

# FARM

## County Agent's Office

### Souvenir Tour Booklets Go Out To Grade Youth

By GENE WINTERS  
County Extension Agent

In the next few days the County Extension office will be mailing out the 1966 Portland 8th Grade Tour Souvenir Booklets.

The booklet received this week from Heppner Gazette-Times is another "sleek edition" with an introduction, pictures and captions by Wes Sherman, editor and publisher of the Gazette-Times.

Sponsor of the tour was the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association headed by Louis Carlson.

Booklets will be mailed to visiting 8th graders, host families, sponsors and cooperators.

Although three other counties conduct Portland 8th Grade Tours, the Morrow county group is the only one providing a picture story such as the booklets have for the past three years.

### Forest Conservation Tour Planned for September 7

Another grade school tour is nearing final stages of planning. The Forest Conservation tour for 6th graders from Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow counties is scheduled for Sept. 20, 1966, at Bull Prairie.

While primarily for the school classes, interested adults are welcome to accompany the group to the various stops to learn something about our forest resource.

A work day is scheduled for the tour staff for September 7 at the site. Representatives of SCS, State Forestry Department, the Forest Service, Kinzua Corporation, Game Commission, Extension Service and local sportsmen will assist in the day's program.

This year the schools will be supplied with a new bulletin entitled "Land, Water, Trees, and People", a forest conservation tour guide. Teachers will have enough copies for each pupil's use in preparing for the tour. Formerly only the teachers were supplied with this information.

### County Wheat Growers To Receive Seed Allocations

Pacific Northwest growers of Nugaines, Moro and Wanser certified seed wheat have had a sellers market. These new varieties released for seed increase last year have performed well and will replace other varieties as seed becomes available.

Morrow county wheat growers will receive an allocation of Nugaines this year to seed about 120 acres. All of this seed will be planted under the certification program for seed increase only.

A supply of Wanser to seed 70 or more acres has been located.

Locally enough Moro seed wheat was produced to seed approximately 35 thousand acres. By next year there will be enough Moro to go into commercial channels.

### Livestock Group Plans Advisory Meeting Aug. 29

By GENE WINTERS  
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Oregon's estray law, backtagging and freeze branding are among the items on the agenda for an August 29 meeting of the Livestock Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Agriculture Building, Salem.

The committee members will review the estray law with the thought of possible revisions of the statute and in their consideration of backtagging, which is an important part of Oregon's brucellosis eradication program, will attempt to come up with a program enlisting full cooperation of the livestock men.

Progress made in freeze branding and its effectiveness will be studied and consideration given to the possibility of making it a legal brand in Oregon.

During their morning session, committee members will also receive a report on the matching fund project studying movement of Oregon's cattle to determine the cattle industry's contribution to the state's economy. Ben Allen chief of the agricultural development division, will make the report on the project, which is a cooperative one between the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In the afternoon the committee will hold a joint session with the State Board of Livestock Auction Markets at which proposals being made for revision of licensing requirements of Oregon's livestock auction markets will be discussed.

### Pvt. McDonald Ends Infantry Training

Army Private Sherrill L. McDonald, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis L. McDonald, Heppner, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Fort Ord, Calif., August 11.

He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-14 rifle, the M-60 machinegun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

### Social Security Office, La Grande, Lengthens Hours

La Grande district social security office is now open to the public each Friday evening until 8:30 p.m., Vernon A. Welo, district manager, announced.

In announcing the extended hours, which are expected to be permanent, Welo commented, "Service is our stock in trade. With the expanded social security program, including Medicare, we are dealing with an increasing number of people who are working full time, so we feel it is important to give them an opportunity to contact us after regular working hours."

The eight Eastern Oregon Counties served by the La Grande office comprise 40% of Oregon's area and have a population of 125,000 people of whom 15,500 receive monthly social security checks, totaling \$13,323,000 yearly.

"Young and old alike visit us for a variety of services," said Welo. "Young people looking for their first job need a social security number. Young mothers with small children who have been left alone by the untimely death of the father seek survivors' benefits. Men and women disabled by a crippling disease or accident apply for payments to help support themselves and their families. At retirement, older men and women are assisted with the problems of getting set up for the years of leisure they have earned. People reaching 65, whether working or retired, apply for Medicare."

"Many of these people also later require help with reporting some event that changes their situation; such as, a new address, working, stopping work, a marriage, or they just want to ask a question about something that is bothering them." Welo added that they often have questions the social security office cannot and should not answer; such as, those dealing with private health insurance or retirement associations and so forth.

The La Grande office at 1802 4th St., is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fridays. The telephone number is 963-4131. "As an added convenience to people in the Heppner area, a representative from the plans, employee health benefit district office is at the Heppner City Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon."

### Incoming Grain Totals Boosted

Commodity Credit Corporation wheat from the Midwest began arriving in volume in Portland in late June ending a slack period earlier in the month for inspections on incoming grain by the grain division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The month's total on incoming grain was 196,362 tons. This was an increase of 5,657 tons over June.

Grain exports from Portland and Astoria checked by the Portland inspectors were the lowest since September, 1964.

Last month's figure was 130,347 tons compared with 123,554 tons in September, 1965. The July figure was 93,878 tons below the export figure for the previous month.

The division's office at Merrill was closed during July and at Pendleton 153 track inspections were made.

Members of this country spend thousands of dollars promoting the sale of their product.

It doesn't seem unreasonable that the housewife should know that she is purchasing other than domestic meat. She should demand it.

### A. C. Houghton School Faculty Listed

By LaVELLE PARTLOW

IRRIGON — A. C. Houghton Elementary school will commence September 6, announces Mick Tolar, principal. Teachers institute for all Morrow County teachers will be August 1, and teachers workdays will be September 1 and 2.

There will be no registration of students prior to the beginning of school, September 6. Parents of first grade students are reminded to bring physical examinations and birth certificates to school the first day.

Faculty at A. C. Houghton is as follows: first grade — Mrs. Ruth Bentley; second grade — Mrs. Elsie Gugle; third — Miss Gretchen Nazworthy; fourth — Mrs. Gladys Hobbs; fifth — Miss Rose Hoosier; sixth — Mrs. Janet Dockweiler; seventh — Mrs. Eleanor Sergeant; eighth grade — Bob Byrd; band and music — Bob Chiltman; principal — Mick Tolar.

School employees are: Secretary — Mrs. Marilyn Stewart; cooks — Mrs. Verdi Isom and Mrs. Vera Cooley; custodians and bus drivers — Don Adams, Bill Howard, Oscar Retherford and Paul Holm.

The school calendar for the ensuing year at A. C. Houghton Elementary has been announced by Principal Mick Tolar as follows: August 1 — Teacher In-Service; September 1 and 2 — Teacher Work Days; September 6 — First day of school; October 14 — Teacher In-Service (no students); November 11 — Veterans Day, no school; November 24 and 25 — Thanksgiving vacation; December 23 — 1:30 dismissal for Christmas vacation; January 3 — school resumes; March 13-17 — spring vacation; May 30 — Memorial Day (no school); May 30 — Heppner High school graduation; June 1 — Riverside High school graduation; June 2 — lone High school graduation; June 2 — last day of school; June 5 and 6 — teacher work days (no students).

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hays of Tucson, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Crawford of Phoenix, Ariz., spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hamilton.

Everett Thoren and sons Paul and Kenneth were recent overnight guests at the W. F. Coy residence.

Alumni of Irrigon High school met at the A. C. Houghton cafeteria Sunday afternoon, August 21, for their annual school reunion.

Following the potluck dinner, Mrs. Dick Price, nee Peggy Sanders, showed colored slides taken in Tripoli, while her husband was stationed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCoy of Vancouver, Wash., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ruth McCoy and other relatives.

Mrs. Bill Graybeal and Mrs. Earl Isom spent Tuesday to Thursday in Salem visiting Mrs. Graybeal's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and family.

Dan Hill was released from Good Shepherd hospital Wednesday after a 3-day confinement.

Rev. and Mrs. Cyril McLellan, Stephen and Bruce of Springfield, Mo., returned to visit her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner in Irrigon, after spending a week with his folks in Canada. The Warners and McLellans left Sunday afternoon for Yellowstone National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ryan, Randy, Kathy, Richard and Bob and Mr. and Mrs. Don Leighton, Danette, Danile, Dena and Danny spent several days camping and picking huckleberries at Timothy Meadows.

Miss Clara Fay of Portland spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coy.

Mrs. John Schwendemann and daughter Connie of Borin, Ore., were week-end guests of her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Anderson.

Bobby, Kelley and Steven Kenney of Portland are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenney. The children rode to Irrigon on a melon truck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller were called to Salem by illness of her brother, P. L. Bales, who underwent major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kirk and son Robert of San Dimas, Calif., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coy from Sunday to Friday of last week. The four adults were college friends in Bartlesville, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partlow and Sheryl drove to Vancouver, Wn., where they visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Berg and Ronald. The two families drove on to Long Beach, Wn., and spent five days on the coast. On their way home, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy of Vancouver, Wash.

Mrs. Vernon Stewart, Sharon and Tom and Mrs. Stewart's mother, Mrs. Ellen Reeder,

### \$126,845 Slated For Tax Relief

Morrow county will receive \$126,845 this year as its share under the 1965 property tax relief act, Secretary of State Tom McCall notified County Assessor Rod Thompson in a letter mailed from Salem recently.

Total statewide relief for this year under the legislation will amount to \$18,285,000, according to McCall, who said it will result in a potential average tax cut of \$13.25 on a \$10,000 home. McCall noted that the total was nearly \$5,000,000 higher than the first distribution under the relief act last November.

The 1965 law requires the Secretary of State to determine the amount of the relief in dollars and millage and to break down the net share of each county.

The millage relief this year is 5.3 mills for 34 of the counties and 6.4 mills and 6.1 mills, respectively for Columbia and Wasco Counties.

### Medical Self-Help Course Proves Popular in State

An emergency medical aid course for all citizens, taught with the aid of eleven color motion pictures, is proving popular in Oregon, the Oregon State Board of Health reported this week. Exactly 16,552 state residents completed the eleven-lesson course during the past 12 months.

Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, Oregon State Health Officer, said the course called "Medical Self Help Training," was developed by the U. S. Public Health Service and the Disaster Medical Committee of the American Medical Association, to teach families how to survive and meet their immediate needs in the event they are without a physician's services for several hours, days, or weeks.

Riverside High School, in Boardman, has trained 24 students in Medical Self Help. Heppner High school officials have the course under consideration for health classes this coming school year.

Adults interested in enrolling in a Medical Self Help class for the public are invited to contact Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, director of Morrow County Civil Defense at Heppner.

The latest techniques are taught in Radioactive Fallout and Shelter, Emergency Childbirth, Infant and Child care, Nursing, Fractures and Splinting, Bleeding and Bandaging, Artificial Respiration, and Healthful Living in Emergencies.

"The course has found its

main success in Oregon high schools and colleges," Dr. Wilcox said. "Two hundred schools, or eighty per cent of Oregon's higher educational institutions are teaching Medical Self Help Training, and more than 23,000 Oregon residents have taken the course in the last three years. The course is also available to adults without charge through their county Civil Defense office. Each person completing the 11 lessons receives a medical manual for home use and a wallet-sized graduation certificate."

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