

## Sediment Problem Told in Booklet

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For years soil erosion has been considered a menace to the welfare of the nation with emphasis on the damage to farmland. What perhaps has been overlooked by many is the damage eroded soil does to everyone everywhere. As we clean our drinking water, as we

dredge our harbors, as we watch our reservoirs diminish in their capacity, we are reminded of this problem.

One can read more about this in a new publication of the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, called, "Sediment—It's Filling Harbors, Lakes and Roadside Ditches." The Soil Conservation Service in the Gilliam & Bis-

bee building has copies for those who wish them.

The publication points out that more than a half billion cubic yards of eroded soil are dredged each year from streams, navigation channels, estuaries and harbors at a cost of 40 cents a cubic yard. Cost of keeping it out of these places through proper conservation practices would be only a fraction of that.

Not only is sediment produced from farmland—it comes from building sites, along roads, and streambanks. Conservation work can reduce sedimentation by as much as 90 percent.

## Anderson Has Leading Role in Stock 'Tripleheader'

Some of the top men in the sheep and cattle industry will speak during a livestock "tripleheader" scheduled for Oregon State University May 2, 3 and 4.

The schedule includes a steer

finishing school and meeting of the newly formed Beef Improvement Federation, May 2; the OSU Animal Science Department's annual Beef Day, May 3; and Sheep and Wool Day, May 4.

Frank Anderson of Heppner is state chairman of the Beef Improvement Federation and will participate in the day's events Thursday (today). He will be chairman of a meeting to be held in the afternoon.

Also planning to attend from here are Gail McCarty, county extension agent, Dick Wilkinson and possibly Ned Clark.

be the afternoon dedication of the new OSU feed mill. Don Mishler of Portland, vice president of Oregon Feed, Seed and Supply Association, will officiate.

Marion Morgan of the Butler Steel Corp., Kansas City, will discuss current trends in feed and animal housing at the dedication program.

Sheepmen also will have a chance to practice their judging skills when Sheep and Wool Day gets underway May 4 at 9 a.m. A pen of lambs will be judged in front of Withycombe Hall, slaughtered, and carcass evaluations made during a tour of the OSU Meats Laboratory that afternoon.

J. R. Broadbent of Utah, vice president of the National Woolgrowers Association, will discuss problems confronting the sheep industry. Broadbent raises more than 100,000 lambs a year in operations in Utah, California and Wyoming.

Another speaker will be George Scott of Ft. Collins, Colo., coordinator of the Sheep Industry. Phil Farrell of Madras, a rancher, will talk about combining sheep and cattle enterprises for profit.

Research reports will be given by OSU scientists Dr. Arlin Knight, W. D. Goatcher and Dr. S. H. Wu.

Girls competing in the woolgrowers auxiliary's "Make It With Wool" contest will be introduced during the program.

## League Position Stays Unchanged

By JOHN WELBES

Reports have been received from some areas of Oregon that the Oregon Wheat Growers League has changed its position in regards to the NFO withholding action.

The League still supports its original resolutions which are as follows:

"We recognize the value of limiting market offerings of farm commodities as a means of raising farm prices. We also recognize that much of our U. S. farm production is exported and must remain price competitive in order to be sold, and that a withholding action which is not accompanied by efforts to adjust production so as to reduce total commodity supplies will not be beneficial in the long run.

"We feel that the Oregon Wheat Growers League cannot support a withholding action that does not also propose realistic means to protect export markets and adjust total supplies."

The League and Commission have always been working and continue to work in marketing directions that will increase producer income. The most recent announcement of this is the marketing symposium that is to be held in Moscow, Idaho, May 23 and 24 and sponsored by the wheat commissions of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

People of national recognition have been invited to speak on all phases of farm bargaining. Representatives from the U.S.D.A., Farm Bureau, N.F.O., Grange, Co-ops, Senator Mondale, and others will appear on the program.

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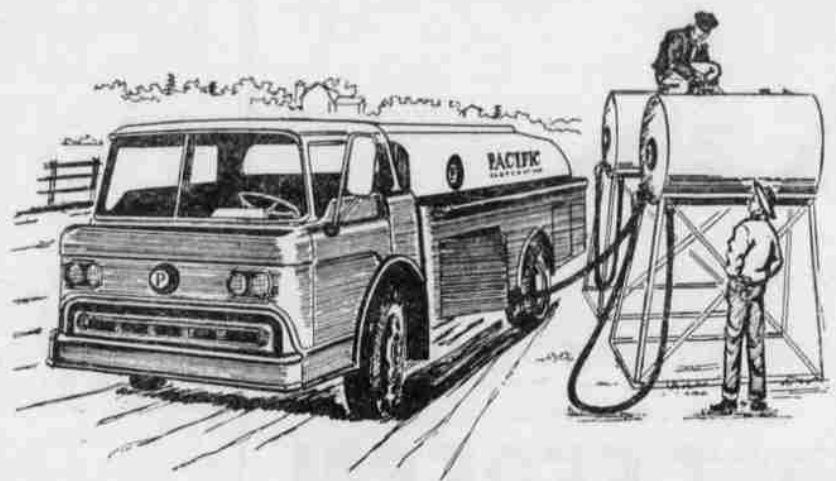
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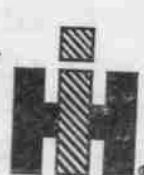


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