

Gaines Wheat Dominates State Wheat Acreages

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The Gaines variety of white winter wheat accounted for 64 per cent of the total winter wheat acreage planted in Oregon last fall.

According to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, Gaines was seeded on 61 per cent of the total acreage in the Pacific Northwest.

Omar, a white club wheat, was the second ranking variety in the Pacific Northwest, accounting for nearly 12 percent, while Burt ranked third at 9 per cent.

Oregon State University's Mono white wheat appears to be gaining acceptance with 195,000 acres, or 5 per cent of the total acreage. Itana, the most popular hard red winter variety, accounted for 4 per cent at 155,000 acres.

Wanser and McCall varieties of hard red winter wheat which were only released in 1966 were planted on 39,000 acres and Nugaines, also a recent release, accounted for 280,000 acres in the tri-state area.

Weed Control Law Up For Revision

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

Even as the 1967 Oregon State Legislature is meeting, concerned farmers, extension agents and state and county officials are planning for a major revision of the state's 30 year old weed law at the 1969 session.

Rex Warren, Oregon State University extension farm crops specialist, says that the old law is outdated for present day conditions. Two main weaknesses of the present law according to Warren, are that it isn't strong enough and that there never has been any state agency tied into the law. In other words, the local weed districts have been left to shift for themselves.

During the next two years, educational meetings and hearings will be held throughout the state to hammer out a workable law to be presented to the 1969 legislature. One draft has already been drawn up by the legislative committee of the Oregon Weed Conference. It is for the most part a copy of a uniform state weed law prepared by a committee of specialists from various states and the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Weed Society of America.

No Buck Passing For Safe Pesticide Use

People who ask who is responsible for the safe use of pesticides usually find the answer rests on their own shoulders if they are the ones using the chemicals.

Joseph Capizzi, Oregon State University extension entomologist, said that the user alone is responsible for the safe use of pesticides.

"The responsibility is often attributed to some other person,

8th Grade Tour Set April 28-30

Fourth annual Portland 8th Grade Tour to Morrow county will be Friday through Sunday, April 28-30. Gail McCarty, county extension agent, announces.

The tour will be similar to the one conducted here last year with stops being made at the same places, it was decided at a meeting of the sponsoring committee last Wednesday. In addition, a stop will be made to view the sprinkler system at the Fritz Cutsforth place. Another change is that lunch will be at the Krebs bunkhouse on the first day of the tour instead of at the Cecil store.

County agents of four participating counties will go to Portland April 17 to talk to the eighth graders who will visit the counties. McCarty will represent Morrow county.

Chairman of the sponsoring committee this year is Dick McElligott. Others attending the meeting last Wednesday night were Paul Tews, Al Martin, Dave Potter, Ken Turner, Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid and McCarty.

Ullman and Morse Tell of REA Loan

Congressman Al Ullman and Senator Wayne Morse in a telegram to the Gazette-Times announced Rural Electrification Administration approval of a \$28,000 loan to Umatilla Electric Cooperative of Hermiston, serving Umatilla and Morrow counties.

The loan is to finance 34 miles of distribution line to serve 329 new consumers, 19 miles of 69-KV transmission line, and extensive system improvements, including three miles of new tie line, conversion of six miles of existing tie line and related facilities, and increased substation capacity. The loan also will finance installation of two substations with combined capacity of 11,250-KVA.

government agency or the manufacturer," Capizzi said. "But this just is not true."

For example, a typical supplementary label reads: "Since the use of this product is beyond the manufacturer's control, neither the manufacturer nor the seller makes any warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the material whether used in accordance with directions or not, except that it conforms to the chemical composition expressed on the label when packaged. The buyer assumes all risks and liability for personal injury or property damage resulting from handling, storage or use of this material and uses it on these conditions."

Sometimes the U. S. Department of Agriculture or its agencies are cited as being responsible for safe use. But Capizzi points out that the USDA can enforce only the labeling and interstate shipment of pesticides. The enforcement of use restrictions is delegated only to the user.

Some states have laws and regulations which establish guidelines for safe use and provide mechanisms for enforcing them. Capizzi noted, but the responsibility for safe use still lies with the ultimate users of pesticides.

Wool and Mohair Program Payment Rates Announced

USDA has announced shorn wool payments will be made at the rate of 24.8 percent of dollar returns that each grower received from the sale of shorn wool during 1966, according to an announcement by Dave McLeod, County ASCS director.

Payment rate is based on the difference between incentive price of 65 cents and national average price of 52.1 cents received by growers. By comparison, payments on 1965 marketings were made at the rate of 31.6 percent.

Each grower's wool payment is determined by multiplying his dollar return from sale of wool (less marketing charges) by payment rate of 24.8 percent. Percentage method of payment is designed to encourage growers to improve quality and marketing of wool. Under this method, growers who get the best possible price for wool also get the higher incentive payment.

USDA also announced a payment rate of 52 cents a hundredweight on unshorn lambs sold or slaughtered during the 1966 marketing year. This compares to the 1965 rate of 60 cents per hundredweight. The payment on sales of live lambs that never have been shorn is based on the payment rate for shorn wool, average weight of wool per hundred weight of lambs, and value of lamb's wool relative to the value of shorn wool.

Deductions of 1 1/2 cents a pound from shorn wool and mohair payments and 7 1/2 cents per hundred pounds of live weight from lamb payments will be made for advertising, promotion, and related market development activities on wool, lamb, and mohair. The promotion program for wool and lamb is carried out by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc., and the promotion of mohair will be conducted by the Mohair Council of America, Inc.

ASCS county offices will begin making payments soon after April 1 on 1966 sales.

The 1967 incentive price for wool (announced June 29, 1966) is 66 cents a pound, 1 cent a pound higher than the support price for 1966. The 1967 support price for mohair is 76.4 cents a pound, 5 of a cent a pound higher than the 1966 support price.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman and Cathy were in Forest Grove on the week-end of March 18-19 to join other members of the Sherman family in a surprise party for his mother, Mrs. Harry Sherman, Sr., on her 80th birthday. Sons and daughters-in-law arranged the event, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman, Jr., and with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sherman of Reedville assisting with arrangements. Grandchildren and one great grandchild came for the occasion, including Bill Sherman from the University of Oregon and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sherman of Salem, sons and daughter-in-law of the Wes SHERMANS.

Miss Carol Hisaka of Hawaii was a house guest of Susan Drake during their spring vacation week from Oregon State University, where both are freshmen. Father of Miss Hisaka is superintendent of a sugar plantation on the mainland of Hawaii. She enjoyed her first visit into Eastern Oregon and appreciated the friendliness of those she met. She is majoring in elementary education.

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Sprinkler System Big Improvement At Golf Course

Golf on the Willow Creek course will be better than ever this year, declares Lowell Gribble, president of the club.

One big reason is the improvement made with the installation of an underground system that will provide sprinkler irrigation on all but two of the course's nine holes.

The job was recently completed by volunteers who pitched in and did the work in two days after materials were purchased at a discount. This made it possible to make the improvement at minimal cost to the club.

A total of 2500 feet of 3-inch plastic pipe was laid in the job and outlets, just below ground level, provide for Rainbird type sprinklers. Gribble said. In all, there are 26 outlets.

A 5-horsepower pump has enough capacity to keep all sprinklers going at the same time. Only holes one and three are not served by the underground system, and these will be added later, Gribble said.

The plastic pipe makes for "very easy plumbing" and joints are also very easy to make, he added.

"In another two or three years this community will be real proud of its golf course," the president declared.

Assisting on the irrigation project were C. C. Carmichael, Ray Ferguson, Francis Doherty, Ed Hiemstra, Eddie Gunderson, Conley Lanham, Joe Balfe, Ed Schaffitz, Clint McQuarrie, Doug and Lowell Gribble.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday, Gribble said that the club is soliciting community support for what it considers to be an excellent attraction. Family dues are \$50 per year, and an individual membership is \$40. A social membership is available for those who wish to participate in club activities and not play golf at \$10. Barbicues and other events are planned for the social season.

The club is offering a month's free trial for any family or potential member. They need pay green fees only during the month. Otherwise, play among residents of this area will be restricted to members and it is expected that this will be held to 80 families.

Clubs are now available for rent at the clubhouse. Green fees are \$1 per nine or \$1.50 for 18 or all day's play.

Matches are planned for the summer with Kinzua and McNary clubs. Condon is now putting in a course, and matches will be scheduled with golfers there at a later time on a home-and-home basis.

Chamber to Hear Talk on Highways

Larry S. Smiton, district maintenance superintendent for the State Highway Department, Pendleton is scheduled as guest speaker for the noon luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce on Monday, April 3. It is announced by Mrs. Avon Melby, program chairman.

Smiton will talk on restrictions which have been placed on highway beautification, and what to do to meet standard requirements. Also, it is expected that he will discuss new information on future highway developments for this area.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week and are still receiving medical care, include the following: Kenneth Palm er, Lexington; Florence Zachary, Fossil; Trena Jordan, Kinzua; Florence Dalzell, Condon.

Those who received medical care, and were later dismissed were the following: Shannon Kelly, Heppner and Treve Gray, Heppner.

Shannon Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, Heppner, returned Monday morning from a stay in Pendleton Community hospital following an emergency appendectomy performed Thursday, March 23. Shannon, a fourth grader at Heppner Elementary school, made the hurried trip to Pendleton after tests at Pioneer Memorial hospital indicated the seriousness of her condition. According to her mother she is feeling much better and glad to be home.

NOTICE

Contrary to Information Being Published, I Still Buy Wool.

Cornett Green

Heppner

Boardman Park District Gets Boost

Through the cooperation of Union and Wheeler counties, the Boardman Park and Recreation district will benefit by a boost in funds from the State Marine Board, County Judge Paul Jones said this week.

Counties are eligible for shares of marine funds from the state on a matching basis when they have waterways that may be developed. Any county which cannot qualify for its share, the judge explained, can give or loan its funds to other counties.

Thus, Union county has agreed to turn its \$2510 over to Morrow, and Wheeler will do the same with its \$2100. With the \$2432 to be received as Morrow's share, the county will have \$7,042 from this source. The county court has agreed to turn the money over to the Boardman district for development of the park there. This will be matched by part of the \$15,000 that the district is empowered to levy by taxes. With the remaining \$8,000, the Boardman district will have \$22,000 this year for development of its park along the Columbia River, the judge said.

The plan is to build boat docks on dry land and to transfer them to the water of the Umatilla reservoir when the pool is raised, starting after April, 1968.

The Boardman district will also provide boat ramps, parking space for some 100 autos and trailers, rest rooms, and lawn and turf, over and above the picnic area and other facilities that will be installed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

"Morrow county is going to be proud of its parks and recreation areas on Lake Umatilla," the judge said.

The present football field at Riverside High will be developed as a swimming area when it is covered by water as the lake rises. Just east of the present school yard is an area that will be a fairly deep small boat harbor.

The judge spoke on the matter at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday. He said that it is questionable whether the Army Corps will proceed with its previous plans to make a boat basin and park area at the mouth of Willow Creek because of the silt and sedimentation problem.

He said that other park developments on the Morrow county shore will be among the best recreational areas along the

Columbia River. Other members pointed out that the recreational possibilities are great because of the fact that there will be many miles of sandy beaches while the McNary pool is flanked by rock cliffs principally.

Judge Jones said that he believes a park district is feasible in south Morrow county for development of fish impoundment and recreational areas.

"I think we may have missed the boat by not making a county-wide recreation district when the Boardman district was formed," he said.

Tom Green, a student at EOC in La Grande and Margaret Green, from the University of Oregon, were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green for last week's spring vacation. The family and Leslie Faye Meador traveled to Odell Sunday for dinner with another son, Lawrence, on his birthday. Margaret and Leslie boarded a bus at Odell to return to their schools in Eugene.

Birthday greetings were extended Ed Gonty at a surprise dinner arranged by his wife at their home Monday evening. Present to extend their good wishes were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farra, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman and Cathy, and Doug, the Gonty's son.

Janet Palmateer, Arlington rodeo princess; Mr. and Mrs. Don Linnell, Marci and Brock, and Mrs. Bill Snow, Jodi and Nell went along Saturday, March 25, on a trail ride sponsored by the Horseflies 4-H Club of Arlington. The ride, with about 35 people participating, began at the Bud Phillippi ranch and followed a route along the John Day river.

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The Boardman park district was authorized in an election last July. Dean King is chairman of the directors. Other directors are Art Allen, Harold Baker, Emmett McKenzie and Bob Sicard.

Members of the Morrow county court went to Salem to testify recently on a bill favoring broader use of state marine funds. At present a county must have lakes or waterways large enough for gasoline motors on boats to qualify for a share of funds accruing from sale of licenses to owners of small craft.

Nancy Wilcoxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcoxon, was home for Spring vacation from Blue Mountain Community College.

Those spending Easter week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Nolan were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Miles, Donna and Glenn of Clarkston, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. James Bell of Tacoma, Wn. Also, their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nolan, Christina, Michael, Terrie Ann and Grace Hawk; Mrs. Nolan's mother, Mrs. Myra F. Peck of Lexington and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peck, Donny and Sharon of Pilot Rock.

Flying from Fort Collins, Colo., for an Easter visit in Heppner, Mrs. Klj George and baby son arrived Wednesday, March 22, and have been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle. They have been visiting with other friends and relatives here and plan to make a trip to Walla Walla, for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar George there.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Phillips traveled together to Fossil to attend a dinner given by the Eastern Star for the Masonic Lodge in Fossil. They reported a pleasant time, seeing old friends and enjoying the excellent program which included a performance by the Wheeler County High school's girls drill team, a recent winner of second place in state competition.

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