

# Heppner-Gazette-Times

## Farm Review AND Forecast

### Resource Group Slates Marketing Specialist

The Columbia-Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development project will have its annual meeting 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at Riverside High School.

Alan Mills, Port of Portland marketing specialist, will discuss export opportunities for Mid-Columbia crops.

Gerald George, soil conservation service project engineer, will give a slide talk on the status of RC and D projects. Included will be the Stanfield and Westland Irrigation Districts, and the Hudson Bay District Improvement Co. The estimated cost of the projects is \$40,000 with the federal government paying 50 percent.

The seven resource committee chairmen will present 1972 committee accomplishments, long-range objectives and goals for 1973.

The RC and D is awaiting U.S. Department of Agriculture approval including Grant and Wheeler Counties. The project presently covers Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam Counties.

The Grant and Wheeler annexation would set the boundaries as those of Administrative District 12 council of governments.

Officers will be elected by the eight soil and water conservation districts, five county courts and three port commissions sponsoring the RC and D.

### A Rare Goose Sight

Jack Melland says the geese coming into Three Mile Canyon every evening is a sight to behold. The geese fly in between 4 and 5 o'clock in the late afternoon. He estimates the number to be in the neighborhood of 35,000 geese.

He suggests that people driving down to see them from the Heppner Jet, turn left and go under the freeway and railroad. From this vantage point, the geese will not be disturbed by the presence of cars. This is Game Refuge territory and there's no hunting.

Observers will see geese wearing a red neck band. These were placed on the geese that were hatched from the eggs taken from the islands at the time the John Day dam was backing water over the islands.

Not all oven-cooked foods require a preheated oven. The general rule is this: any food requiring more than one full hour of cooking time may be placed in a cold oven.

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### Jack Sumner Asks Release of REAP Funds

SALEM - State Representative Jack Sumner (D-Heppner) today submitted a Memorial to the Oregon House asking the Nixon administration to release Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) funds the administration announced two weeks ago it would withhold in a cost-cutting campaign.

REAP payments share with Oregon farmers the costs of conservation and antipollution practices, such as strip cropping which controls wind and water erosion in the Columbia River counties of Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla, and diversion ditches, which help control water erosion in the same area.

The agriculture Department payments in Oregon would have amounted to approximately \$2 million.

### Wheat Damage Light

By Harold Kerr

Damage to winter wheat seedlings in Morrow County does not appear to be serious, reports Harold Kerr, Morrow Extension Agent.

Dr. Norm Goetze, OSU Extension Agronomist, advises growers who are checking fields to look for the new undamaged tissue on the crown or crown bud for assurance that the plant will probably survive, even where leaf damage has been heavy. Growers realize that the snow cover present on most fields is responsible for protecting the wheat plants during the recent cold snaps.

Growers who do find it necessary to reseed or have additional acres to seed are advised to use winter wheat varieties such as Nugaines, Gaines, Hyslop, or Wanser up till mid February.

Research at the Pendleton Experiment Station has shown that the late seeded winter wheat varieties except for Moro and Paha will not yield spring wheat varieties. Growers who are not able to seed before mid to late February will be seeding spring varieties such as Adams, Ideal, or Fortuna a hard red spring variety. Two new varieties have done very well in local nurseries. They are both soft whites, and are named Twin and Springfield. Spring seed wheat may be hard to locate this year, reports Harold Kerr, if other areas are forced to reseed many acres.

### Calf Scours Referral Service

By HAROLD KERR

Every spring ranchers are faced with the possibility of calf scours or other diseases, reports Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent. A new service is available to local producers to help determine exact cause of the problem. Referral is usually made to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at OSU through the local veterinarian.

The fee for the diagnostic service is \$6 which is only a small percentage of the total cost. The Diagnostic Laboratory at OSU was strongly supported and encouraged by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and our local Morrow County Livestock Growers Association.

It is important that a veterinarian is consulted in most cases because interpretation of the results from the laboratory usually require a professional reports Kerr.

On many modern washing machines, it is possible to adjust water level for partial loads. However, if this adjustment is not possible with your washer, wait until you have a full load to do your laundry. This way, you will make the best possible use of both water and electricity.



"Here's my idea. We'll give every customer a free cat!"

Representative Sumner's memorial points out "the importance of encouraging farmers to protect our air and water from pollution and conserve our natural resources." The REAP programs pay 50 to 80 percent of the Oregon farmer's cost of such control measures.

Sumner is State Representative of District 35 which includes Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Jefferson and parts of Wasco, Clackamas, Marion and Linn Counties.

### Wheat Market, Varieties Seminar

By HAROLD KERR

Wheat market prospects and new wheat varieties are two topics highlighting a series of one day seminars on Wheat Production and Marketing, according to Harold Kerr, Morrow County extension agent.

Because of anticipated high prices, a continuing export market, and low carryovers, reports Kerr, the outlook for 1973 is extremely favorable. The one-day program will be held at Willows Grange in Ione on Friday, February 9, 1973.

The seminar program will be repeated each day, during the week of Feb. 5-9. Other similar sessions are planned for Sherman County Courthouse, Moro, Feb. 5; PP&L Conference Room, The Dalles, Feb. 6; Mikkalo Grange Hall, Mikkalo, Feb. 7; and Indian Hills Motel, Pendleton, Feb. 8; The seminar will begin at 9:00 each day.

Recent scientific reports on weed control, seed treatment and soil moisture conservation will be reviewed by Oregon State University extension scientists. New farm program legislation will also be discussed with an eye as to how it affects Oregon wheat.

Speakers will include Ronald Burr, extension agronomist; Norman Goetze, extension agronomist; Ernest Kirsch, Union County extension agent; Paul Koepsell, extension plant pathologist; Stephen Marks, extension agricultural economist; Gene Nelson, extension farm management specialist; and Donald Rydrych, associate professor of Agronomy.

All wheatgrowers are urged to attend.

### Gooseberry Livestock Meeting

Jan. 9, 1973, meeting

The meeting came to order, Rick Peterson appointed Paul Peterson to lead the flag salute and Paul McElligott to lead the 4-H pledge.

Then we took role, every member was to name a part of a lamb. We had 18 members present at the meeting.

The secretary Patricia Van Schoick read the minutes of the last meeting. The new business was brought up by Phil Carlson. The people that are going to The Dalles Show are Rick Peterson, Dawn Peterson, Phil Carlson and Clint Carlson.

Bob Peterson thought if we need starter ration that we should give our order to him.

Rick Peterson brought up the matter whether we should have a meeting every month or very other month. There were 2 in favor of every other month and the rest wanted every month.

Joan McElligott moved the meeting be adjourned and Clint Carlson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Reporter,  
Clint Carlson

G-T WANT ADS PAY

### Winter Feed Grain Varieties Released

Two winter feed grains -- a barley and an oat -- have been released by the Agricultural Experiment Stations of Oregon and Washington.

Adair, the new 6-row barley, was the top yielding variety for two years in tests at the North Willamette Experiment Station, Aurora, and for the last three years at the Hyslop Agronomy Farm, Corvallis, Oregon State University scientists said.

Developed from a cross made in Corvallis in 1958, the new variety has shorter height and improved straw strength. Having moderate winter hardiness, it is adapted to the winter barley-growing areas of the Willamette Valley.

Amity, the new winter oat, is intermediate in height with white plump kernels. It was developed from a 1952 Corvallis cross. Amity, adapted to the winter oat-growing area of western Oregon, particularly for the Willamette Valley, will provide a white winter oat for western Oregon.

Tested extensively for five years on the Hyslop Farm, the new winter oat has outyielded commercial varieties. In addition to white kernels and a stiff straw which results in less lodging, Amity has a greater degree of winter hardiness than Powys, the other white-grained variety now used.

Seed from both new varieties has been made available to growers.

### Sheep Shearing School

Annual sheep shearing schools are held at various locations in Eastern Oregon, reports Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent. This year sessions will be held at the following places:

April 17-18 Union  
April 19-20 Ontario  
May 1-2 Fossil  
May 3-4 Prineville

The cost of the two day school is \$5.00. Dr. John Landers, OSU Animal Science Specialist is in charge of the sessions. Registration forms are available at the Morrow County Extension Office.

There is a real opportunity for high school age students to make some extra spending money shearing small farm flocks in this area. Every year we get more requests for sheep shearers, reports Harold Kerr. Deadline for registering is March 10.

### Assessor Posts Livestock Prices

Schedule 6 LIVESTOCK				1973 TAX ROLLS			
TYPE	NUMBER	ASSESS. T. C. V.	TYPE	NUMBER	ASSESS. T. C. V.		
(a) MISCELLANEOUS			(b) SHEEP AND GOATS				
Wavy Horns & Hairs	100		Lambs & Wethers		30		
Scott's Horses	300		Ewes, 1 to 6 yrs.		22		
Judico Horses Registered	350		Ewes, 1 to 6 yrs.		10		
Sheldahl, Welsh Ponies	40		Ewes, Rams, & Yr Sover		10		
Hess (number brand)	12		Goats - Milk		15		
Alaska Dierke	16		Mohair		3		
Murchison	16		Total (b)		30		
Rabbits							
Ch. Whitties	6		(c) SWINE				
Cow, Racing			3 mo. & under		10		
Dogs, Kennel Stock			3 to 9 mo. (any wt)		40		
			Sows & Boars		24		
Total (a)	XXXX		Total (c)		74		
(d) CATTLE - BEEF			(e) POULTRY**				
Cows, under 6 mo.	70		Chickens		70		
Cows, 6 mo-1 yr.	160		Turkeys		300		
Cows, 1 yr. & over	120		Turkeys, Balance		10		
Steers, 1-2 yrs.	205		Geese		150		
Heifers, 1-2 yrs.	180		Total (e)		530		
Cows, 2 yrs. & over	200						
Bulls, 1 yr. & over	320						
Total (d)	370						
(f) CATTLE - DAIRY*							
Cows, under 6 mo.	70						
Cows, 6 mo-1 yr.	35						
Cows, 1 yr. & over	160						
Heifers, 1 yr. & over	80						
Stags, 1 yr. & over	205						
Stags, 1 yr. & over	140						
Stags, 1 yr. & over	220						
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resources are developing industrial programs as a means of creating wealth with which to buy food.

The report had suggested substitution of soybean protein for red meat. Referring to this McKinnis said it was pure folly to expect the American people with their affluency to reduce their standard of living to this substitution. He admitted it was possible for underdeveloped countries to do this for it was step up in the economic ladder, but reminded at the same time that U.S. agricultural resources would have to provide this source of food.

Referring to the present worldwide red meat shortage, the Oregon man said perhaps this had been overlooked in preparing the report, then reminded of the need for orderly water development projects to provide ample land resources for livestock production, which must continue to show substantial gains to reverse the shortage trend.

McKinnis said Oregon's major concern is the effect the report could have on orderly future development of water resources. A statement in the report to which he referred in making the comment was: "The transfer of water from agriculture to other uses would not put pressure on the nation's food supplies or export possibilities. Neither would it have other than minimal effects on the cost of food to the nation's consumer."

McKinnis said consideration must be given the total needs of the nation and world as a base for future water development, with subtractions made for adverse weather, pests and other hazards and at all times a margin of safety to assure the nation and world an adequate food supply.

He noted that agriculture should recognize the water needs of the nation outside of agricultural uses, but pointed out that the same factors used in arriving at agricultural needs should be applied in considering nonagricultural water needs.

Recommending full utilization of both our land and water needs with a concerted effort to meet nonagricultural needs, McKinnis advocated multiple use of water by agriculture and industry through utilization of industrial waters for irrigation. Examples he mentioned were warm water from thermo power generating plants for irrigation, eliminating costly cooling towers and contamination of streams and lakes; waste water from industry for irrigation and planning that would provide both recreation, water enhancement and irrigation.

### COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Nope, ain't sellin'. The way the government subsidizes everything they just might take us tumble weed growers next and I'd have it made!"

### Boardman N-Site Hearing

All persons interested should attend the public hearing this Friday, Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Riverside School on the feasibility of placing a nuclear power plant adjacent to the naval bombing range at Boardman. The State Nuclear and Thermal Energy Council will hold the hearing.

Portland General Electric Co. has asked the council to make a decision on the feasibility of putting a plant at the north-eastern site at Carty Canyon so it can proceed with its application to build there. PGE filed an intent a year ago in February. Efforts continue to find another site for the Navy Bombing Range.

There will be a second public hearing in Portland on Jan. 15.

Plan to Attend.  
Among those planning to and may testify are Dick McElligott, Merlin Hughes, D.O. Nelson, Barton Clark, Louis Carlson, Henry Gantenbein, Ken Turner, Leftoy

Gardner, Bob Drake, Judge Paul Jones.

Gar Swanson, Dewey West, Chester Wilson, Ed Hoefft, Ralph Saylor, Les Tinhoff, Stafford Hansell, Jack Sumner, Jerry Sweeney, and Harold Kerr.

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- Manufacturing inventories & Supplies.
- Livestock.
- Food processing inventories — Seed, Feed, Fertilizer, Inventories held for sale.
- Inventories of Consigned Merchandise.
- Log Inventories: Cold decks and ponds, also felled and bucked logs in the woods.
- Automotive and Trailer House Inventories.

**B. FURNITURE & FIXTURES IN COMMERCIAL USE**

**C. MOVABLE MACHINERY**

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ORS 308.105 makes it the responsibility of the taxpayer to file these reports or incur the penalty provided by law.

**Joyce Bergstrom**  
MORROW COUNTY ASSESSOR