

FARM

County Agent's Office

Entire County Benefits From November Rains

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Reports of Morrow county weather observers in November show the beneficial rainfall was county wide. Although all reports aren't in, seven observers reported as follows in inches: Don Heliker, 3.24, Harry Proudfoot, 2.60, Lonnie McCabe, 3.08, Robert Jepsen, 3.16, W.C. Rosewall, 3.15, Louis Carlson, 2.56, and Henry Baker, 2.92.

The Heppner average for November is approximately 1.8 inches.

Measurable rainfall was recorded on 18 days by one observer. Others recorded 10, 11, 12 and 14 days during the month.

In general intensity was low with the highest reported on the 19th by Heliker and Proudfoot. The others recorded the most rainfall in 24 hours on November 20. Highest daily rainfall ranged from 0.65 to 0.99 inches for these two days.

Tax Guide Ready
The county extension office now has a supply of the 1967 edition of "Farmers Tax Guide," publication 225 of the Internal Revenue Service.

Weed Conference Proposes New Law Aimed at Control

A panel of specialists has opened the hood on Oregon's 30-year-old weed law in preparation for a major overhaul by the 1969 state legislature.

A draft of the new law to enforce control of certain noxious weeds was discussed at the 15th annual Oregon Weed Conference in Portland. If passed by the legislature, it would replace the present enabling act of 1937.

Rex Warren, Oregon State University extension farm crops specialist, told the 200 growers, chemical industry representatives and researchers, that the old law had done a fairly good job, but is outdated for present day conditions.

He said the two main weaknesses of the present law are that it isn't strong enough and that there never has been any state regulatory agency tied in to the law. The counties and local weed districts have been left to shift for themselves.

Warren explained that 30 of Oregon's 36 counties now have weed control districts, but they range from districts with full time weed supervisors and budgets of over \$40,000 to those with a very small part time program.

The specialist said the new law would do more to control the spread of perennial weeds and keep foreign weeds from becoming established in the state.

George Moose, head of the State Department of Agriculture's inspection office, said that the new law would authorize the department to hold hearings in the counties to determine the need for control districts and the type of weeds to be controlled.

The department also would set qualification standards for weed supervisors, examine and train weed control personnel, and assist counties in actual weed control work. The state would have the additional authority to step in and do the job if necessary.

Economists estimate that uncontrolled weeds cause Oregon farmers to lose more than \$5 million a year through crop yield losses, livestock deaths and reduced quality.

The group elected J. D. Vertes of Roseburg, Douglas county extension agent, president. C. H. Plagmann of Albany was named vice-president and Warren and Clark Amen of Corvallis were reelected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Two new directors named at the conference are Bill Johnson of The Dalles, Eastern Oregon, and Walter B. McEhlaney of Sublimity, Western Oregon.

The conference is expected to be held in Salem next year.

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ASC Committees Elected; County Convention Set

Results of the November 30 election of ASC community committees for Morrow county's nine communities were announced by David McLeod, manager, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office. The election was held by mail and ballots were tabulated publicly by the incumbent county committee on December 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the ASCS office.

Farmers elected to the committees include:

Grade School Hears From Fighting Lady

Last spring the Gazette-Times printed a letter from Grant Carter, son of Mrs. Emile Groshens, Heppner, telling how the men on his aircraft carrier, the Yorktown, enjoyed mail and how little mail they received from home.

Second graders in rooms of Mrs. Anita Stockard and Mrs. Lucile Peck at Heppner Elementary, drew pictures and wrote letters to send to the Yorktown to cheer up the sailors on their tour of duty in the Pacific.

Recently a package came to Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Stockard in answer to the children's contributions. Carter, besides writing a letter of appreciation and information, sent a portfolio of large pictures showing the Yorktown and its escorting ships and planes and a booklet of pictures and information about the carrier.

"I think there was some confusion as to the kind of ship the Yorktown is, judging by the questions asked and pictures drawn," Carter wrote, and proceeded to explain the size and some interesting facts about the Yorktown.

"We have more men aboard our ship than there are people in the entire town of Heppner," was one fact which impressed the children. And they were interested to read that the ship had stores, shops, radio and television stations, churches, theatres, a police force and a fire department.

Another paragraph went on to describe some of the Yorktown's activities on its Far East Cruise.

"When we weren't in port we were patrolling the waters just off the coast of Vietnam looking for enemy submarines and fishing junks that shoot at our airplanes. We also rescued several pilots that had been shot down over the ocean."

Africa Film Enjoyed

A National School Assembly entertained Heppner Elementary school students Friday afternoon, December 2. Speaker was George Wilhelm who lectured and showed a film, "Rivers of Fire and Ice," which was taken on a 25,000 mile trip through Africa and the Congo. He also presented the program to other schools in the county during the past week.

Alpine Community—Roy Martin, chairman; Norman Nelson, vice chairman; Charles Daly, regular member; Jerry Myers, first alternate; and Robert G. Campbell, second alternate.

Ione Community—Rollo Crawford, chairman; Leland McKinney, vice chairman; Donald Heliker, regular member; Darrell Padberg, first alternate; and Garry Tullis, second alternate.

North Heppner Community—Gene Cutsforth, chairman; Archie Munkers, vice chairman; Donald Evans, regular member; John Mo'ahan, first alternate; and Pat O'Brien, second alternate.

Eightmile Community—R. W. Bergstrom, chairman; Frank Anderson, vice chairman; Jack Sumner, regular member; Eugene Hall, first alternate; and Arthur Dalzell, second alternate.

Irrigon Community—Leroy Proctor, chairman; Bill Howard, vice chairman; Paul R. Slaughter, regular member; Pete Richards, first alternate; and Ed Bellinger, second alternate.

Morgan Community—Ted Palmateer, chairman; Arthur C. Crawford, vice chairman; Arthur A. Lindstrom, regular member; Bill Rietmann, first alternate; Laurence O. Rietmann, second alternate.

Lexington Community—Bryce Keene, chairman; C. K. Peck, vice chairman; Ed Hunt, regular member; Roger Campbell, first alternate; and Jim Bloodsworth, second alternate.

South Heppner Community—Bob VanSchootack, chairman; A. C. Becholt, vice chairman; James J. Hayes, regular member; Robert Mahoney, first alternate; and Terry Thompson, second alternate.

Boardman Community—Armin A. Hug, chairman; Roy E. Ball, Jr., vice chairman; H. C. Baker, regular member; Harold Rash, first alternate; and W. G. Seehafer, second alternate.

The ASC community committee chairman, vice chairman, and third regular member automatically become alternate delegates to the county convention where farmers are elected to fill vacancies on the ASC county committee. The alternate committee members become alternate delegates to the convention.

The county convention will be held in the conference room of the Gilliam and Bishbee Building, Friday, December 9, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. After the county committee members are elected the delegates determine which of the regular committee members will serve as the committee chair-

men and vice chairmen for the coming year.

ASC county and community farmer committees are in charge of local administration of such national programs as the agricultural conservation program (ACP), the feed grain program, the voluntary wheat program, acreage allotments and marketing quotas, commodity loans and storage facility loans. Each year local farmers earn thousands of dollars through participation in these farm-action programs.

Last year 95% of all the farmers in the county took part in one or more of the programs administered by the ASC committees. Funds disbursed under the committees supervision amounted to \$3,618,736.00. Of this amount, \$1,693,591.00 was for price support loans aimed at increasing market returns above what farmers would receive on an unsupported market. Included in the price support program are such major commodity programs as wheat, barley, oats, rye. Last year, also, over 35,000 acres of farmland in the county were improved under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) cost sharing arrangements. This cost in excess of \$309,000, with about half coming from the participating farmer and the balance from ACP.

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OREGON FARM & HOME CALENDAR

DECEMBER, 1966

- *12 Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders annual meeting, Randall's Chuck Wagon, Salem, 12 noon.
- 10-11 County Youth Councils Leadership Workshop, OSU.
- 12-14 Oregon Seed Growers League, Marion Motor Hotel, Salem.
- 12-14 Oregon Wheat Growers League Convention, Sheraton Motor Inn, Portland.
- *14-16 Oregon Fairs Association annual meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Portland.

JANUARY 1967

- 10-12 Oregon Dairymen's Association annual meeting, Marion Hotel, Salem.
- 12 Pacific Northwest Fertilizer Industry Dealers Conference, Guntler's Restaurant, Pendleton.
- 16-19 Pastors and Lay Leaders Conference, Memorial Union, OSU.
- *18-20 State 4-H Leaders Conference, OSU.
- 19-20 Oregon Essential Oil Growers League annual meeting, Withycombe Hall, OSU.
- 26-27 Seed Processors Short Course, OSU.
- 30-Feb. 1 Oregon Ornamental Short Course, Withycombe Auditorium, OSU.

FEBRUARY

- 15-16 Oregon Dairy Industries Conference, Withycombe Hall, OSU.
- 15-16 North Willamette Horticultural Society meeting, Gresham.

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