



Some of the 18- and 19-foot roadways in Highway District 12 are bit on the narrow side, especially when a school bus and a truck meet on a curve. This photo was taken on Highway 74 Near Ione. County Judge Paul Jones reports there are no funds available at this time for any road widening work in this area. Area residents have been petitioning for widening this section of Highway 74, terming it dangerous to all forms of traffic.

Service centers for USDA

Morrow County farmers, ranchers and rural residents will have a USDA Service Center to take the place of the former four USDA agencies," according to Sherwood Nicholas, Oregon director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The new center will include Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration, Soil Conservation Service and Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

According to Nicholas, the center will be also established in all counties in Oregon which have the four USDA agencies. The centers will permit these local USDA offices to provide more technical assistance, more information and other services not now feasible with a widely-dispersed, multiple-agency field office system. Upgraded communications capability, computer terminals and modern business equipment are planned for each service center.

In conjunction with the new Agricultural Service Centers in Oregon there will be 7,800 centers in the nation.

Farm fuel available

Morrow County farmers needing more diesel fuel may request it by applying immediately to distributors, according to Robert Jepsen, Ione chairman of the state Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

"The revision in the emergency fuel program is effective for 60 days," said Jepsen. "This revision will enable farmers who need diesel tractor fuel to continue their farming activities."

According to the revision, suppliers are obligated to give farmers and ranchers preference in supplying their needs of diesel fuel.

State and county offices of ASCS have been monitoring the farm fuel situation for months and assisting farmers by reporting their fuel needs to appropriate governmental units.

"Fuel supplies in Oregon could be tight, and we need to conserve energy here in Morrow County," Jepsen said.

NEEDLE THREADERS TAKE HOLIDAY OFF

The Needle Threaders met Dec. 6 for their last gathering before the holiday season. At the previous meeting at the home of the leader, Mrs. Francine Evans, Christy Brandt completed her skirt project.



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Electrical course to be offered

A class on center-pivot electrical systems will be offered in Boardman next month by Blue Mountain Community College.

Tom Sutherland and Bob Irving will be the instructors. The class begins Jan. 7, 7 p.m., at Riverside High School.

Topics include: direct current electricity, alternating

current electricity, single-phase and three-phase systems, distribution systems from utilities, different three-phase configurations, motors,

control systems in center pivots, protective devices, maintenance safety, electrical trouble shooting and test equipment.

In addition to the electrical

system presentation a short overview of the mechanical operation and maintenance of the various types of systems will be presented.

Applications can be obtained by contacting Larry O'Rourke, director, Adult Education and Community Service, Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, 97801.

Eddie Brosnan heads stockman

Eddie Brosnan was elected president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association Monday night.

His officers for the coming year include: Charlie Daly, vice-president, Bob Mahoney,

secretary; and Larry Lindsay, treasurer.

During the meeting, Mike Howell, Morrow County extension agent, discuss plans for an animal health program for the livestock growers this winter.

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