest Management, Tree Identification and Wildlife.

Participating in the tour will be 6th grades from Heppner, Lone, Condon, Fossil, Kinzua, Spray, Mitchell, and possibly Arlington. Representatives of the Soil Conservation Service, State Board of Forestry, Forest Service, Kinzua Corporation, State Game Commission and Extension Service will assist with the days program.

Finished Market Prices Encourages Feeding Out

Reports have come to the office that there have been some contracts for sale of weaner calves at 19 and 21c, however, we have not been able to "track down" who has made the sale. any we have talked to, however, are quite interested in the possibility of feeding out their calves this fall if feeder market prices do not go higher. This might be desirable especially for those who know that they have "good doing" calves especially of heavier weights.

While speculation on the finished market prices is always controversial, the present market is highly favorable toward finishing out. Recently in visiting with some of our growers who fed last year's calves they were quite well pleased with the outcome. Earlier some were a bit discouraged but with higher prices for fat cattle this attitude was quickly changed. Visiting with Bill Weatherford who fed out 90 head of last years calves, he was enthused over the outcome and rightly so. Joe Nichols of Pendleton Grain Growers who provided the feed, gave us the following figures: The 90 head were on feed for 100 day average with the "tail-enders" being marketed at 118 days. These yearlings that were wintered well on hay pellets were of real good quality and went into the feed lot in the right shape. During the full period of time, they made a daily gain of 3.49 lbs. and a feed conversion of 6.37:1. The cost per pound of gain was slightly over 18c, carcass yield slightly over 61% and price received averaged \$22.81 per hundred. All graded choice.

McMurdo Children Compete in Tennis

Mollie and John McMurdo, children of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard McMurdo of Burlingame, Calif., and grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, are enthusiastic tennis players in their home town, according to reports received by their grandparents here this week.

Both young people were recently entered in the San Mateo Junior tennis tournament, near their home town, and did very well. Mollie, age 11, won first in her age division of girls 12 and under. John, age 14, won in boys' singles for ages 14 and under, but was edged out in the finals by a 16-year-old junior entry. Both enjoy their favorite sport and its competition, according to their proud grandfather.

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Farm Bureau Hits State Initiative

The Morrow County Farm Bureau laid plans at a meeting last week to work toward the defeat of the initiative on compulsory workmen's compensation, according to Herman Blettel, county president. The initiative is being sponsored by the AFL-CIO labor union and will appear on the November ballot.

"The measure would set up an absolute state monopoly on workmen's compensation. Virtually all employers, including farmers, would be forced to carry workmen's compensation and would be required to buy it from the State Industrial Accident Commission," Blettel said.

"Under this grossly unfair measure, Oregon would be the only state where employers would be forced to buy compensation coverage from the state at whatever cost the state dictated. This initiative would destroy the right of the employers to shop in a competitive market for the best coverage available. It would also increase farm labor costs by about 12.5%," he emphasized.

Joe Hay, Oregon Farm Bureau fieldman, explained that current Farm Bureau policy favors an option of coverage with SIAC, private carrier, self insurance or employers joining together for "group insurance." He stated that a budget of a quarter million dollars is needed to carry out the campaign against the measure.

The county Farm Bureau voted to contribute \$25 for the campaign and plans to solicit funds from individual farmers in the near future. Anyone interested in contributing should contact Terry Thompson, county secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Chally.

Susan and Laura, returned Monday from a vacation trip east to visit relatives and enjoy sights of interest. They were guests of Chally's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chally in Stratford, Iowa, and visited other relatives in Iowa City. They toured several national parks in the mid-west and in Canada.



AS IT HAS for many years, the Morrow County Grain Growers bought the grand champion 4-H beef at the Morrow county fair auction sale last Thursday night. Dale Van Bickland (right) showed and sold the 800 lb. choice Hereford. Paul Jones, growers president, stands behind the animal. (G-T Photo)

College Invites Class Requests

The evening division of Blue Mountain Community college is soliciting requests from organizations and individuals for adult evening classes. These requests for specific courses will enable the college to offer courses that meet the needs and interests of adults in the district. Course requests may be sent to Blue Mountain Community college, P. O. Box 100, Pendleton, or to designated centers. Persons living in the Hermiston area may contact George Nash, 567-6394 or 567-8637. In the Heppner area the office of county school superintendent will accept class requests. Milton-Freewater area residents may contact the school superintendent's office or Wally Wedin.

Every effort will be made to present any course of study where there is an expressed need and interest anywhere in the Blue Mountain district. Minimum enrollment of 10 is required to operate a class. Further information may be secured by phoning Pendleton 276-1300.

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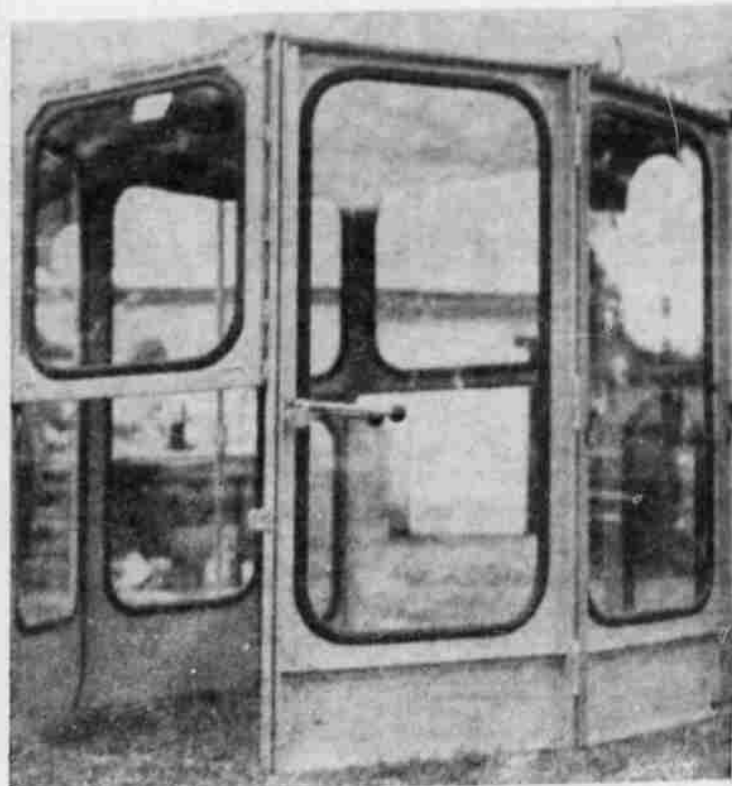
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BEST POLLED steer awards at the Morrow county fair, presented by Oregon Pollettes, went to John Wagenblast (left) for FFA and Maureen Doherty (right) for 4-H. These two won many awards at the fair. Making the presentations last Thursday night was Mrs. Don (Merlyn) Robinson, center, on behalf of the Pollettes. (G-T Photo)



SIZE OF THE 60-lb. fleece shown by Harold Peck at the Morrow county fair can be determined in comparison to unidentified youngsters in this photo. Another smaller fleece is on the table behind. Fleece, largest ever known to be produced in this county, proved to be one of the good spectator attractions at the fair. (G-T Photo)



CENTRAL MARKET, represented by Clint McQuarrie (right), owner, bought the FFA grand champion Hereford steer, shown by Kenneth Wright, at the livestock auction sale at the county fair last Thursday night. The steer weighed 875 lb. (G-T Photo)



BARNETT RANCHES of Boardman and Condon were judged premier beef exhibitors at the Morrow county fair and received the award from the Morrow County Livestock Growers association. Making the presentation to Leo Barnett was Queen Shannon Mahoney. (G-T Photo)