

Mel Moyer State Conservation Winner



MR. & MRS. MEL MOYER

Mel Moyer, Morrow County rancher and winner of the 1972 Conservation Man of the Year was named State Winner at the Oregon Wheat League meeting in Portland last month. He was in competition with the winners

of seven other counties.

He was presented the John Deere state plaque at the banquet held December 5. Mrs. Moyer accompanied him to Portland and joined him on Cloud 99.

Morrow County has had two other winners in the last five years. They were Louis Carlson and Bob and Herb Peterson.

There will be a State tour of his farm operation this Spring.

WIND Erosion PROBLEM

By HAROLD KERR

Wind erosion in Morrow County is not a new problem. Dryland wheat farmers have lived with this problem for many years. They have developed cultural practices which have done a good job when properly applied. The Lexington Blow Control District, one of two in the state, has been an effective tool in keeping serious erosion problems from developing in the summerfallow areas of the county.

The irrigation development taking place in Morrow County has created some new challenges for landowners and the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District supervisors.

Wind erosion on sandy soils can be controlled if proper precautions are taken by the landowners.

The supervisors of the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District recognized early in the development of newly irrigated lands that wind erosion would be one of the most serious problems facing land developers. At their request, a multi-agency committee was appointed to work on a brochure (or publication) which could be given to lending agencies, real estate dealers and others who are in contact with new land developers.

The soil erosion committee is working on a publication which could be distributed to all interested parties. In the meantime, a new publication by the Agriculture Research Service entitled "How to Control Wind Erosion" has been published. Copies of the new bulletin have been ordered and will be available for public use.

The wind erosion problem and related soil loss, air pollution, spreading of weeds and insects as well as loss of soil nutrients will not be easily solved but an organized united effort by everyone concerned will go a long way towards stepping one of our most serious problems associated with the irrigation development taking place in Morrow County.

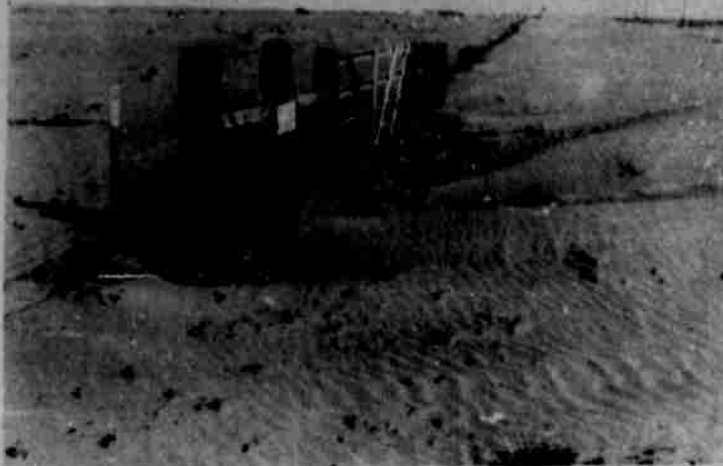
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"We see no problem with co-existence with the Carty nuclear program," Tierney said. He said two flight corridors used by Navy planes would be shifted to reduce the chance of an accident to the plant.

Garland Swanson, president of the port, said four nuclear plants envisioned for construction in Morrow County would help irrigate 200,000 acres of arid land, provide many recreational opportunities and wildlife refuges and make water available for city and industrial use.

| ACTIVITY | MONEY |
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| Construction payroll (1975-80) | \$35.8 million |
| PGE staff payroll (1975-80) | 4.2 million |
| Local purchases (1975-80) | 2.5 million |
| Annual payroll after completed | 1 million |
| Maintenance and refueling payroll (annual) | 40,000 |
| Local purchases when operation (annual) | 120,000 |



Severe wind erosion damage caused by leaving surface soil unprotected during initial installation of irrigation system.

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