

# Farm Review AND Forecast

## Ullman Scores Graze Fee Hikes

Congressman Al Ullman said in Washington last week hiking grazing fees across the board for the use of federal lands "is just not the way to do it". Ullman said that for several years he has been urging the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to establish a system that allows selective fee increases where they might be justified. "An increase in grazing fees should be related to the use of particular land and the management costs necessary to keep that land productive," Ullman said. He said a straight, across-the-board increase would be harmful to Oregon.

## Winter Wheat Seedlings Up

Winter Wheat acreage seeded in Oregon for 1973 harvest is estimated at 990,000 acres, an increase of 15 percent over 1972 seedings and 35 percent above the 1971 crop, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Winter Wheat production in Oregon during 1973 is forecast at 38,610,000 bushels, based on the December 1 farmer reported condition of wheat stands. This compares with the 1972 production of 35,190,000 bushels and the 1971 crop of 32,016,000 bushels. The Oregon crop was in generally good condition. Fall rains were adequate for good stands in most areas although some of the earlier plantings were dusted in. **Three-State Area Seedlings up 7 Percent** Seedlings of winter wheat in the three-State area of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are expected to total 4,645,000 acres for the 1973 crop. This is 7 percent above the 1972 and 23 percent above 1971. Washington seedlings, at 2,730,000 acres were up 4 percent. Idaho seedlings at 925,000 were up 10 percent. Based on the December 1 condition of the crop, the 1973 winter wheat production for the three-State area is forecast at 196,700,000 bushels, compared with 188,205,000 bushels in 1972 and 178,108,000 in 1971. Nationally, winter wheat seedlings are up 1 percent.

## Coyote Relief Asked

Agriculture officials and stockmen from 13 western states will ask President Nixon for relief from serious coyote depredations in the western half of the nation, which threaten to force many sheepmen out of business. "Some states reported losses of lamb crops as high as 17 percent", said Roy Nelson, administrator of the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Livestock Division, who represented the state at the Denver, Colorado, meeting of the Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture on December 14. Nelson stated that the meeting was called because of widespread coyote damage in the region. Committees were formed to ask the President for federal funds to control the predator and to work toward a controlled use of toxicants in the program which are consistent with requirements of the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Nelson said all states reported an increase in losses to coyotes since use of toxicants in their control was curtailed by presidential edict. "We all agreed that toxicants are the most merciful means of keeping the coyote population down", Nelson continued. "Certainly they afford a better chance of instant death to the animal than slow death from trapping or wounding from gunfire", he said. "While aerial gunning of coyotes has been reported effective in areas of flat terrain, it is almost useless in mountain areas where many sheep are grazed." According to Nelson, several states reported coyotes to be running packs this year, rather than running singly or in pairs. This means coyotes are having difficulty in finding food and explains why lambs are such prime targets at present. Nelson also said that for the first time cattlemen in several states are reporting significant losses to coyotes.

## Special Horse Branding

Branding of Oregon horses found to be positive reactors to the Coggins test for Equine infectious Anemia was recommended by the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Livestock Disease Advisory Committee at its December 19 meeting in Salem. Adopting a recommendation by the Committee on Equine Infectious Diseases of the U.S. Animal Health Association, the Oregon group suggests that such animals be identified by a hip brand of "92A", the Oregon identification number, and isolated from other horses in their area. According to Dr. Glenn B. Rea, state veterinarian, this highly infectious disease has no known cure and, despite the fact that Oregon has had little experience with it, it is advisable to identify reactors nationwide to protect the horse population. The committee learned that Anaplasmosis researchers have identified a cross infection between cattle and blacktail deer. Anaplasmosis is an anemic condition which may be transmitted by ticks. Members were told that mule deer apparently are not carriers of the disease, but that migration habits of blacktail deer pose a potential threat to herds in certain portions of Oregon. Also under discussion was the loss of sheep markets in Canada due to the presence of Blue Tongue in Oregon. Oregon would like Canada and other states to recognize, as it does, that Blue Tongue is present almost everywhere and does not deserve the restriction being placed upon it. The committee decided that hereafter only reports of suspected reactions to brucellosis ring tests will be distributed to herd owners, since the former practice of circulating negative reports made no contribution to the brucellosis disease control program. The decision will be reconsidered if herd owners object to dropping the negative reports. Finally, the committee was informed that a cooperative state-federal swine brucellosis validation program is underway and that individual herds validated in 1973 will count toward validation of the state without retesting of breeding herds.

## Potato Exports Goal

Oregon, Washington and Idaho moved a step closer to opening markets in the Orient for processed potato products from these three states in late December with the formal formation of the Pacific Northwest Potato Export Committee. The Committee will be composed of a representative from the potato commissions of each of the three states and three advisory processor members. The latter will be selected at the annual meeting of the Northwest Food Processors Association in Portland in January and must include at least one dehydrator and one from frozen foods. Representing the commission on the committee are Bob Skiles, Nampa, of the Idaho Potato Commission, who was named chairman of the committee; Walt LePage, Pasco, Washington Potato Commission, elected vice-chairman; and Isao Kameshige, Ontario, Oregon Potato Commission. Jay Glatt, administrator of the Agricultural Development Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture will serve as the committee's coordinator. The committee will work on market promotion and market access problems for processed potato products. Emphasized in the promotion directed at institutional chefs, rapid food service people and the consumer, will be the superior quality of Pacific Northwest potatoes, which has resulted in this region being the primary potato processing area. Aimed at expanding markets will be the potato industry's participation in the Pacific Northwest Food Show planned for Tokyo this coming April and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service sponsored hotel and restaurant shows next spring in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore. The committee will provide a food technician for these shows. The technician will demonstrate uses and preparation of processed potato products and emphasize the fact that uniform quality products will soon increase efficiency and be more economical. The committee will also be involved in working out problems of market access. Nontariff entry restrictions have long been of great concern to Pacific Northwest food processors. Japan is indicating an interest in liberalization of some of its entry requirements that would have an effect on processed potato products. Relaxation of these requirements could also be helpful in marketing of other little known frozen or precooked food products from this region. The committee has a thorough understanding and technical knowledge of the potato industry, which will be useful in working with U.S. State Department personnel when making contacts with officials of foreign countries related to easing entry requirements of processed foods. Commenting on goals of the committee, Glatt sees its promotional work for processed potatoes as indirectly leading the way for opening up markets for other frozen and precooked food products from the Pacific Northwest, particularly frozen vegetables. He points out that one will naturally follow the other and says that the planned use of containers for shipment of potato products will mean unused space in the container can be filled by other processed foods, resulting in making it economically feasible for overseas shipments of minimum initial orders.

## Local Men Attend NFO Convention

Five local men went to Kansas City, Dec. 11-15, for the National Farmers Organization Convention. Those attending were Don McElligott, Lloyd Morgan, Dave Baker, Gene Logan and Don Peterson. Orin Lee Staley was re-elected president of the NFO after some close competition. Some of the things discussed at this convention were tenure of office, whether national directors should be salaried or not, and completeness of financial reports. The Morrow County members felt that the organizational structure will change because of these subjects which were debated.

## Lexington

Mr. and Mrs. Riek Marquardt of Pullman, Wn. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt over the holidays. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messinger Sr., Mrs. Bill Marquardt, Charma, Billy June, and Norita to Portland, to return Penny to the hospital after she spent the holidays with her family. Billy June Marquardt spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt.

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## Wheat Shipments Up

Oregon's wheat shipping ports have signaled a boost in the Pacific Northwest's agribusiness economy. And, in an unusual way. Wheat inspected and shipped from Willamette and Columbia River ports in Oregon from July 1, 1972, to just before Christmas totaled more tonnage than the estimated 1972 crop of all grains produced in Oregon, according to figures compiled by the Grain Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Division administrator Allen G. Plummer gave total exports of Pacific Northwest wheat

from regional river ports as 1,542,000 tons. U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates place all Oregon grain production on December 15 at 1,446,980 tons. USDA figures estimate Oregon wheat production at 1,105,440 tons; oats at 79,040 tons; barley at 276,000 tons and rye at 6,500 tons. Also since July 1, the Grain Division recorded its second highest export inspection month in November, when 388,175 tons were inspected. The highest export inspection month was December, 1971, when 417,975 tons were inspected by division personnel.

## Holiday Visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash traveled with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Connor and their four children to Beaverton for the week-end. They visited with the Nash's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons. The Connors also were guests at the home of Dean's sister and Mrs. Johnny Williams of Aloha. On their return trip Monday, they all stopped off in Hood River for a visit with Lincoln's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Springer.

## Drive-In Redecorated



Mike Lott and Jerry Clow have cokes at the newly decorated Drive In. New Walls and new floor covering may be seen in the picture too.

Customers are ohing and ahing at the change at the Drive In. Wayne and Rita Harris recently purchased the Drive In from Cliff Harris. They closed up for a few days for remodeling. The remodeling included handsome wood paneling and a gold and red wall-to-wall carpeting. As Mrs. Harris said, "we chose something that would go good with mustard and catsup".

## Lexington

### DEATH CLAIMS

**LOU BROADLEY**  
A Tennessee-born woman who traveled west with her family in 1887 died in Corvallis Dec. 26 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Lou Broadley, born Nov. 19, 1882, was the daughter of John McMillan and Margaretta Dyer.

She was united in marriage to George Broadley in Lexington Dec. 21, 1902.

During the 1920s, Mrs. Broadley and her husband George lived in Lexington, where he owned and operated a blacksmith shop. Mrs. Broadley cared for her mother for many years, who had lost an arm early in life.

She was a member of the Holly Rebekah Lodge for over 50 years.

Mr. Broadley preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1935, as did her brothers, Elbert D. John F., Samuel (Gus), George L. and William P. and two sisters Elza William and Minnie Broadley. She leaves to mourn her passing one sister Mrs. Cora Warner of Corvallis. Mrs. Warner is the only one of the family to be born in Oregon.

Funeral services were held at the Lexington Christian Church Dec. 29 with the Rev. Don Johnson officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden," accompanied by Mrs. Marquardt at the piano. Interment followed at the Lexington Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Cecil Jones, Dean Hunt, Buster Padberg, Scott McMillan, Don Pointer and Kenny Jones. Honorary bearers were Roy Campbell, Adolph Majeske, Orville Cutsforth, Ralph Jackson, Elmer Hunt and Mervin Leonard.

Mrs. Broadley is survived by one sister, Cora Warner of Corvallis, with whom she was living at the time of her death; several nieces and nephews. Florence McMillan of Lexington is one of her nieces.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Those from out of town attending the services were her sister Mrs. Cora Warner and daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hays, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Candy Frischnecht, Mrs. Britton Price, and Mrs. Deanna Cramer all of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMillan of Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hill of Redmond, Mrs. Kay Moran of Coos Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Sam

McMillan of Portland, Mrs. Eula Markle of Portland, Mrs. Dona Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritchie Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Pete McMillan of Grande Ronde, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Mrs. Stuart Smith, Mrs. Mervin Leonard of Hermiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan of McMinnville, and other friends and relatives from Morrow Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Padberg and children of Dayton, Wn. were recent visitors with his mother Mrs. Katie Padberg and her parents Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm J. Van Winkle met Mr. and Mrs. Aarsted of Portland in Hood River on Sunday where they enjoyed an early New Year's Day dinner.

### It's A Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burcham are the proud parents of a son Kenneth James, born Dec. 29, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The young man weighed 7 lbs 8 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burcham, Lexington. The new boy was named after Kenneth Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Breeding, Gresham, were week-end visitors in Lexington. Mrs. Breeding had been here the week previous, helping Mrs. Lola Breeding move to her new home in Irrigon.



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