

Walter Jacobs Takes New Post

Walter Jacobs, who has operated a wheat ranch under lease in the area south of Ione for some 15 years, has accepted a position with the Lad Irrigation Co. at Moses Lake, Wash., and moved there with his family Monday.

Jacobs has resigned his position as president of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., and the board of directors of the cooperative will consider the vacancy at its next meeting on August 27. Al Bunch is vice president.

Jacobs said that he will be field man for the irrigation company and will use his col-



WALTER JACOBS

Bloodsworth Named Brand Inspector

Jim Bloodsworth, Route 2, Heppner, has been appointed a brand inspector for the Oregon Department of Agriculture to serve the Heppner area. He replaces Kenneth Evans, who resigned to accept a position in Pendleton.

Persons needing brand inspection of their animals can contact Bloodsworth by telephoning him at 676-9706.

lege training in agricultural engineering on the position. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rea, who have been operating the Lloyd Howton ranch, will take over the ranch operation left by Jacobs.

Jacobs has been very prominent in Wheat League activities and is a former president of the Morrow county Wheat-Growers association.

The Jacobs' son, Jim, a student at Oregon State University, was student body president at Heppner High and was a star athlete in school here.

Their daughter, Merri Lee, was also an outstanding student, winning many honors, and was salutatorian of the class of 1968. Their third child, Greg, is a junior high student.

Their new address, at Moses Lake, is 614 Chestview Drive.

Deborah Mann Wins AFS Scholarship

Deborah Jane Mann, daughter of State Representative and Mrs. Irvin Mann of Stanfield, has been awarded an American Field Service scholarship for a year's study in Germany. Debbie was sponsored by the local AFS chapter in Hermiston. There are about 400 of these scholarships awarded throughout the United States and those who receive them spend a year in countries throughout the world.

Debbie will leave Portland on August 19 and fly to New York where she will spend four days at an intensive language study seminar at Hofstra University. She will then fly to Germany where she will spend two weeks in an orientation program before she goes to her family.

She will be staying with the Gerd Niehams family of Kiel, Germany. There are two daughters in the family, 16 and 12, and they attend a private girls' school which Debbie will attend also. She will be in her senior year in high school.

Single copies of The Gazette-Times are on sale at the G-T office, at the Hotel Heppner, at Murrays Rexall Drug and at Central Market.

Stock Growers Hear Director

Oregon should look toward increased feeding out of more livestock. It is sure means of increasing the state's agricultural income.

State Director of Agriculture Walter Leth left this thought with members of the Wallowa County Stock Growers' Association when he spoke at their meeting August 10.

The director said the extent to which this can be expanded will depend upon work done in developing new feed grains and adjustments in transportation costs.

He also noted that foreign market outlets opening up can influence materially the expansion of such a program.

In his speech to the livestock group Leth stressed the importance of Oregon's agriculture and its livestock industry to the state's economy.

Director Leth spent August 2 and 3 at the Union County Fair, where he served as grand marshal for the parade and assisted in judging the fair's commercial exhibits.

August 18 he will be the guest speaker for Oregon-Washington Farmers Union picnic at Champeoz. His speech will emphasize the importance of agriculture in Oregon's economic picture.

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181,518 Tons Wheat Exported in July

Grain inspected for export from the Ports of Portland and Astoria in July topped the amount inspected in June of this year, but was below July, 1967.

The July, 1968, figure was 181,518 tons, compared with 174,311 tons in June, while the July, 1967, figure was 224,534 tons.

Inspections in July on grain moving into Portland, however, were above both June of this year and July a year ago. Inspections covered 235,488 tons this July, while the figure for June was 191,523 tons and for July, 1967 was 234,346 tons.

Other inspections made by the Oregon Department of Agriculture grain inspectors included: 3,013 tons of grain for inter-coastal shipments from Portland and 2,749 tons of incoming grain at Pendleton. Inspection and diversion grain checked by the department covered 6,960 tons of wheat at Pendleton and 4,631 tons of barley at Merrill.

Ray Nelson of Waldport and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson of Brainerd, Minn., arrived Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pieper in Lexington for a brief visit. The Nelsons departed Tuesday for Waldport where they will spend a few days before the parents return to their home in Minnesota. Also greeting them at the Pieper home was Mrs. R. W. Nelson of Portland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pieper.

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State Grain Crop Below Estimates

Lower wheat yields than anticipated in dryland areas of eastern Oregon is the major contributing factor to the decline of the wheat production forecast, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

A large portion of the summer-fallow wheat area has been plagued by drought conditions the entire growing season, coupled with high temperatures during the period of grain development. Harvest of a good to excellent wheat crop in the Willamette Valley is in prospect. The Oregon wheat crop is now forecast at 33.0 million bushels, down 1.8 million bushels from the July 1 estimate. The barley crop was also affected by the lack of moisture. The Oregon crop is forecast at 11.3 million bushels, down 600,000 bushels from last month.

Apple and pear crops developed normally during July, with size and quality expected to be good to excellent. Temperatures and moisture aided rapid development of Oregon's fibert and walnut crops. Size and quality appear to be good. Scattered blight damage has been reported in walnut orchards.

The August 1 crop estimates are based on farmer reports of yield and crop conditions as of August 1.

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