

## **County Agent's Office**

# **Records Show Rainfall** Down Below Average

### BY GENE WINTERS

**County Extension Agent** 

razine, Hyvar-X and Fenac were the materials used. A trial treatment for sandbur gave control using a contact spray, monosodium acid meth-an earsonate, showed better con-trol at less cost than dinitro gen-eral and oil used previously. Puncture vine, a broadleaf, has been adequately controlled with 2,4-D. The spray season began the

County Extension Agent Rainfall records kept by vol-unteer country observers for the first three months of the 1967-68 agriculture weather year show measured precipitation was about one-half that of the average recorded over the years. Evaporation losses were high-er than usually expected, due to the short duration and low in-tensity of storms. Reported measurable precipitation by one observer for 6 days in October totalled 0.45 inches. The same observer recorded 9 days yield-ed 0.65 inches in November, Lif-tle soil moisture benefits could be expected from such shower activity. activity.

activity. No records are available to compare soil moisture levels to that of previous years. Exami-nation of soils in most parts of the county show less moisture in the top foot than would be expected from normal rainfall conditions. conditions.

conditions. Good Tree Selection Available for Orders Farmers and others planning to order forest trees for Oregon farms and woodlands from the State Department of Forestry can pick up order blanks at the county extension office. A good selection for this area is still available for later de-livery. By ordering now deliv-ery of desired species is assur-ed. Species of local interest available are Douglas Fir, Pon-derosa, Scotch and Lodgepole Pine; Grand and White Fir; In-cense Cedar and Chinese Arbo-vitae of the conifers. Broad-leaves include Black Locust, Russian Olive, Chinese Elm, and Caragena.

County Carries On Wide Weed Spray Program A preliminary report of the Morrow county weed spray pro-gram by weed supervisor James Cason shows 2898 miles of coun-ty road and 314 miles of state highway were sprayed during the 1967 spray season. Perennial weeds treated on road rights of way include Can-ada thistle, wild morning glory, Johnson grass and the short liv-ed perennial diffused Knap-weed.

weed

A 10-mile road shoulder ster-llant trial near Pine City gave excellent season control of sandbur and puncture vine. At-

## **Reminder Given** On Farm Coverage

Oregon Wheat Growers League reminds all farmers that the deadline for signing up for Workman's Compensation is The Cooking Kittens 4-H club



The spray season began the middle of April and was com-pleted the first part of Septem-

Chuck McLean, former fire control officer on the Heppmer Ranger district, Umatilla Nat-lonal Forest, writes from Elk City, Idaho, that he will be mov-ing January 1 to Grangeville, Idaho. He has been promoted to be fire control officer of the Nez Perce National Forest. "It will be nice to live in the city again after 2½ years in a very remote area," he said. McLean said that he appreci-ates being able to keep up with friends in the Heppner area by reading the Gazette-Times. "I look forward to receiving it each week," he said. "Winter arrived two weeks ago and we now have four inch-es of snow with the coldest tem-perature—six degrees. Most of the time the temperature ranges at just freezing. People are daily sliding off the road out of here into the south fork of the Clearwater River. Since summer I think the count is 47 vehicles. It will be a happy day when I don't have to face this hazard." "The ex-Heppner man said that he has purchased a house

The ex-Heppner man said that he has purchased a house in Grangeville and has been busy week-ends polishing hard-wood floors, buying new furn-ishings and cleaning for occu-pancy.

ishings and cleaning for occu-pancy. During the summer he spent 16 days as fire boss on the 2950-acre Brushy Fork fire on the Moose Creek district 'way back in the Selway Bitterout Wilder-ness area." His district had a total of 39 fires this year, and the forest 387. "Thanks again for the won-derful newspaper," he con-cludes.

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Chuck's address after January 1 will be 412 North B Street, Grangeville, Idaho 53530.

workinan's Compensation is rapidly approaching. The law becomes effective January 1 and all wheat league members and others who wish to take advantage of the League group dividend plan should baugh, vice president. Fite League



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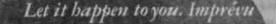
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group dividend plan should sign-up immediately. One may contact any state compensation office or the League office in Pendleton if additional informa-

tion is needed. Those with a payroll of \$1,500 Those with a payroll of \$1,500 or more are subject to the law. If one does not sign up and an accident occurs after January 1, he is subject to a \$100 fine ev-ery day from January 1 to the time of the accident. President Bob Jepsen empha-sizes that the League studied the various plans for a consid-erable time and feels that the best plan for a farmer is offer-

best plan for a farmer is offer-ed. One must be a member of the League to participate under this group plan.

### **Timber Sale Goes** To John Day Bidder

Courter Prairie timber sale on the Heppner Ranger District was sold last Tuesday to Don-ald Hardwick of John Day, the high bidder, according to Uma-tilla National Forest Supervisor Wright T. Mallery. The estima-ted volume of 500,000 board feet was annaised at \$7.026 and

was appraised at \$7,026 and sold for \$7,062. The sale area is located in Morrow county about 24 miles east of Kinzua.

east of Kinzua. Final prices bid per 1000 board feet by species were pon-erosa pine \$16.20, and Douglas-fir and other coniferous species \$7.55. Three bidders were pres-

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brandt, president; Cindy Eppen-baugh, vice president; Etta Lou Christiansen, secretary, and Peg-gy Hinkley, news reporter. We voted in favor of the state 4-H Training Center, located nine miles out of Salem.

Peggy Hinkley, reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers will leave Monday, December 18, for Phoenix, Ariz., to visit with their son-in-law and dau-ghter, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Har-ris and family. The Munkers will remain in the Phoenix area for covered weaks to visit with for several weeks to visit with friends and other relatives.



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