



A CAST, a 3 second wait and Marcel has a beautiful trout on his hook. The pond, spring fed, shows quite a bit of being full. After Tuesday's flood, the pool was brim full of muddy water, entirely covered with dry grass and debris.

## Conservation Man of Year Shows Many Accomplishments

Marcel Jones, 1971 Soil Conservation Man of the Year is very pleasant to talk to and surprises you by talking of the wonderfulness of nature and the unbelievable wonders of God's world.

He illustrates his feelings by picking up a green stock of wheat and separating the green blades as he finds the already perfectly formed head of wheat, now only one-quarter inch long. This is awesome.

He can't say enough for the good that the soil conservation practices do for his land. "We lost a terrible lot of land before we started conservation practices. If we had it 50 years ago we'd have saved a lot of this soil".

Both he and his wife have a proud heritage of farmers. Marcel's grandfather on his mother's side, Charles Miller, was one of the first white children born in Oregon. The Millers were ranching at Eight Mile before the turn of the Century.

His dad, Charles N. Jones, came to Oregon from North Carolina in 1902. His folks were married in 1909 at the Miller home at Eight Mile and moved to the Shobe ranch where they reared their family. Their original 720 acres of land is included in Marcel's farming operations, along with his own land and land belonging to his brother, Judge Paul Jones and more land that they have leased for around 5400 acres.

Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis live in Arkansas. Like her husband, her father was named "Master Farmer" which is similar to Oregon's Soil Conservation Man of the Year program.

**Conservation Practices**  
When Marcel came home from the service he brought Dee, his bride, from Arkansas. He had farmed before and went right back to it. Those early days it was C. N. Jones and Sons, (Marcel and Paul).

Their first soil-saving practice was strip farming started in 1954-1955. Followed by trashy fallow and diversion ditches. Marcel prefers diversion ditches to strip farming. In strip farming the farmer follows the regular contours of the land. Sometimes this results in small irregular, hard to harvest shapes. With diversion ditches, a certain amount of land is taken out of cultivation and a large field is broken up into four or five smaller ones. This makes it harder to farm.

The second diversion ditch went in, in 1964. There's four on the slope down into Cason Canyon. The top one is about a half mile long and they get longer as they go down the slope.

In looking over the field, Marcel noted "This field washed awfully bad. The diversion ditches were a great solution."

The diversion ditches slow the run-off. They hold the water and then if the rain continues, the ditches fill and flow at one end and into a natural drainage or grassy waterway down into a creek.

In the Jones' operations they have 50,546 feet of diversions. These have been laid out to grade by the Soil Conservation District. They have 967 acres in strip cropping. They have 2136 acres in contour farming.

As we drove out over the fields he had this to say about his wheat, "Wheat's spotted this year. I've farmed all my life and I don't know the solution. May be the dry fall and these cold nights cause it".

As the brothers reminisced about those early days of farming, it seems it was Paul who hated the mules and liked to work with the horses and Marcel liked to work with the mules. Marcel reached down and pulled up a handful of bulbous Blue Grass. "I wish I knew how to get rid of this pest". It was imported from Germany but the cattle don't like it. It was growing along with fox tail. Paul

put the Blue Grass in its place when he said, "They make good partners". He said it doesn't make too bad a lawn grass if it is kept mowed pretty close.

### Rye Problem

Rye is an ever present problem of the farmer. In one area on the ranch, Marcel has tried to kill the rye by spring seeding barley. He said, "It looks pretty good. It is small now but it will grow fast with June rains".

This year again, he will hire school boys as rye pullers. If the ground is wet and soft he'll have them pull it and if it's dry, they'll clip it.

### Over the Ranch

On the top, the strip farming areas can be seen in all directions. Going along the top, there's a spot where you can see up Hinton Creek and Willow Creek at the same time. From here, you can also see Paul's land, Floyd's land and Marcel's land. Madison peak, the highest one in the range to the south and Arbuckle 2nd highest stand like sentinels.

### Pasture Lands

On the rocky points, this Soil Conservation Man of 1971 has permanently seeded crested wheat grass to be used for pasture as well as for erosion control. He has 546 acres of pasture planting and 25 acres of hayland planting. He runs about 65 head of cattle and some sheep which he summers on the ranch.

### June Flood

The June Flood down Shobe caused considerable damage along the bottom land. Marcel hauled off junk for a week. He did some channel stabilization along the old channel. In doing this he was able to take advantage of some rock barriers that the CCC bodys did in the 1930's that will slow the flow of water. Statistically he has done 1620 feet of channel stabilization.

Marcel practices a regular program of subsoiling. He tries to do 350 to 400 acres per year. When they got the new tractor he got the necessary piece of equipment. It has a tooth like a big ripper. It digs deep and breaks up the subsoil for higher moisture absorption. This is done in stubble before the winter rains which tend to smooth the rough surface.

### His Family

Marcel and Dee have two children, Ron who is married to Monica, lives in Heppner and works for the Forest Service and their daughter, Judy, who teaches in a private kindergarten in Eugene.

Dee and Marcel lived in the house down the creek from their present home until 1956 when they built their new home. They have a marvelous water supply from a spring. It supplies water to both homes on the place and the fish pond. Marcel has stocked the pond and is now looking for ducks to clean up the algae. He lives to fish and hunt. His wife shares these leisure time activities but not as enthusiastically. Mention kindergarten and her enthusiasm bubbles over. She also enjoys painting and has taken painting classes from Mary Nikander.

They have both been active in the Christian Church and with the church youth groups as well as with Boy Scouts and Blue Birds and 4-H clubs. Marcel is a member of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, Farmers Union, Oregon Cattleman's Assn. Farm Bureau and Masonic Lodge.

A constant companion as he goes about his ranching is Sonny, a Brittainy Spaniel Marcel does his own repair and mechanical work. His brother Floyd leans more to horses than does Marcel. Marcel says he likes horses all right and he owns one but he does most of his cowboying with a four-wheeled drive.

While Marcel was in the service, he was one of a few who was sent to an Agricultural college in Ansbach, Germany. At one time to let his family know



OF COURSE they're pleased. Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Jones just after the announcement was made at the Wheat Growers meeting that Marcel was Soil Conservation Man of the Year . . . 1971.



IT'S DIVERSION ditches like this one that hold back the water and keeps the soil from washing. Marcel points out the strip farming in the background to Dale Boner with the local Soil and Water Conservation Service.



TWO BROTHERS, Marcel and Paul, who confer on the "big" things in their farming operations.



HARD TO SEE and hard to believe but Marcel is showing a miniature head of wheat about a half-a-thumb nail long. The head perfectly formed needs sunshine and moisture to be a full grown head of wheat in about 6 weeks.

where he was while he was in Europe, he wrote that he was just 40 miles from the town where they were married. They had been married at Paris, Arkansas.

### To Host Tour

As Soil Conservation Man of the Year, he and Mrs. Jones will host a tour of the farm. This will be June 4. Those planning to take part in the tour are asked to bring a sack lunch. Dessert and coffee will be furnished.

Marcel's operations with pictures will be submitted in the Oregon Wheat League competition. Colored slides will be shown at the annual Oregon Wheat League meeting. His name will also be submitted for this Soil and Water Conservation District for the Good Year Award.

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## Public Notices

**NOTICE OF OREGON WHEAT COMMISSION PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting will be held pursuant to ORS Chapter 578, The Oregon Wheat Commission Act, in the Conference Room of the Pendleton Grain Growers, Southwest Tenth and Dorion Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon on Wednesday, June 16, 1971 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., upon a proposed budget for operation of the Oregon Wheat Commission during the fiscal year July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972.  
At this meeting any producer of wheat in Oregon has a right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget, a copy of which is available for inspection under reasonable circumstances in the office of each County Extension Agent in Oregon.

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Dated this 20th day of May, 1971.

### ATTEST:

Milton Morgan, Chairman  
RALPH B. McEWEN,  
ADMINISTRATOR 21c

### NOTICE OF HEARING TO VACATE COUNTY ROAD

The Morrow County Court has set a public hearing to be held at the Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of June, 1971, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., for hearing to determine whether or not Morrow County should vacate that portion of an existing County Road between the Pacific Gas Transmission Plant and Ione Market Gooseberry Road, within Sections Seventeen (17) and Twenty (20), Township One (1) South, Range Twenty-four (24) EWM.

Dated this 24th day of May, 1971.

MORROW COUNTY  
/s/ Paul W. Jones, Judge  
/s/ Walter Hayes,  
County Commissioner  
/s/ Homer W. Hughes  
County Commissioner 21c

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY No. 6050-E**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF GILLIAM THE FEDERAL LAND BANK OF SPOKANE, a corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JOHN T. MURTHA, a single man, ARTHUR DALZELL; NORTHWEST LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION, a corporation; MORROW COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon; CREDIT BUREAU ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT, INC., a corporation; STATE OF OREGON; COLE COLLECTION CO., INC., a corporation; GILLIAM COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon; FRANK W. PENNINGTON, and the FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION OF THE DALLES, a corporation, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of June, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock at the front door of the Courthouse in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the right, title and interest which the above named defendants, and each of them had on the 9th day of April, 1971, the date of the Decree of Foreclosure, and thereafter had in and to the following described real property situated in Morrow County, Oregon, to-wit:

**COUNTY OF MORROW LANDS:**  
The Northeast quarter; East half of the Northwest quarter; Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter; Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter; all in Section 31; the North half of Southwest quarter, South-

east quarter of Southwest quarter, Southwest quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 32, all in Township 3 South, Range 23 East of the Willamette Meridian.

Said sale is made under an Execution in Foreclosure issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Gilliam County, dated April 15, 1971, to me directed in that certain suit wherein The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, as plaintiff, obtained judgment on April 9, 1971, docketed on April 13, 1971, Gilliam County records, filed April 14, 1971, No. 3171 Micro-film Records of Morrow County, against John T. Murtha, a single man, for the sum of \$192,583.66, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$188,442.36 from November 9, 1970, until paid; the sum of \$4,525.84 for attorney's fees the sum of \$66.00 costs; less the stock owned by the defendant, John T. Murtha, in The Federal Land Bank of Spokane in the sum of \$8,700.00; to be sold, subject to redemption, to satisfy the plaintiff's judgment, costs, attorney's fees and accruing costs of sale.

DATED at Heppner, Oregon, this 30th day of April, 1971.  
JOHN F. MOLLAHAN, Sheriff  
Morrow County, Oregon  
Published: May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1971.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of ALLEN LESLIE BRAINARD, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same within four months from this date at 535 South Seventh Street, Redmond, Oregon.

DATED and first published this 13th day of May, 1971.  
William H. Robinson  
Personal Representative  
Stanley E. Clark  
Attorney for  
Personal Representative  
535 South Seventh Street  
Redmond, Oregon 97756 19-21c

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The budget for the Boardman Park and Recreation District for the fiscal year 1971-1972, beginning July 1, 1971 was prepared on an accounting basis consistent with that used in prior years. A copy of the budget document may be inspected by interested persons between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the Boardman City Hall. The budget document, or any portion of it, may be obtained for 25c complete or 10c per sheet at the Boardman City Hall. A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on June 8, 1971, at 2:00 P.M. at the Boardman City Hall for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

Jerry Peck,  
Chairman of the  
Budget Committee 20-21c

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