

Joint Meeting Studies Weed Control Needs

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Eighty persons who attended the joint Morrow-Gilliam county weed meeting in Arlington last week learned newer herbicides are giving better weed control in wheat than the standard for the past 20 years.

Industry field men and Oregon State University weed workers reported on the results of field trials and research plots this year. Linuron (Lorox), diuron (Karmex) and bromoxynil (Buctral, Brominal) trials in the 9, 11, and 13 inch rainfall areas on Ritzville, light Walla Walla, and Morrow-Condon soils increased yields of wheat. The reduction of weed competition increased wheat yields from 8.8 bushels to 18 bushels in the low rainfall area. This same relationship existed at the 11 inch area with 15.6 to 29 bushels, and on the higher rainfall, but shallower, Morrow-Condon soils.

Besides better control when applied properly, the new herbicides can be applied to control the small weeds that are higher competition with wheat seedlings. Substantial damage to wheat has been caused by 2,4-D applied before winter wheat has reached the 5-leaf stage. Applications this late has not controlled weeds like gromwell, purple mustard, and fiddleneck. The bromoxynil materials are contact sprays. Linuron and diuron are primarily soil active materials.

Growers can find further details from their county extension agents, commercial spray applicators, or dealers about these materials, time of application and weeds controlled.

Growers were recommended to treat a small weed problem area with linuron and bromoxynil to gain first hand experience.

Growers with morning glory, Russian knapweed and Canada thistle infestations were advised that the picloram (Tordon) formulation of 2 pounds active material per gallon is no longer available. A new mixture of Tordon 1 pound active materials with 2 pounds active 2,4-D amine per gallon is available. This new mixture is not cleared for cropland use at this time, a report of the county weed program of each county was made. The need for a new state weed law was discussed. A proposed law was explained.

Colored slides of small weeds in winter were shown to help growers identify their weed problem. It was stressed that identification is more important than ever before with the introduction of new materials and the importance of treating by stage of growth for satisfactory return in the weed control investment.

Meetings Scheduled On Workmen's Compensation

Morrow county farmers have been alerted by news items, mail and personal contacts about their being required by law to obtain workmen's compensation insurance by January 1, 1968, if they have had a payroll of \$1500 or more in 1967.

Farmers and ranchers were acquainted with the provisions of the law at the annual Wheat Growers spring and fall meetings and at the Stockmen's annual meeting.

Those attending Wheat League in Portland stopped at the Workmen's Compensation desk for additional information.

As a result of their investigations, farmers are now asking questions requiring specific answers. To help fill this need, Tom Zinn, Gilliam County Agent, has set up two meetings in Gilliam county next week for Mid-Columbia Counties.

Both meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, December 27, in Condon, at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse and at 2:00 p.m. in Arlington. The Arlington meeting will be in the City Hall or at the grade school.

Morrow county farmers and ranchers who have questions about Workmen's Compensation insurance should plan to attend one of these meetings. Workmen's Compensation Insurance is a form of job-injury insurance and should not be confused with Employers' Liability Insurance.

Mrs. Smith Hurt In Monday Fall

Mrs. Eloise Smith of Heppner sustained a fractured wrist in a fall on slippery pavement about 5 p.m. Monday. Mrs. Smith had just left the office of the Heppner Neighborhood Center, where she is employed, when the accident occurred in front of the First National Bank.

Mrs. Smith is confined to Pioneer Memorial hospital where she was taken for treatment of her injuries.

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WORKING HARD on the promotion of Oregon beef gift certificates this year are Mrs. Wavel Wilkinson (left) of Heppner and Mrs. Robert Lazinka of Pilot Rock. This is the fifth consecutive year the Oregon CowBelles and Beef Council have organized statewide in the promotion of the certificates. Last year more than \$50,000 worth were sold. They are available at the First National Bank, Heppner, and other First National and U. S. National Banks in the state.

Wheat Growers Schedule Meetings On Compensation

All farmers and ranchers that have a payroll of over \$1500 for the calendar year of 1967 will be required to have workmen's compensation by January 1, 1968.

Many farmers now carrying employer's liability insurance will be required to carry workman's compensation insurance. A number of farmers are not aware of this fact.

Because of the confusion, misinformation and deadline of January 1 a meeting has been scheduled for wheat growers. This meeting will be held in Condon at the Courthouse, Wednesday, December 27, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and in Arlington, Wednesday, December 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Wheat growers are urged to attend this meeting. They will have a chance to have the workman's compensation insurance explained to them in detail and an opportunity to ask questions about the insurance and how their operation would fit into the plan.

The urgency of the meeting has been stressed since according to the law a farmer can be subject to a fine of \$100 per day for each day they have an employee and are not insured by workman's compensation.

Ranchers and farmers from Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman counties will receive notices of this meeting and are urged to attend.

Is Hospital Patient

Mrs. Claude (Margaret) Buschke is a patient in Pendleton's Community hospital which she entered about the first week in December. Her room number is 430 for friends who wish to send cards or letters. She may have visitors.

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State Fire Marshall Speaks to Firemen

Stan Phillips, deputy fire marshal for the State of Oregon, was a guest speaker Monday night at the Lexington fire hall for volunteer firemen of the area.

Phillips is from John Day, and is one of three deputy fire marshals in the state who are conducting a statewide training program to update and study proper fire fighting procedures in all local departments who wish to participate in the program. The group viewed films and slides of various methods of fire control during the evenings instruction.

Attending from Heppner were Bill Farra and Forrest Burkenbine, fire chief. Another program of this type will be held in Ione in January and one will be conducted by Phillips in Heppner at a later date.

Miss Shannon Mahoney is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney for the Christmas holidays. Shannon is currently doing student teaching work in the Milwaukie schools, and makes her home in Gladstone.

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Memorial is Held For Ethel Zeimantz

Memorial services were held Tuesday, December 19, for Mrs. Ethel L. Zeimantz of Heppner. Rev. Al Boschee officiated at the 2:00 p.m. service at the First Christian church.

Mrs. Zeimantz died Saturday, December 16, in Pendleton, at the age of 83. She had lived during recent months at Hiersche's Nursing Home, and before then had made her home here with Mrs. Mabel Chaffee. She had been a resident here since 1941. She was born at Santa Rosa, Calif.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. W. J. Billings of Bellevue, Wash. Friends may contribute to the Ethel Zeimantz Memorial Fund at the Christian church in her memory.

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Trees must be placed on the curb next to the street on these two days, and will not be picked up with regular garbage service, without an extra charge.

Church Program Set; Carols Heard Daily

The First Christian church of Heppner extends an invitation to all to attend their annual Christmas program on Friday evening, December 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be presented in the main sanctuary of the church and includes all classes in the Sunday School department, from pre-school through high school.

Special treats will be provided during the evening for the children. Each evening from 4 until 6

p.m., recorded Christmas carols are being played over an outdoor speaker system, through the courtesy of the First Christian church, announces Rev. Al Boschee. The carols add much to the spirit of Christmas and help create a holiday atmosphere.

Troy Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Simmons, was an overnight patient at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton last Monday after having his tonsils and adenoids removed.

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