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Farm Review AND Forecast

New A G Finance Bill May Bring Cattle Feeding Boom

A bill generating long-term agricultural development financing is being written for the 1973 legislature.

Irvin Mann, Jr., Oregon director of agriculture, said this week a bonding bill that will spur development in rural areas is being drawn up by his department and will be presented to the Senate Task Force for Rural Development for sponsorship, or Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston.

Mr. Mann, as a Stanfield legislator, sponsored in the 1971 session a water bank bill which had the state guaranteeing irrigation projects. The Oregon voters in the May primary turned the measure down.

Mr. Mann said the new proposal would merely require a legislative vote.

"We haven't gotten that far on the amount that would be available," he said. While the water bank proposal was restricted to irrigation projects, the new bill would include agricultural-industrial development such as slaughterhouses, feed mills and food processing plants.

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areas have in attractive industry is the availability of long-term, low-interest, financing, local leaders in Hermiston told the senators.

"This is a new concept in the western United States," Mann said. "This has been generally used in places like Illinois and New York."

Mann's department foresees a boom in cattle feeding if financing and food resources can be economically feasible.

"We have a feed pattern that has an inherent shortage," he said. "The state produces enough wheat and barley, but no sorghum which is raised through irrigation."

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has been surveying the future of increased feedlot operations. Half of Oregon's weaner calves at 350 to 400 pounds are sold to out-of-state feeders where they are fattened to 1,000 pounds, butchered and sold in Oregon meat markets.

There were 157,000 animals on feed in 1971 in Oregon, the department reported.

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"The governor, I believe,

would appoint a committee to administer the financing program," Mr. Mann said. "They would probably include the State Engineer, Department of Veteran's Affairs as well as others versed in development projects and financing."

Loans, up to 20 years, would be on "solid qualification," Mr. Mann said.

Sheepmen Open Meet Today

The Oregon Sheep Growers Association will stage its 1972 convention Thursday through Saturday at the Imperial Hotel.

Thursday's agenda is devoted primarily to registration and committee meetings with a general business session at 4 p.m. The Friday program includes a talk on "Agriculture on the Move," by Charles W. Manke, livestock and traffic agent for Union Pacific Railroad; a discussion of Oregon State University programs by Dr. James Oldfield, chairman of the OSU Animal Science Department, and Dr. E.E. Wedman, chairman of the OSU Veterinary Department, and an address by Phil Farrell, president of the Oregon Sheep Advisory Council.

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Present Wheat Law to Stay on Books

The Oregon Wheat Growers League was told Monday that federal farm legislation to be enacted in 1973 will probably be very similar to that now prevailing.

Laurel Meade, general sales manager in the Export Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, speaking at the opening session of the wheat growers convention at the Sheraton Motor Inn, said signs point to a recommendation by the administration for a program following the basic principles of the existing program.

"But the farmers will have to rally round because it gets more and more difficult to get agricultural legislation through an urban Congress," he warned.

President Richard Nixon is firmly committed to a ceiling of \$250 billion on federal spending, he pointed out, and the result could be a real crunch on farm programs.

"It means we must find markets for farm produce," he stated. "It means we will have to get income from the markets rather than from the U.S. Treasury."

THIS FIRM CEILING. He said, is a factor in the administration's commitment to expansion of agricultural exports and there is little danger that exports next year will slip back far from this year's volume.

Meade had nothing but praise for the recent sales of U.S. wheat to Russia. He

Fr. Moynihan At All Saints

Fr. Clifford Moynihan will conduct services at All Saints Episcopal Church next Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Fr. Moynihan is a retired priest of the Oregon Diocese. Prior to taking Holy Orders he practiced law in Oregon. He is Mrs. Ned Clark's grandfather and he and his wife will be staying with the Clarks while in Heppner.

More Thanksgiving Happenings
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nash had visitors from Vancouver, Wash. over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Perry McGinnis and sons, Christopher and Brian, are friends of the Nashes from their hometown in S. Dakota whom they had not seen for three or four years. It was a truly enjoyable visit for all.



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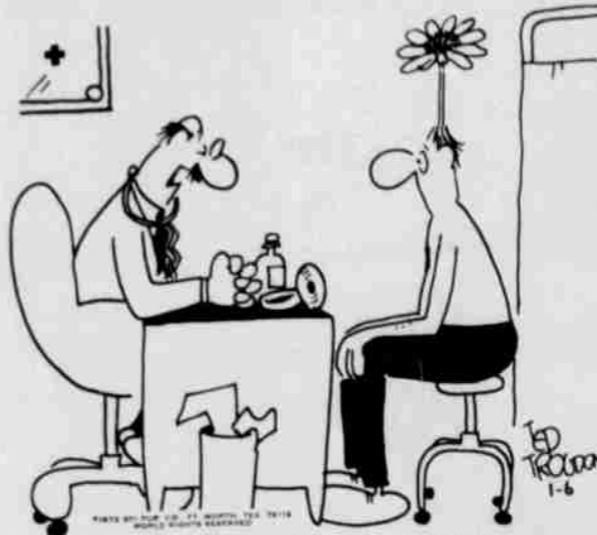
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- Livestock Theft - Sheriff Mollahan
- BREAK - Courtesy Bank of Eastern Oregon
- Wintering & Straw Nutrition - Dr. Mike Mehren, Nutritional Services (Hermiston) & Don Stangel, Morrow County Agent
- SOCIAL HOUR - Courtesy Pendleton PCA & Federal Land Bank & N.W. Livestock PCA

FARM CITY BANQUET

\$100 DIAMOND TO BE GIVEN AWAY!

Heppner High School Cafetorium, 7:00 p.m.

Presentation of:

- Livestock Grower of the Year
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- Chamber of Commerce Awards
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8th Grade Studies Solar System

Last Thursday the eighth graders at Heppner climaxed their recent astronomy studies by making a scale model of the solar system.

The purpose of the model was to show size and distance relationships. The students worked out the entire model with an inch being equal to 25,000 miles. This gave our earth a diameter of less than one third inch and sun's diameter 34.6 inches.

Each of the classes made its own model. The models started at the goal posts of the football field and the planets were placed according to scale from the sun. Pluto is the farthest planet from the sun and ended up 2.1 miles from the sun and was placed up Hinton Creek across from the Dallas Craber home. The other class went west from their sun and ended up with their Pluto 2.1 miles away which placed their planet in a rock jack back of the High School.

The tiny speck which represented our moon was only a little more than 9 inches away from our earth.

Mrs. Dick Meador, their Science teacher said, "Our field trip was a short one, but it was determined that had we placed our next nearest star other than the sun, we could have had an extended field trip because we would have had to travel over 21,000 miles."



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