

County Agent's Office

Timely Program Set For Spring Wheat Meeting

By N. C. ANDERSON

Morrow county wheat growers will have the privilege to discuss their industry problems and accomplishments at the annual spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association which will be held next Thursday evening, June 3, at the Lexington Grange hall. This annual event will start at 8:00 p.m. with a well arranged program.

Chairman Bob Jensen announced recently that he has colored slides and narrations on foreign market development that all wheat growers should not fail to see. These slides, which have been shown to several business groups and schools throughout the county, brings the audience up-to-date on what is being done in developing a real keen market for soft white wheat in the Orient and Asiatic countries.

Judge Paul Jones is scheduled to review progress of repairing roads after the December and January floods and to indicate direction the road program will go from here.

National farm legislation, in its present stages, will be explained so that wheat ranchers might indicate their interest and preference to their congressmen in the important weeks ahead as new legislation is finally drafted.

Brief accomplishment reports will be given by the standing committees which cover the wide range of wheat growing interests including taxation and legislation, production and land use, marketing and transportation, federal agricultural programs, youth activities, domestic wheat utilization, the important public relations program and a new one, membership and finance.

The public relations committee will report on its successful Portland 8th Grade Tour and the 1965 County winner "Conservation Man of the Year" will be announced. This is an event that every wheat grower will want to attend in order that they might keep up on the latest of their industry.

Wheatgrowers will soon be contacted as part of the new membership and finance drive. This drive is being initiated to get more new members and better finance the many important projects that the Oregon Wheat Growers League have underway to strengthen the wheat farmers place in the highly competitive farming business of today.

Chairman Louis Carlson, Ione, announces a meeting for "contact men" will be held at Stefania's in Ione at 8:00 p.m. on Monday evening, May 31. This will prepare about 30 membership solicitors for contacts that will be made immediately following this meeting. Wheatgrowers will be invited to contribute toward these programs on the basis of wheat allotments. A part of the program calls for a subscription to the National Wheat Newsletter, published weekly, with up-to-date happenings on the national level.

Plane Fence Row Spraying Found Good Rye Control

Bob Lovgren, north Lexington rancher, is quite happy with the control of rye from a recent fence row spraying by plane. Because of wind and water erosion problems, Bob did not want to use a soil sterilant on the area. He used penta-chlorophenol and diesel spraying by plane after the rye came into head. Within two days results could be seen and most of the rye had completely fallen over and quit growing.

While this may be a little more expensive than soil sterilants, it is a definite stop-gap in method for control when soil sterilants cannot be used. It protects his fields from invasion by roadside rye which so many times is the original source of infection.

Hot Bed Plan Available

While it is getting a little late to be talking about hot beds, an excellent farm building plan on this subject came to our desk last week. The plan is Cooperative Farm Building Plan No. 597L, "Hot bed and Propagating Frame." The plan gives construction details with a list of materials which consists of a base frame, ridge rafters, plastic cover and soil heating cable. It is easy and cheap to construct. We have copies of the plan at the office.

Public Hearing Set

From the Oregon Beef Council comes word that a public hearing will be held upon the proposed budget for operation of the Oregon Beef Council during the fiscal year July 1, 1965, to June 30, 1966. At this meeting which will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ore-

gon Beef Council office in the Imperial Hotel, Portland, any producer or other persons subject to Oregon Beef Council assessments has a right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget. A copy of this budget is available at our office as are budgets from the many other commissions all of which have held or are holding hearings in the next few weeks.

Trout Stocking Available

Another load of fingerlings trout arrived this past week-end for stocking Morrow county farm ponds. This load was two to three-inch Kamloop. Plans are now being made for another load to come in about two weeks which will be mostly Eastern Brook. Those who might be interested in pooling their order should contact this office or Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Heppner.

Applications Open For Four Range Youth Enrollees

Invitations have gone out this past week asking boys who might be interested in our vast natural resources of range, forest wildlife, and soils to attend the Oregon Range Youth Camp this year. This youth camp, sponsored by the American Range Society, has been held for many years with a multitude of Morrow county boys attending over the years.

The range camp is restricted to four boys between the ages of 14 to 17 years of age in each county. The camp to be held at the Lake Creek Guard Station in Grant county August 2 through 7, is a real learning experience for the boys who attend from throughout Eastern Oregon. The aim of the camp is to acquaint these boys, who in future years will be our business and agricultural leaders, in maintaining and using wisely our vast natural resources of range forests, wildlife, and soils.

Any organization who is interested in sponsoring a boy or knows of someone, either ranch or city raised is invited to contact County Range Camp Chairman Moose Stephens at the Forest Service office, or this office.

Progress of Cereal Nursery Noted at Anderson Ranch

Those who have passed by the cereal nursery at the Frank Anderson ranch in the Eightmile community would be interested to stop and look at the progress of growth of the many spring wheat, barley, oats, and peas, as well as winter wheat and barley varieties seeded on March 5.

I have been interested as I have stopped by each week or so to compare the growth of these varieties. For instance, Gem barley which has not been a popular variety in Morrow county, stood out over all other spring barleys and could be seen above all other plantings in the plot for quite some time. Recently other varieties are catching up with it.

This was the case for Idead spring wheat too, which indicated that it is a fast grower. Even though there were many nights of cold weather after March 5 which should have had a favorable reaction on winter seeded wheat in the spring, all the winter varieties to date show a prostrate growing form and appear as though they will be definitely reduced in yield at this time. While it is a bit early yet to see the timing of the heading and ultimate height, there are many things to compare.

The varieties are staked so they are identified. Unstaked plantings on the far north side of the plot are a part of the "drill box survey" which we announced last fall. Because of the dry fall, turning wet and then freezing up, it was impossible to seed our winter nursery as in the past 20 years, however, we hope to get some good information anyway.

The 12 drill box survey seedlings are from that many sources of local ranch seed. These plantings will be compared for contrasting classes as an indication

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of just what there is to look at now.

Argentina Stores Underground

In most farming areas, you can check both the type and size of agricultural enterprises by the size and number of silage and grain storage bins. Not so in Argentina. Its grain storage bins are underground. The practice began during World War II when grain exports were disrupted and extra storage space was needed.

The silos run approximately 400 feet long, are 40 feet wide and 15 feet in depth. They have an outside wall of concrete (about 20 inches thick), an inside lining of brick, tar paper and stucco. It is estimated that the silos will last 50 to 60 years and that they can store grain from 15 to 20 years without damage.

Many Give Scholarships For 4-H Summer School

As the time draws near, many local businesses and organizations have donated summer school scholarships for this Golden Anniversary 4-H Summer school to be held at Oregon State University June 14 to 19. Those who have contributed such scholarships are the Lexington Implement Company, First National Bank of Heppner, Soroptimist Club of Heppner, Heppner Auto Sales, Phil's Pharmacy, Humphrey's Rexall Drug, Ione PTA, Mahoney and Abrams, Elks Lodge, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Central Market, Lexington Oil Co-op, Morrow County Grain Growers, Turner Van Marter and Bryant, Rhea Creek Grange, Padberg Machinery, and Del's Market, Lexington.

These scholarships will be used with others to be collected, both from this part of the county and the Boardman and Irrigation area, to send 27 delegates to the Golden Anniversary event. Some 1800 Oregon 4-H club members and their leaders will attend this week-long event which, since its beginning in 1916 has grown to be one of the major events of the 4-H program with youth throughout Oregon participating.

Demonstration Gives Information on Nitrogen

A demonstration was established last Friday afternoon at the Frank Anderson ranch in Eightmile as a result of continued interest in why wheat does not respond to nitrogen fertilizers to the extent that it had in former years when nitrogen was first used. Also, creating an interest in a lack of something in the soil in the comparison of well fertilized wheat fields with a field which has been plowed out of grass and legume in a rotation.

Yields have been considerably better in the last case which has led many people in the area to believe that there is something lacking in addition to the commonly used fertilizers. While extensive fertilizer plots have been established throughout the area, sulfur, phosphorous and nitrogen in various amounts and combinations have not been the answer.

Seeking the answer, a demonstration was established last Friday afternoon using minor elements as a foliage spray. Varying amounts of chelated copper, iron, zinc, manganese and magnesium were put on the foliage of spring wheat. These were sprayed on with a regular weed sprayer using 10 gallons of water per acre. Each plot is 42 feet wide and will be harvested separately and weighed out for yields. The plots were established on an annual cropping area in the spring wheat field that if there was a deficiency it would show up quicker on an annual cropped area. It will be interesting to see if there are any results.

Farm Survey Set To Compile Data In Morrow County

About 50,000 farms will be visited in a nationwide enumerative survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture through the first week of June, according to E. B. Hile, agricultural statistician for Oregon.

William A. Hamlett of Ione is one of 28 enumerators assisting with the survey in Oregon. The Oregon enumerators have just finished a three-day school in Portland, where intensive training was given to procedures and instructions for conducting the survey.

Making on-the-spot counts, Hamlett will visit farmers and ranches in Morrow county to collect data about planted acres, livestock numbers, farm wages and labor.

Information compiled becomes part of crop and livestock reports issued during the height of the farming season, June and July. Winter weather caused heavy losses to Oregon farming areas this year and information obtained in the enumerative survey will be most helpful in determining acreages of crops available for harvest this year.

Farms in the 48 contiguous States are randomly selected for the survey. Enumerators employed in each state locate the selected farms with the aid of aerial photos and county road maps. Information from these visits with Oregon farmers is assembled in the state office at Portland, and results sent to the USDA Crop Reporting Board in Washington, D. C. for processing on automatic, high speed computers.

"These figures, plus those from the still heavily relied on mail-in reports of individual farms and businessmen, help make up the crop and livestock reporting required in today's agricultural business," Hile said.

MORROW COUNTY

CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY
(Compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture)

For week ending May 21 Summer-fallow operations continue. Some late selective spraying is being completed in spring grains. Much winter grain is now in boot or heading stage. More than one-half inch of rain during the week was very beneficial to both spring and winter grains. Winter grains are thin and spotted but spring grains look very good. Some first crop alfalfa is being cut this week. Asparagus harvest in north Morrow area is coming to a close. Cattle are on range. Grass is fair to good.

Boxboard for making signs and decorations at the Gazette-Times.

Public Notices

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN FARRIS, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Probate No. 1535

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of JOHN FARRIS, deceased, pursuant to an order of sale of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow, Probate Department, made and entered in the above

entitled estate on the 21st day of April, 1965, will offer for sale and sell from and after the 2nd day of June, 1965, for cash, at 126 Willow Street, Heppner, Oregon, the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit:

Lots 6, 7, and 8 in Block 1 Sperry First Addition to the City of Ione.
Lots 1, 2, and 3, Beginning at a point Sixty-(60) feet due West of the South West corner of Lot Eight (8) in Block Fifteen (15) running thence due North to where same intersects the South line of railroad right of way a distance of Ninety (90) feet more or less; thence in a Westerly direction along the line of said right of way a distance of Seventy-five (75) feet; thence due South a distance of Ninety (90) feet more or less to the North line of Main Street, thence due West a distance of Seventy-five (75) feet to the place of beginning.

The sale will be subject to the confirmation of the above entitled court.

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