

FARM

Morrow County CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY

(For week ending July 28, 1969)
Wheat harvest underway throughout the county. Yields variable. Cool weather delayed harvest but was helpful in ripening grain.
Few early watermelons harvested in the Boardman area.

State Fair Free On Day Honoring Senior Citizens

Those over 65 will again be honored on Senior Citizens Day, Tuesday, August 26, during Oregon's "Big One," the 1969 State Fair, according to Fair Manager Robert L. Stevens.

Senior Citizens Day features a long list of special attractions including: free gate admission starting at 10 a.m., the always fun Old Fiddlers' Contest, the nationally famous Swiss Bell Ringers Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cooper, ages 76 and 75, free admission to the reserved section of the evening stage revue starting a host of America's top entertainers, free admission to the evening performance of the All America Horse Show-Rodeo, and free admission to the Thoroughbred Horse Races in the Grandstand.

A host of awards is again planned for the special afternoon recognition program on the Concert Plaza. Awards will be given to senior citizens who have come the farthest distance, attended the most fairs, married the longest, have the most grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren, to the oldest male and female senior citizen, and to the lady wearing the most unusual hat.

Registration for free admission tickets to the big day and its special awards and activities begins, 10 a.m. at the desk on the Fairgrounds Concert Plaza, Stevens added.

Pvt. Jim Doherty is being trained at a four week pole-line-man school at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Doherty is the son of Paul Doherty.

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Farm Bureau Sets Bend Site For Mid-Summer Confab

Farm Bureau members from across Oregon will gather in Bend July 31 and August 1 for their annual mid-summer resolutions conference at Central Oregon Community College.

This annual work session to hammer out policy recommendations for the coming year will place special emphasis on the perennial issues of property tax relief, marketing programs and federal farm programs, according to OFBF resolutions committee chairman Barry Brownell, Oregon City. The conference is open to all Farm Bureau members.

Brownell said that in addition to the usual policy areas, to be covered in small group discussions, a new group will tackle the area of Farm Bureau service-to-member programs, their present value and potential for the future.

Other policies cover taxation, education, state and federal farm programs, farm labor, transportation, natural resources, public affairs and state and federal affairs.

Brownell explained that the policy recommendations developed at the conference are recommendations only. Final policy statements will be adopted at the OFBF convention in November by county Farm Bureau voting delegates.

The conference will open with a welcome from Dr. Fred Boyle, president at COCC. Highlights of the conference include two guest speakers and two panel discussions.

Rep. Robert F. Smith of Burns, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, will address conferees the first day at lunch on "Oregon and the Agricultural Years Ahead." Smith is a cattle rancher and the governor's representative on the Public Land Law Review commission.

Marketing expert Dr. Eric Thor from the University of California's Giannini Foundation at Berkeley will be on hand to discuss marketing prospects the evening of the 31st.

Dr. Thor has been engaged in extension and research work with the foundation in "Identifying and Attacking Management Problems of Agricultural Marketing Firms," including developing and evaluating long-range plans for firms, developing and evaluating marketing programs and increasing plant operational efficiency.

The panel discussions will concern taxation and school finance and current federal farm programs.

The first panel will be moderated by Glen McKenzie, Summerville, with panelists Paul

Rigor, Corvallis, and Jack Chaplin, Salem, all Farm Bureau members; and George Annala, Portland, manager of Oregon Tax Research.

Moderator of the second panel is Jim Lane, Bonanza, with Farm Bureau members Dudley Sitton, Carlton, and Charles Hoelt, Pendleton; Bob Brogotti, La Grande, member of the advisory committee to Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin; and Denny Jones, Juntura, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association.

Brogotti, a cattle and wheat rancher, is active in commodity organizations, including the Cattlemen's association, the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the Oregon Hereford association.

Sub-committees on policy development will meet Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, with reports scheduled for luncheon Friday. Members of the OFBF resolutions committee will be sub-committee leaders with assistance from resource people — specialists from both within and outside Farm Bureau in the various fields in which policy statements are made — and members of the OFBF board of directors.

A beef barbecue is scheduled for the evening of July 31 at Shevlin park near Bend, under the direction of the Deschutes county Farm Bureau. County Farm Bureau president Archie Masterson and county women's chairman Mrs. Oswald Hanson are in charge of arrangements.

States Coordinate System to Identify Auction Livestock

Steps taken by Oregon to initiate a coordinated livestock identification program for the states of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada were lauded during a July 10-11 meeting of the Western Region Directors of Agriculture at Ocean Shores, Wash.

Oregon's Director of Agriculture Walter Leth organized the meeting, which was held at Olympia, Wash. prior to the meeting at Ocean Shores. The Olympia meeting had two goals, elimination of duplicate inspection of animals moving across state lines and an identification system that would enable a traceback of a diseased animal to the farm of origin.

Leth, who chairmanned the meeting, reported that through exchange of information and discussions at the session the states learned they had few major problems facing them in working out coordinated programs.

Oregon, he said, may arrange to have inspectors at the livestock auction market at Walla Walla, Wash. in addition to inspection required on animals leaving the state if those animals are going directly to the Walla Walla auction. Washington already follows this procedure on animals from that state going to the Portland market. Leth noted that this system would probably strengthen the position of livestock auction markets, encouraging more people to use their services and indirectly offering one of the best systems of theft prevention. At these markets ownership of animals must be definitely established.

Leth, who was a member of the resolutions committee for the Western Region Directors of Agriculture conference, said the directors, in addition to commending the work done toward coordination of livestock identification programs, took the following action:

Urged that inspection and treatment of military planes be continued to prevent introduction of dangerous agricultural pests from foreign countries.

And that the least dangerous chemicals and those best suited for these treatment programs be used, with the application made in such a way that there will be no dangerous effects from their use.

Newly elected officers of the organization are: Chairman, Joseph H. Francis, chairman of the State Board of Agriculture of Utah; vice-chairman, Dr. Kenneth K. Ottagaki, chairman of the Board of Agriculture of Hawaii; and secretary, Jack Hertzler, commissioner of agriculture for Wyoming.

Agent Emphasizes Seed Certificates

The use of certified seed to maintain a high quality product cannot be over emphasized, comments Harold Kerr, Morrow county agent.

Morrow county ranchers who are growing certified crops this year include the following:

Wheat — Paul Tews — variety, Adams Wheat, Adams is a spring wheat developed by Dr. Charles Rohde at the Pendleton Experiment Station.

Barley — Louis Carlson — variety, Ione Barley, Ione barley is a winter barley developed to replace Hudson. Ione is a six-row feed barley recommended for areas where early maturity is desirable and lodging is not a problem.

A list of the growers in neighboring counties is available at the County Extension office.

New Bulletins
Three new bulletins are avail-

Grain Harvest Hitting Peak

Some 65,000 bushels of wheat and barley were delivered to elevators of Morrow County Grain Growers Monday as the county's grain harvest entered its peak week, MCGG officer Riley Munkers said Tuesday.

The figure was including all elevators except Hogue-Warner in the county's north end. Munkers said the top day expected would be about 80,000 bushels.

Harvest is almost in full swing in the south end of the county, Munkers said, while ranchers are finishing up cutting in the northern parts of the area.

The MCGG elevator at Ruggs and one at Heppner are going strong, Munkers noted, and he said an additional elevator would be opened here sometime this week.

Early reports from the Heppner-Ruggs area shows good quality wheat, Munkers said. Grades coming back from wheat already received are real good, he said.

Brand Certificate Uniformity Given Nod at Conference

Changes proposed by the American National Cattlemen's Association in the brand inspection certificates for interstate movement of livestock have been approved by the International Brand Conference.

This was the report of Roy Nelson, director of the Livestock Division, Oregon Department of Agriculture, on his return from the mid-July annual convention of the International Brand Conference at Albuquerque, N. M. Nelson, who with Mrs. Wilma Russell, supervisor of brand recording for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, represented the department at the convention, said states attending the session agreed to have the certificates as uniform in wording as their individual laws would permit and to have them of uniform size and the same color. The change will come gradually, with states revising certificates when their present supply is exhausted.

Twenty-five U. S. states, two provinces of Canada, and two states of the Republic of Mexico were represented at the convention. States represented for the first time were Minnesota, Florida and Alabama. Both Canada and Mexico participated in the program. W. T. Mead, director of the Animal Industry Division of the Department of Agriculture of Alberta, Canada, and A. L. Kirkby, recorder of brands and chief inspector for the Department of Agriculture, British Columbia, Canada, discussed brand recording in Canada and Carlos Arros, head of the Department of Agriculture of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, told of brand recording in his country.

Forest Service Tells Name Change Of Cattle Allotment

Umatilla National Forest supervisor Herbert B. Rudolph has announced the Five Mile Cattle Allotment on the Ukiah Ranger District has been named the F. G. Whitney Cattle Allotment. The purpose of the name change is to honor the late F. G. (Whit) Whitney who was the District Ranger at Ukiah for 20 years, from April 13, 1946 until his retirement on December 30, 1966.





The 55,185-acre allotment is located west of Ukiah in the Five Mile and Potamus drainages and has been used by livestock since about 1885. The present permittees are Raymond French, Don Greenup, W. E. Hughes and Sons, and Robert McLaughlin, all members of the Five Mile Cattle Association. It was upon their recommendation that the allotment was renamed.

Under the leadership of Range Whitney there were 42 miles of fence construction, 37 water developments, and 4,615 acres of land revegetated.

The allotment is well known by range managers as an example of cooperation between association members and the Forest Service in accomplishing range improvement programs.

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