

Spray Program Of Past Year Is Summarized

By GENE WINTERS

The 1966 County Weed Spray Program was reviewed and plans for 1967 were made Monday by the Morrow County Weed Advisory Committee.

During the 1966 spray season approximately 3600 miles of county road were sprayed at a cost of about \$7500 for spray materials and wages. The spray truck was furnished by the county road department.

Nearly 900 gallons of 2,4-D were used for general broad leaved weed control. Canada thistle, wild morning glory and Russian knapweed were treated with 15 gallons of Tordon herbicide. Small amounts of delapone and dinitro general were also used for grassy weed control. Spraying began April 18 and was completed in the early part of September according to the report of Jim Cason, county weed sprayer.

The County Weed Advisory Committee of Gerald Swaggart, Lloyd Rice, Arnold Hoffman, Marcel Jones, Ralph Beamer and County Judge Paul Jones and County Agent Gene Winters spent considerable time discussing the results of the sandbur survey.

This survey shows 253 miles of county road shoulder infested with sandbur. Control would require treating more than 120 acres.

Winters reviewed the results of sandbur control trials in the area. Soil sterilant materials costing about \$26-\$28 per acre had given the best season long control. Dinitro general and oil as a contact spray at about \$12 per treatment had given reasonably good temporary control the agent said, but more than one application is usually necessary.

The use of soil sterilants for sandbur control of gravelled road shoulder creates a maintenance problem, according to Judge Jones. For effective control the sterilants must be applied in late winter and not be disturbed until fall. The judge pointed out that most of these roads require frequent blading during the summer, the season of heaviest road use.

Other weeds on roads in the county discussed were diffused knapweed, Johnson grass, Medusahead, puncture vine, yellow star thistle, common spike weed and Hoary Aster. Chairman Swaggart asked the committee to meet again soon to consider adopting a county weed control policy statement and complete plans of the 1967 county weed control program for the consideration of the County Court and the County Budget Committee.

Bulletin Made Available On Climatological Data

The Morrow County Extension office now has a bulletin available for those persons wishing to know more about the climate of Morrow County and the Columbia Basin of Oregon.

The publication "Climatological Data for Oregon Columbia Basin Counties" was printed by Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service to meet the many requests for such information in the area. Gilbert L. Sternes, State Climatologist, Environmental Science Services Administration, is the author of the 15-page special report.

In addition to an introduction to general climatological characteristics of the area the report includes 10 tables of data and maps showing length of growing season and average rainfall.

The author acknowledges the contributions of the dedicated volunteer weather observers who without any form of monetary compensation at the same time each day record the temperature and precipitation for the preceding 24 hours.

Morrow county data is from near Morgan, south of Ione, and Heppner. Weather observers at these stations are Mrs. Blanche Lindstrom, Louis Carlson and Donald F. Gilliam.



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The Wheat Field

By GEORGE W. DEWEY
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SALEM — "Research — a studious inquiry, usually critical and exhaustive investigation or experimentation having for its aim the revision of accepted conclusions, in the light of newly discovered facts." That's what Webster says, and that's what the Oregon Wheat Growers' League says needs to be done to help the wheat growers minimize the potential losses from

Executive Meet Of Wheat League Set for Today

By JOHN WELBES
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The first quarterly meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers' League executive committee will be held at the Pendleton Elk's Lodge, Thursday, January 26 at 9:30 a.m. It is announced by John Welbes, executive vice president. Although this is an executive committee meeting, any interested wheat producer may attend.

One of the features of the meeting will be a legislative report by the league's legislative council, George Dewey, who has been very active in Salem in working on legislative matters pertaining to wheat producers and farmers in general.

A large portion of the meeting will deal with the formation and adoption of the 1967 league budget. It is hoped that finances will be available to increase our efforts on major projects such as state and national legislation, Agri-Business Council of Oregon, marketing and others of vital importance to the wheat producers.

The recommendations and resolutions of the nine state standing committees which were recently passed at the state convention will be reviewed and then adopted by the executive committee.

The 1967 elected officers will take over early in the meeting, just as soon as all financial considerations for the year 1966 are approved. These are Robert Jepsen, Ione, president; Bill Hulse, Dufur, first vice president; and Tom Vaughan, Jr., Pendleton second vice president. There will be very few changes in state committee chairmen for the various committees.

cereal diseases. Wheat growers of Oregon are asking the State Legislature to appropriate funds for the employment of a cereal pathologist at Oregon State University for this purpose.

This appropriation was included as a new program in the State's experiment station research budget, but unfortunately, received the "meat cleaver" under former Governor Hatfield's budget recommendations.

Now, the chances of including this item in the next biennial budget appear even more remote as Governor McCall is asking for a further cut of some \$700,000 from the Hatfield budget.

Of course, we are all in sympathy with the desire to keep government spending on a sound basis.

Agriculture research, probably more than any one thing, has made agriculture the biggest business in this country.

Dr. Karl Brandt, the noted food economist of Stanford University, estimates that farmers manage half of all the private business in the country. Their assets almost equal the value of all the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange.

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In short, the research program of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Oregon State University is aimed at protecting and further developing Oregon's basic industries—Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, and Recreation. The annual product value of these industries exceeds two and a half billion dollars.

The addition of a plant pathologist to Oregon's agriculture research program is only a small item within a dynamic industry—but it can't wait until tomorrow—it is needed today.

Dewey West Heads Port Commission

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN — Dewey West was elected president of the Morrow Port Commission at a recent meeting here at the city hall. Oscar Peterson is vice-president; Dick Krebs, secretary; Garland Swanson, treasurer. Wayne Cordes of Portland, port attorney, was present and administered the oath of office to newly elected commissioners J. R. Malcom of Heppner, and Oscar Peterson of Ione; and re-elected Garland Swanson of Ione. West commented on the work of the retiring members, Harry O'Donnell of Heppner, and Joe Tatone of Boardman.

Italo Panicidid of the State Land Board was present and reviewed the progress of the land trade between the Land Board and the Bureau of Land Management as regards the port's property here.

Others present included Rupert Kennedy of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, County Judge Paul Jones, and Jack Van Winkle, the new county commissioner.

A health inspection tour was made recently in the old Boardman townsite, concentrating on the wells and the septic tanks which are in the John Day pool area. Present were Jerry Haines of Salem, from the State Engineers office; Bill Culham and Fred Bolton of Pendleton, from the Oregon State Health Department; Evan Dillon, Umatilla County Health Department; Hal Miller of Walla Walla, Corps of Engineers; Zearl Gillespie, city sanitation department; Vernon Russell, Boardman Vector Control District; and Mayor Dewey West, Jr.

Mrs. Ralph Earwood was hostess for the Boardman Garden Club last week at her home. Roll call was answered by telling what was received at the Christmas party. The annual family dinner was discussed and plans are being made to have it February 5 at the grange hall.

A thank you letter was read from the State Hospital at Pendleton for the Christmas donation.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Roy Ball on February 20.

Grange Starts Centennial Year — Greenfield Grange met Saturday night at the hall, starting with potluck supper at 6:30. Mrs. Glen Carpenter was hostess, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Allen and Mrs. W. G. Seehafer.

A vote was taken and passed that there will be no smoking allowed in the main hall in the future. The grange will sponsor a bingo party, the date to be announced later. A work day was discussed to finish the rest rooms in the hall, but no date set.

The finance committee, Bernard Donovan, Leo Potts and

Mrs. Leonard Bedord are to audit the grange and Home Economics Club books.

During the lecturer's hour a candle was lit and a ceremony held in commemoration of the grange's centennial year. The candle is to be lit at each meeting the rest of this year. Taking part were Delmer Hug, master; Flossie Ball, chaplain; and Hazel Carpenter, lecturer. Margaret Thorpe, Mrs. Ball and Pansy Seehafer also presented readings.

The grange has voted to let the hall be used for catechism classes by the Catholic church, and also for Sunday School and church services by the Community Church as part of the Community Service project. The Community Church is to use it until the new church is completed. The Catechism classes held each Monday afternoon.

Raymond Soares, baritone, and James Stout, piano accompanist, will present a concert as a National School Assembly program January 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium.

Soares has studied at both the San Francisco and Boston Conservatory of Music. He also studied the art of singing and song interpretation with the famous Roland Hayes. He has toured from coast to coast in the United States and Canada. He has appeared on the Brooklyn Museum Concert Series, at Wellesley College, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and at many other places. He has been a member of the de Paur Infantry Chorus and was leading baritone in the West, Jr.

music-drama, "Year of Jubilee" produced at the Joan of Arc Playhouse in New York City. Most recently, he has returned from a national tour with the internationally known Manhattan Melodaires.

Stout is from Cincinnati, Ohio. He has played many programs, and has just completed a spring tour for the University of Kansas. Friends are invited to attend the concert.



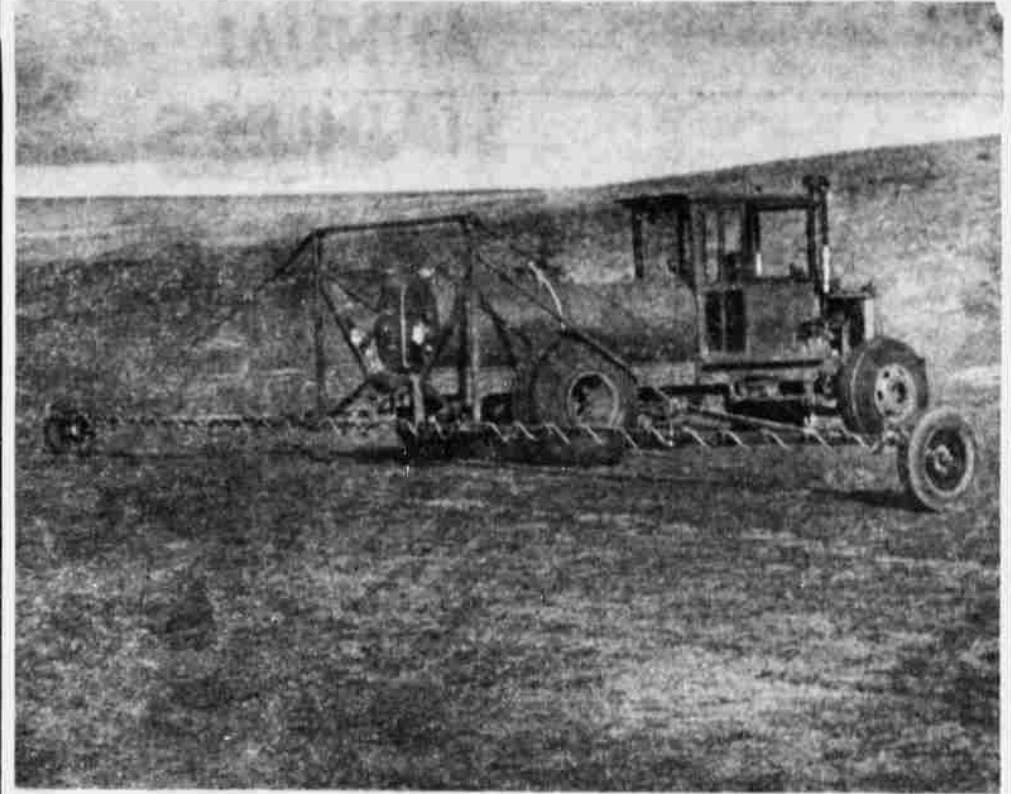
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