



# FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

## National Fire Damage Averages \$1 Million Daily

By N. C. ANDERSON

It seems every week of the year is designated as a special week. Two weeks ago it was "Be Kind to Dogs Week," last week "National 4-H Club Week," this week "National Fire Prevention Week." It is good to have special weeks set aside for the observance of many of these things, but when we are talking of fire, "Fire Prevention Week" should be observed each week of the year. This is especially important since 11,800 Americans died last year from fire with more than 1,500 American homes struck by fire each day. These fires cause nearly \$1 million in property damage daily as well as taking its toll in suffering and sorrow.

The culprit in home fires may be faulty heating equipment, defective or over loaded wiring or other fire hazards. Most fires are still caused by people. An important step in preventing home fires is to ask your fire department to inspect your property and to recommend specific fire prevention measures, then follow their advice.

Talking about fire prevention, we were happy to see the fire fighting rig that Larry Lindsay, north Lexington rancher, is putting together. While this rig has been in use for some time, it has been improved for better fire fighting. The large tank with pump and fire fighting nozzles are mounted on a 6x6 truck that can get most anywhere over the rough range of the Lindsay ranch.

In addition to this big fire fighting unit, Larry has a smaller one which he carries in his pickup at all times ready to con-

trol range or other type of fires which might break out. These are just more rigs to be added to the long list of ranchers who are becoming better equipped each day to control farm fires before they become out of hand.

### Soil Moisture Tests Taken

Kenneth Smouse, lone rancher, dropped by the office last week to discuss soil and moisture tests. Kenneth has for many years been taking soil and moisture tests periodically to determine these levels in cropping procedures. Soil moisture was approximately half what comparable fields on the ranch held in the fall of 1963. The double summer fallow has about the same moisture as is usual in regular summer fallow ranging from 5 to 5 1/2 inches; regular summer fallow was showing 2 1/2 to 3 inches. It was interesting to note that double summer fallow carried approximately twice the amount of nitrogen and moisture compared to regular summer fallow.

### Tour Appreciation Letters Received

Letters continue to come in from chaperones and 8th graders of the Portland School Tour held here last April. Several letters of thanks for the picture album sent to each have arrived since school started. Many of the boys and girls explain that they had been away from home during the summer and had not had the opportunity to write.

A recent note from the Bob Lovgrens' told us of their appreciation for a visit from one of the boys who stayed at

## Ione Girl Enrolls At St. Paul's School

Among students returning to St. Paul's School for Girls in Walla Walla, Wn., for the 33rd year of the pioneer school is Pamela Proudfoot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Proudfoot, lone. She is enrolled as a sophomore.

Greeting Miss Proudfoot as new headmistress of the school was Miss Catherine Offley Coleman, who has succeeded Miss Hedwig Zorb, associated with the school since 1921. The school was founded in 1872 by an early Episcopal missionary to provide educational and cultural opportunities for "young ladies" during the austere Washington Territory days. Girls of all faiths, however, are accepted at the school.

their home last spring when Bob was in the hospital in Portland recently. Bob Chamberlain and his parents stopped by the Portland hospital to visit him. This of course, pleased the Lovgrens very much.

### Forty Fold Samples Tested For Sources of Clean Seed

We have commented in this column on many occasions during the past three months on new grain standards and the effect on our growers. We are becoming more confused as time goes on, however.

Since it appeared that it would be real difficult to find some clean Forty Fold for seed, an attempt has been made to locate the cleanest source possible. I was sure it had been found when I had an inspection certificate back on a representative sample from the Worden ranch in Eightmile. This sample was selected on October 7 with the grade certificate showing No. 2 soft white with no listing of contrasting classes, the grade being determined by test weight. Just a month later a sample picked up by the Morrow County Grain Growers showed contrasting classes of 1%.

Since we had referred several growers to this lot as a source of good seed, a sample was collected again on September 25. Samples were collected with a grain probe mixing them thoroughly and splitting them in three groups. One was mailed to the OSU Seed Laboratory, with the other two going to the Division of Grain Inspections at both Pendleton and Portland. We do not have a purity test back yet from OSU but grain inspection certificates from Pendleton and Portland show 2% and 1.2% contrasting classes. This amount of contrasting classes makes this source grade No. 3 and our recommendation for a source of seed must be withdrawn. Wilbur says no one has picked up any seed yet from this source, so we are safe.

While we don't want to vouch for any seed under the circumstances, Bob Peterson tells me that he has sent in samples on his Forty Fold, one showing no contrasting classes, the other .02 of 1%. If grain grading means anything, this should be a good source of seed.

Cows Go To Carcass Sale  
Gerald Swaggart, Buttercreek

## Morrow County CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY

For week ending October 3

(Compiled by Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Portland.)

Weeding, fertilizing and seeding progressing with main areas of seeding in higher elevations. Lower elevations will wait for moisture before seeding. Small grain and hay all finished. Alfalfa, clover and grass seed being harvested. Some weaner calf sale deliveries made this week but most livestock men were holding with hopes for improvement in prices. Cattle being gathered from mountain ranges. Winter ranges are the worst in years with many livestock growers desperate for fall and winter feed. Much of grain stubble used for winter feed already gone.

rancher, reports a recent sale of 79 cows on a carcass grade and yield basis. While finished slaughter steers and heifers are many times sold this way, this was the first case I had heard of old cows being marketed. It was a real market for Gerald with a 44.95% yield with carcasses bringing 21.25¢ a pound depending upon grade. The cattle sold at Walla Walla came off irrigated pasture with only a 2 pound weight loss in the 60 day pasture period while calves that were nursing gained 1.7 pounds per day. The carcasses were marketed in Los Angeles.

### Portland To be Scene Of Several National Conventions

This is the winter for National Conventions to be held in Portland. Since there have been many inquiries on dates of these important conventions, we will remind you of the dates at this time. The National Assoc. of Wheat Growers will meet in Portland on January 5 and 6; the American National Cattle-men's Assoc., at the Hilton Hotel, Portland, on January 26-28; the National Convention of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Hilton Hotel, Portland, February 7-11. In addition to these national conventions, the Oregon Assoc. of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will meet at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland on November 11-13; the Oregon Wheat Growers League at La Grande on December 3, 4 and 5; the Oregon Cattlemen's Association at Klamath Falls on November 12, 13 and 14.

## Meeting Monday Set to Organize Asian Wheat Tour

A meeting will be held in the Pendleton Grain Growers building Monday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. for all persons in Eastern Oregon who are interested in the People to People Tour to the Asian area sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Washington wheat growers have made the tour the last few years, all being very successful. This will be Oregon's first attempt to conduct a tour in cooperation with the People to People program which was started under the Eisenhower administration. The tour has to have at least 15 persons and it can handle up to 30.

Countries visited will be Japan, Nationalist China, Philippines, Thailand, Pakistan, and India. The trip will start January 9 from Seattle and conclude February 8, 1965. If one wants to continue around the world, this can be arranged. Farming areas will be visited as well as scenic spots, meetings with government officials, Western wheat offices and other points of interest.

At the meeting on the above date, slides will be shown by a Washington producer who has made the trip to the Asian area. Also a complete description of the trip will be outlined as well as procedures that have to be made in making the trip. There will also be a question and answer period.

Anyone interested is asked to attend and bring others who maybe interested in such a trip.

### Saddle-ittes Meet, Invite New Members

The last meeting of the 4-H Saddle-ittes was called to order October 5 by Barbara Bloodsworth, vice president. Records were completed and election of officers was held. New officers are Earl Struckmeier, president; Sherri Lynn O'Brien, vice president; Verina French, secretary, and Terry Hughes, news reporter.

The next meeting will be held November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room above Gilliam and Bisbee Hds. Anyone in the Heppner area interested in 4-H horse club is urged to attend. Terry Hughes, reporter

Week-end guests at the Rev. Bill Alsop home were Mrs. Alsop's mother, Mrs. Mabel Atkinson, her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Von Rhodes and their daughter, Tammy. They returned to their home in Drain on Tuesday.

Arriving in Heppner late last week to spend the first week of deer season were Ed and Harry Groshens, brothers of Vic Groshens, Sr., and also Mrs. Ed Groshens, all of Portland.

See us for envelopes of all kinds. The Gazette-Times.

# NOTICE ALL WATER USERS Of Willow and Rhea Creeks and Tributaries

Due to the drouth period during the season, we have a critical domestic and stock water problem in the lower part of the county. These hold precedence over use for irrigation.

Please remove all diversions and pumps so that water may flow more freely to needed users below.

Deputy Dwight Townsend will be making periodical checks to observe stream flow and consumption.

All cooperation will be greatly appreciated. If rules are not observed, more rigid action will have to be taken. This covers District 5 which includes Morrow and Umatilla counties.

This program will hold until extensive rains or until further notice. Due to no rain at this late date, stock water for later feeding use may be short.

**JERRY F. HAINES**  
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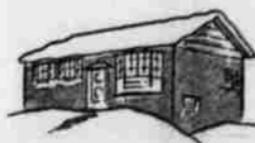
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