

County Agent's Office

Growers to Find How Reseeded Varieties Fare

By GENE P. WINTERS

The old question of how late in the winter and how early in spring fall grain can be planted and still give higher yields of quality grain than spring varieties may at last be partially answered this harvest season. A considerable acreage of fall varieties was drilled in February and March this year as a result of frozen and washed out fall plantings. Wheat and barley growers in Morrow county, as well as neighboring counties should have a better idea about late seeding dates for the newer varieties now used. Growers and researchers have had limited experience with varieties such as Gaines wheat and Hudson barley under weather conditions experienced for the 1965 crop year.

Fendleton Station Under Seeding Date Trial This Year

Two winter wheats, Gaines and Omar 172; a spring wheat—Ida 159; Hudson—winter barley and Gem spring barley, were planted February 10, 24, and March 11 and 24.

As of the Experiment Station Field Day, July 7, head counts showed a gradual decline of winter grains in relation to seeding date. The spring grains did not change very much.

The yields and test weights will better tell the story of the late seeding under the weather, soil and management conditions at the station.

Safety Theme Asks All To Stay 'Safe Alive in 65'

In this period of increased farm activity the proclamation of Farm Safety Week, July 19-25, is timely. Farming today, according to many experts, is the nation's third most hazardous occupation.

The theme this year is "Safe

and Alive in '65" which suggests a 4-S program: to work safely, play safely, drive safely and live safely be adopted.

If you move your farm implements on main highways, there's a new reflectorized fluorescent emblem you can buy to warn high-speed motorists to slow down for you. It's good anytime—day, dusk, or night, and in most kinds of weather.

Many accidents are caused simply because the ordinary motorist often does not realize that the object on the road ahead is moving as slowly as it is, until it is too late to avoid hitting it. That object could be you. The National Safety Council says that accidents could be reduced substantially if the SMV emblem were used by slow-moving vehicle operators and recognized by motorists nationwide.

The new triangle-shaped emblem, designed by Ohio State University agricultural specialists, can be easily mounted on most farm equipment. Highway maintenance and construction machines can use it, too. It's to be used only on vehicles designed to travel 25 mph or less.

The center of the SMV emblem is fluorescent yellow-orange and the outside border is reflective red material. It is inexpensive, durable, available, and movable and does not interfere with your operation of the equipment.

Write or call my office to find out more about it. It may save your life.

Letters to Congress On Wheat Program Urged

One of the vexing problems facing the elective officials in the Congress is knowing the opinion of their constituents towards proposed legislation. The congressmen and senators are well informed by organizations, but according to one Oregon

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Chats With Your Home Agent

Work on Fair Project Steps Up 4-H Interest

By DONNA GEORGE

A special program for 4-H girls is scheduled at the lone school library on Thursday, July 29, at 2:30 p.m. It will include hints for selecting clothing and accessories, such as purses, shoes, etc. Filmstrips on choice of color and styles for different figure types will be shown. Some time will also be spent in discussion of appropriate dress and in practice for modeling.

While girls taking 4-H clothing or knitting projects are especially encouraged to attend, the program is open to all girls taking 4-H projects, their mothers and leaders, and other interested persons.

Start for Dress Revue

A "Mary Poppins" theme was selected for the 1965 Morrow County 4-H Dress Revue at a recent meeting of the dress revue committee in the home of its chairman, Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, of Ione. Also present were Mrs. L. A. McCabe and Mrs. Louis Carlson, 4-H leaders; Nonda Clark and Carol Rawlins, older 4-H members, and Donna George, county extension agent.

The public is invited to this event in the Catholic Parish hall Wednesday, August 25, at 8:00 p.m. About 60 girls are expected to model garments they have made in clothing and/or knitting projects this year.

A group of us decided to accomplish two purposes in one meeting recently—after outlining plans for 4-H dress revue, we discussed judging classes for the 4-H clothing judging contests at County Fair. It seems there is a tradition that classes judged in this competition consists of seam samples. Well, seam samples may have some value, we decided, but is this really the most important thing 4-H members can learn from clothing judging? To carry out their ideas on this, superintendents of this event, Mrs. L. A. McCabe and Mrs. Louis Carlson, are setting up classes using "real live girls." Contestants will "place" them according to such criteria as appropriate dress for the occasion, choice of style for the individual, and accessories.

So when 4-H clothing members send in Contest Entry Cards for Fair, clothing judging is one event they'll surely want to enter.

THIS IS FARM SAFETY WEEK

If your child is one of the pre-school set—

1. When cooking, turn handles of all pots and pans containing hot liquid to the back of the stove so that young children cannot reach and overturn them.
2. Never permit a radio or portable electric heater to be kept in the bathroom.
3. Remember, as the child grows older his "reach" becomes greater. Tomorrow he may be able to climb up to storage shelves he cannot reach today.
4. When disposing of old medicines, see that they are completely destroyed. Do not leave them in incinerators or waste boxes in the yard where they may be found.
5. Matches and cigarette lighters should always be kept out of reach.
6. Avoid flimsy party costumes and inflammable material in play clothes. They invite disaster.
7. Teach children to avoid flaming or smoldering bonfires. Remember that bottles and cans explode and cause fatal burns.
8. Keep firearms and ammunition locked safely away from curious children.
9. Home appliances, garden and farm machinery are equally dangerous for youngsters. Be sure they never have access to anything of this nature.

4-H Safety Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, so I can act quickly in order to prevent an accident.
I pledge my heart to greater loyalty to help make others safety conscious so that our homes and communities will be safer places in which to live.
I pledge my hands to larger service by reducing hazards. And my health to better living by keeping myself free from accidents.
For my club, my community and my country depend upon their safety conscious citizens to survive.

Miniature Loaves Of Bread Used For Parity Plea

To dramatize the plight of the wheat producer and the need for federal legislation providing 100% of parity, the Oregon Wheat Growers League last week sent miniature loaves of bread to the four Oregon congressmen.

The bread loaves, which were accompanied by a study report outlining the current farm situation, carried wrappers depicting the breakdown between producer and processing shares of bread prices.

Both the wrappers and the attached material, which was based on a recent Oregon State University study, pointed out that the farmer's return on a loaf of bread has actually declined since 1948. During the same period, it was charged, retail bread prices have increased by 62 per cent.

The Wheat League said that in 1948 a bread price of 12.7 cents yielded 10 cents to processors and only 2.7 cents to the producer. By 1964 the price of bread had risen to 20.7 cents, but the farmer's share had declined to 2.5 cents while processors received 18.2 cents per loaf.

The farm body warned that lobbyists for the bread processors are endeavoring to defeat the current House bill which would provide 100% of parity to growers. It labeled claims that passage of the bill would raise bread prices by 2 cents as "untrue."

"The proposal will raise the wheat value of the loaf by approximately 7 of one cent," the Wheat League contends. "It is surprising to note the concern of the processor regarding this very nominal increase when periodic rises in bread costs totaling 8 cents per pound have been evident during the last 15 years."

The report contained graphs showing that industrial hourly wages have more than doubled since 1950, and the cost of living has increased by one-third. By contrast, the OSU study

Busy Beavers Club Works on 4-H Skirts

A meeting of the Busy Beavers 4-H club was held May 14 at Karen Crowell's home. We worked on plackets and waistbands of our skirts.

We met again July 12 at Kathy Crum's house and did some work on our skirt waistbands and hems. We are working on a window display.

We enjoyed refreshments at both meetings.
Karen Crowell, reporter

shows that farm income has declined by 37% during the same period.

"If the independent wheat producer is to survive," said the letter, "increased income for growers is imperative. The 15 years of cost-price squeeze is forcing them slowly out of business."

The plea pointed out that legislation now pending would not only raise farm income and reduce government cost, but that its four-year term would permit the grower to better plan and finance his operations.

"The estimated increase in bread costs of about 3 cents a week to the consumer do not appear to be a burden to even the lowest income groups," the Wheat League said.

In commending the proposed legislation, the letter stated that it would return wheat income to the 1963 level and "help to avert disaster for the wheat grower." Increases in export movement and expanded livestock feed use were also predicted if the bill passes.

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OREGON'S NEW DAIRY PRINCESS, Joyce Williams, 18, of Amity, receives congratulations from outgoing State Dairy Princess Linda Schild, Tillamook, at special coronation ceremonies held last week in Portland. Princess Joyce of Yamhill County was named 1965-66 Oregon Dairy Princess from a field of 15 contestants representing 21 Oregon counties. Coronation capped a three-day Princess contest.

Amity Girl Named Dairy Princess

Bright-eyed and smiling, 18-year-old Joyce Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Williams, of Rt. 1, Box 231, Amity, was selected the seventh Oregon Dairy Princess in dramatic and colorful ceremonies held Wednesday afternoon, July 7, at the Portland Sheraton Inn.

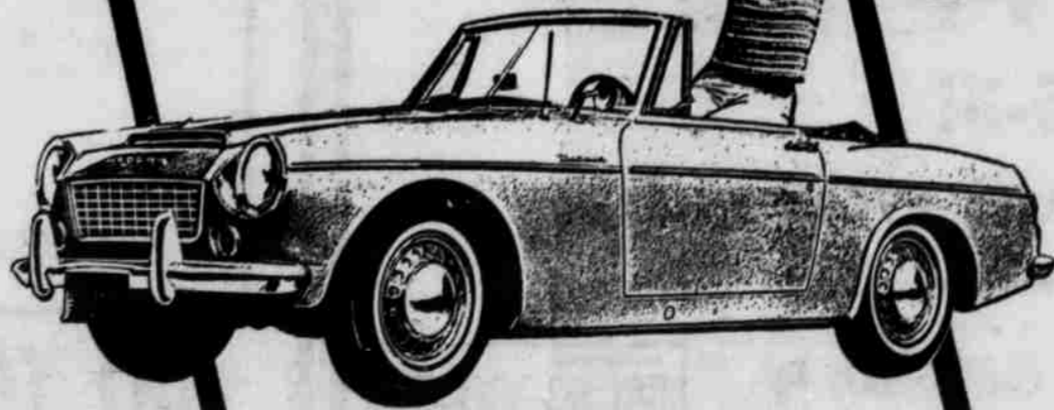
Princess Joyce was named by judges from a field of 15 state princess finalists representing 21 Oregon counties. Princess Joyce succeeds Linda J. Schild, Tillamook, in the state's number one role of dairy representative. The blue-eyed 1965-1966 dairy princess will begin her one-year reign immediately, making a number of personal appearances this week, and later on during the year she will make a series of tours throughout the state on behalf of the Oregon dairy farmers, the dairy industry and dairy products. During this time she will be in the employ of the Oregon Dairy Products Commission.

The new princess is a graduate of Amity Union High school. She is 5 feet 5 inches tall, and weighs 120 pounds. Princess Joyce lives on a 125-acre dairy farm, milking 16 Holsteins. Named to the 1965-66 official court as alternate Oregon Dairy Princesses were Patty Jo Keizer, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Adams of Coos Bay, first alternate and Marietta Linne Herinckx, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Herinckx of Cornelius, as second alternate.

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