

Howard Cleveland Brand Inspector

W. Howard Cleveland, rancher in Morrow County for a number of years, has joined the Livestock Division staff of the Oregon Department of Agriculture as a brand inspector. The position has been filled temporarily by Floyd Hutchins, Cleveland, who resides on Hinton Creek, Heppner, can be reached by calling 676-9727.

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Conservation Meetings Set For Month Ahead

By EUGENE WINTERS
County Extension Agent

The development of water resources of the area continues to be of concern to the people of the Columbia Basin and Morrow county.

Two Soil Conservation District annual meetings scheduled in the county will have principal speakers discussing some phase of water resource development. A third meeting of another organization for February is now in the planning stages.

Next week the Boardman Soil & Water Conservation district annual meeting will have Rupert Spearman, area engineer from the Upper Columbia Development office of the Bureau of Reclamation in Spokane, speak on the Umatilla River Basin study and its effect on the West Extension Irrigation District. This meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the new Grange Hall in Boardman.

Donel J. Lane, executive secretary of the Oregon Water Resource Board, will be the main speaker at the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil & Water Conservation District, Tuesday, February 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lexington Grange Hall.

The Water Resource Board, in addition to other duties, establishes state water policy in accordance to standards established by the legislature.

Lane will discuss Columbia River water diversion and the State Ultimate Water Needs Study, now underway.

According to Maxwell Jones, chairman of the Boardman district, and Raymond French, Heppner district chairman, the district's annual meetings are open to the public.

Amount of Soil Moisture Determines Kind of Fertilizer
Good soil moisture conditions in this year's wheat crop may encourage the use of a late winter or early spring applied nitrogen fertilizer material. Which material to apply will require a certain amount of weather forecasting.

In general those materials re-

quiring applicator equipment which disturbs the soil are not recommended for those fields with a foot or root rot history. Organisms are spread from infected straw residue to growing plants.

All dry materials will require rainfall (or irrigation) to take the plant food into the root zone. At least 1 inch of precipitation and preferably 2 inches is usually required.

Research has shown better performance from the nitrate-nitrogen forms when the soil is cold. No or little difference was noted between the ammonium and the nitrate-nitrogen forms when the soil warmed to near 70 degrees.

Soil temperatures at the four inch depth in most of Morrow county probably wouldn't approach this temperature until late May.

Cleveland Named Brand Inspector For This County

By GAIL L. McCARTY
County Extension Agent

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has just announced the appointment of W. Howard Cleveland as brand inspector. This position has been filled temporarily by Floyd Hutchins until this time.

Cleveland, a long time resident of Morrow county, now resides on Hinton Creek, three miles east of Heppner and can be reached by calling 676-9727.

Advance notice of needed brand inspections would be appreciated.

4-H Ski Clubs Off to Good Start on Arbutle Mountain

Morrow county has a trial 4-H program in operation which shows great promise. Bob Henry of Heppner and Dick McElligott of Ione are leading 4-H Ski Clubs. These clubs are meeting with a club from Gilliam County, led by Louis Rucker, each Saturday for nine weeks on the ski hill at Arbutle Mountain.

Last Saturday, a total of 69 young skiers showed up and under the guidance of Junior leaders Jim McElligott, Mark Tullis, Bill Stockard and Carrie Peterson, made excellent progress. All members are riding the tow and can do all the basic maneuvers. Henry reports these beginners are progressing twice as fast as his lesson plans.

A work horse of the program is Al Martin, Heppner elementary school principal, who drives the bus and heads up the ski patrol. The bus leaves around 6:45 a.m. and returns by 7:00 p.m. or a pretty long day.

The Morrow County Jaycees are also in the picture. Members are operating the ski tow as well as serving refreshments at the warm-up shack. Hot chocolate and hot dogs seem to be the favorites.

With all of this hard work and effort, Morrow County's 4-H Ski clubs are off with a running start and we should probably chalk up another first in the state for Morrow county.

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Walter Leth Takes Oath of Office As Ag Director

Walter Leth, who was sworn in January 12, as Oregon's new director of agriculture, has spent his whole life either ranching or farming or in work related to agriculture.

And, it was his interest in the state's agricultural future and its great contribution to Oregon's economy that led to acceptance of the directorship when it was offered him.

Commenting on his new role in Oregon's agriculture, the former state senator said, "The importance of agriculture in being responsible for more job opportunities than offered through any other resource and the work of the department in representing the interests of the consumers, together with the expanding opportunity in the years ahead for agriculture, have created my very strong interest in the department. The outstanding achievement of Director Jim Short and the fine organization he has left facilitate for me to render service in these areas."

Leth, who resigned as a state senator to become director and also resigned his position as field superintendent for Blue Lake Packers, Inc., started life in Wyoming.

He lived there the first 16 years of his life. Then the family moved to Idaho, where he became familiar with irrigation farming, something he has practiced on the farms he has owned and operated since coming to Oregon in 1925.

A graduate in agriculture from the University of Idaho, with advanced studies at Oregon State University, Director Leth came to Oregon in 1925 to teach vocational agriculture at the Newberg High School. He was on the faculty there until 1936, serving part of the time as principal and acting as superintendent of schools in 1936. He left to become Polk County extension agent.

Leth bought his first Oregon farm near Newberg in 1934. He sold the farm in 1944, but the same year leased a 550-acre seed and grain farm in Polk County that he operated until 1949. In 1948 Leth purchased a 700-acre farm southwest of Monmouth, which he presently operates with the main enterprises sheep, beef cattle, seed and grass crops.

In 1954 he became field superintendent for the Blue Lake Packers, Inc., and the same year was elected to the Oregon State Senate from Polk County. He was in his third term as senator when he resigned to accept the director of agriculture post. In his years in the senate the new director held many committee posts. These included chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee for five sessions; republican minority leader in the senate in 1965; chairman of a sub-committee of the Interim Committee on Agriculture in 1961 and chairman of the Interim Committee on Agriculture in 1965, a post he held when he resigned.

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GEORGE WOOD, Coordinator for Western Wheat Associates and the Oregon Wheat Growers League in Washington, D. C., admires the handiwork of a young Japanese housewife in his recent tour of Far East offices. This was at a wet noodle demonstration and cooking class at Yokohama, which was held at a cooking school. The age spread is quite large of those who attend. It ranges from young ladies, who want to learn housewifely skills to the older ones who want to improve and learn new skills. The general appeal of these classes is one of the reasons Wheat Associates supports this type of demonstration.

White Wheat Stock May Be Reduced To 20 Million

By JOHN WELBES
Executive Vice President, Oregon Wheat League

Don Woodward, President of the Oregon Wheat Growers League has said that, quote: "There are strong indications, from information received from Washington, D. C. ASCS officials during the annual convention of the OWGL at Portland, December 12-14, that every attempt will be made by the USDA to reduce Pacific Northwest white wheat stocks by July 1, 1967, to approximately 20 million bushels through movement of Food for Peace shipments to the developing countries."

"This would be the same carryover target as that of the last marketing year when the actual carryover level on July 1, 1966, was set at 18.3 million bushels. A large percentage of the 1966 production remains in growers hands. Any stabilization or improvement in market prices through balancing total demand by movement of supplies under government programs would accrue principally to growers," Woodward said.

A recent Purchase Authorization to India of 77,000 metric tons is said to have cleaned up the balance to the last P. L. 480 agreement to this country. The USDA has since granted a sale of 50,000 tons to India under G.S.M.-3 for dollar payment on short term credit terms. It is expected that a new P. L. agreement with India for 2,000,000 m.t. (75,000,000 bushels) will be announced soon. It is also indicated that white wheat in this allocation because of better crop prospects and a comparatively larger reserve supplies available for export in the Pacific Northwest as compared to the Midwest where 1967 crop prospects are substantial and larger percentages of production are used domestically.

Federal Land Bank Marks Anniversary

Seven directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton will attend a four-state conference of land bank association representatives in Spokane, January 19 and 20.

Robin A. Fletcher, manager of the Pendleton Association, will also attend along with James Beamer, Weston; Milton Morgan, Ione; Verne Dale, Helix; Elmer Pahl, Pendleton; Raymond Rugg, Pilot Rock; Harold Campbell, Echo; and Richard Wilkinson, Heppner. They will represent the local association at the Spokane meeting.

Beamer also is a member of the 12th District FBLA advisory committee which is in charge of the conference. Most of the officers and directors will be accompanied by their wives. The Spokane conference is the initial event of a year-long observance to mark the 50th anniversary of land bank service in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The program will feature addresses by a number of nationally-known educators and agricultural leaders and the premiere showing of a new nationally-produced motion picture.

Fletcher said the 50th anniversary of the Land Bank System will be observed throughout the nation during 1967. The observance is dedicated to America's farmers, "providers of plenty."

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Many from Morrow County At State Schools

Ninety students from Morrow county were enrolled in institutions in the State System of Higher Education during the year 1965-66, the biennial report of the State System, just released, shows.

Some of those from Morrow were registered in each of the state's nine higher education institutions. The number from Morrow topped Harney county, with 85; Sherman, with 63; Gil-

liam, with 46; and Wheeler, with 15. All other counties had more than Morrow enrolled. In all, 40,450 Oregonians attended the public colleges and universities one or more quarters during the academic year.

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