

**OSU Extension Service News**

by

**Morrow Extension Staff**

**WHEAT MARKET**

This past week saw wheat prices break sharply. What causes rise and fall in the wheat market is a subject of much debate and discussion in Morrow County. Steve Marks, Extension Economist, Oregon State University, comments in his Market Review for Grain and Hay that grain exports are ahead of the year ago volume but remaining stock are plentiful for the current and expected demand in the months immediately ahead.

Wheat prices dropped 60 cents a bushel from the 1976 peak in late February and are 45 cents below year ago prices.

Marks credits firm holding by growers from staving off panic selling and a steeper drop in prices. Several developments triggered the price break, according to Marks. Mill inventories are reported adequate for needs until the 1976 wheat harvest comes in. Also export demand has dropped off. This action apparently was triggered by a three year high in U.S. wheat stocks. World wheat stocks are at a four year high.

Wheat and rice in India have produced bountiful crops. Good rains have helped Australia's crop prospects; Canada's prospects have also improved with recent rains. This is also true in Europe and Russia. Here in the U.S. the winter kill in the mid-west apparently is offset by increased plantings last fall.

Exports of white wheat increased from 128 million bushel last season to 135 million in the July to February period. A small increase, especially when the supply was 222 million bushel, leaving a substantial carryover.

Feed grain prices are also depressed, reflecting the huge 1975 corn crop. In the Northwest, barley exports were 9 million bushels less than one-half tonnage exported last year.

Hay prices have been strong due to drought conditions in California. March hay sales ranged from \$65 to \$85 with prospects for strong demands in the next few months.

**"OPEN UP"**

We hope that our older 4-H members have opened up those green and yellow forms telling them about those lazy, hazy days of summer, reports Birdine Tullis. Because those green and yellow sheets have the good news about bright new events and opportunities!

"Open Up" is the theme for a week of opportunities on campus of Oregon State University, and the former summer school has been revamped to meet the interests and challenges of our modern generation of young people. For the first time, separate application forms were sent to different age groups. Those members in the eighth and ninth grades received a green form; sophomores, juniors and seniors should have received a yellow form. Both have applications that should be returned to the Extension Office just as soon as possible.

Those receiving the yellow forms are encouraged to read it thru, for there are a wide variety of other experiences offered for this older age group. State fair opportunities, including serving as teen staff, working with state staff in communications, and serving as junior superintendents, are explained. In addition, specialized workshops are offered at the same time as summer week. For those interested in gaining expertise in the subject of horses, there is a special workshop. If exploring the coast, biology, ecology and marine sciences are your interest, be sure to check out the Marine Science workshop. If you want to learn and explore the great outdoors, there is a special one for that, too!

So open up those forms, make your decisions for summer fun, and get those applications back to the Extension Office, Box 397, Heppner.

The special interest workshops will fill up fast, as there is a limit on numbers for each, and there are lots of kids in Oregon who will be eager to spend a week at State Fair helping with the action there. 4-H has challenges for you this summer, but your application must be sent in.

**VEGETABLE GARDEN HELP**

With spring in the air, thoughts of starting a vegetable garden become prevalent. To help guide these thoughts and put them to good use several new and useful bulletins are available dealing with all aspects of vegetable gardening, according to Mike Howell, County Extension Agent. Everything from "growing your own carrots" to "vegetable garden planning" are available. These one-page handouts cover soil preparation, planting, growing, insect pests, harvesting, serving and storing. In addition to these handouts, a variety of lawn, garden and landscape topics are available.

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**LIONS 4-H AND FFA FIELD DAY**

A full day of activities for 4-H and FFA club members is being planned for the second annual Lion's Club Field Day to be held April 24 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Morrow County Fair grounds. Home Economics judging contests, livestock judging contest including hay judging and meats judging, plus a tractor driving contest will be held during the morning, says Mike Howell, county extension agent. The Blue Mountain Community College Livestock judging team will be the official judges for all livestock events. In addition to the judging contest there will be 4-H presentations, an FFA public speaking contest, 4-H and FFA displays, plus a special 4-H English Riding demonstration. All 4-H and FFA members from Eastern Oregon are invited.

**HOMEMAKERS DAY TO SPOTLIGHT INDUSTRIES**

What do you know about your neighbor's business? Not much? In our county your neighbor's business might be wheat, or potatoes, or beef, or sheep! And we all need to know something about how these businesses are doing, according to Birdine Tullis, Morrow Extension Service.

The Extension Homemaker's Advisory Committee hopes to help every one in the county understand their neighbors and the commodities they provide by inviting every one to attend an Agri'Rama devoted to the various commodity groups and the women involved in each.

Developments in the county are bringing changes to the area, and many developments are related to agriculture. Spin off from the new developments is, or will be affecting every one in the area, whether they live in the towns or in the country. Last year, Morrow County was rated fourth in the state in agricultural income, which is quite a change from previous years. It is important that consumers and producers understand economics from the producers point of view, as well as the impact that agriculture commodities have on the overall economic health of the county.

But all will not be business at the annual Homemaker's Day, April 20. There will be something for everyone with cooking demonstrations, spinning and weaving, sprouting, grain grinding, displays, samples of new products and many other free items including a large number of door prizes donated by the various commodity groups and local businesses.

It is all free. All you have to do is be present at the Elks Lodge, 12:30 p.m. April 20 for one of the most informative and fun afternoons ever offered in Morrow County.

Vera Cooley, Irrigon, chairman of the Homemakers Advisory Committee, along with women from each of the local industries, join in a special invitation to every one to attend!

**OREGON-JAPAN YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

On April 8 Morrow County host families for Oregon-Japan Youth Exchange Program met at the Lexington school house.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive names and addresses of the Japanese boys and girls. Correspondence should begin soon, so families and the children can become acquainted before the actual home stay.

Mrs. Roger Palmer, county coordinator explained some of the things discussed at her meeting in Corvallis in January.

A history of Japan, literature on the Labo program and suggestions for host families were given to each family.

Hosts chosen for this summer's exchange are: Ken Belcher, 11 year old boy; John Gochnausers, 15 year old girl; Roger Palmer, 12 year old boy; Leslie Paustians, 13 year old girl; Robert Abrams, 14 year old girl; all of Heppner. Harold Bakers, 14 year old girl. Boardman; Louis Carlsons, 15 year old boy; Ione; Des Witts, Umatilla, 14 year old boy; Vern Evans, Irrigon, 14 year old girl; Don Bennetts, Heppner, will host the chaperone.

The Japanese students will arrive in late July for a 30 day visit. Japanese crackers and cookies were served.

**EVERY OREGON COUNTY REPRESENTED AT UO**

Students representing every county in the State of Oregon were enrolled at the University of Oregon during the UO's recently completed Winter Term, according to a report recently issued by the Registrar's office.

The report says 16,470 students were enrolled at the University during the '76 winter term. That total includes 11,925 undergraduates, 4,241 graduates, and 304 special students. Enrollment by men outnumbered enrollment by women, according to the report, 9,375 to 7,095.

Nearly 70 per cent of the total enrollment is represented by students who list the State of Oregon as their home state. The total also includes 4,223 students from other U.S. states and territories and 735 students from foreign countries.

Within Oregon, counties represented by the most students enrolled at the UO during winter term were Lane county, 4,416; Multnomah County, 2,374; Marion County, 718; and Clackamas County, 628.

There are presently 14 students from Morrow County attending the University of Oregon.

**LEAGUE FORMS TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE STATE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR CITIES**

Appointment of a task force of Oregon mayors to promote a state revenue sharing program for Oregon cities has been announced by League President Richard T. Carruthers, mayor of Hammond.

Mayor Lester E. Anderson, Eugene, a past league president, will head the task force. Other mayors serving on the revenue sharing task force are Ron Bryant, Redmond; Leonard Cates, Ontario; Robert Chopping, Astoria; Miller Duris, Hillsboro; Roesch Fitzgerald, LaGrande; Neil Goldschmidt, Portland; Lawrence Gray, Hermiston; Robert Hale, Coos Bay; Robert Lindsey, Salem; Jim McBee, Central Point, and Don Walker, Corvallis.

The task force will develop a public information program to identify critical fiscal problems facing Oregon cities and the need for cities to share in state income tax collections in order to avoid deep and damaging cutbacks in city programs and service.

The League executive committee recently decided to ask the 1977 Oregon legislature to earmark four per cent of state personal and corporate income tax collections for allocation to cities. An allocation formula based upon population with adjustments for local need and tax effort is being developed.

"Based on current estimates of 1977 income tax collections, cities would share approximately \$25 million in income tax collections during the 1977-78 fiscal year," Carruthers said.

"City Revenue sources, consisting of local property taxes subject to the six per cent limitation, a variety of local fees and charges and existing state and federal allocations, have simply not kept pace with inflation," Carruthers noted in announcing the appointment of the task force. "A recent league survey resulted in an estimate of \$71 million gap between anticipated revenues and needed expenditures over the next three years, excluding capital outlays, if city programs and services are to be kept at their present levels."

"In addition," Carruthers said, "the survey showed that the cities will have to terminate 1,091 employees—12.3 per cent of the present work force—over the next three years unless additional revenue is obtained."

Mayor Anderson said, "City officials feel that voters at the local level will be reluctant to approve local tax increases in order to maintain city programs and services at their present levels, when income tax collections at the state level are expected to produce revenues greater than the amount needed to maintain state programs at present levels."

"After all, it is the same taxpayers paying both state and local taxes. We should be able to balance a deficit at one level with a surplus at the other, and come up with a system of financing city government from the income tax, which responds to inflation," Anderson said.

Present projections are that the state will have a \$100 million surplus at the end of the present Biennium, June 30, 1977.



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**IRRIGON NEWS**

Frances Rose Wilson

The Rev. Duane Stewart, an Assembly of God missionary to Malawi, Africa, will be guest speaker April 20, at the Assembly of God on 8th St. in Irrigon at 7 p.m., according to Pastor Robert Schmolli.

Malawi, the former Nyasaland in East Central Africa is located entirely within the tropics and is one of Africa's poorest and most densely populated countries with over 4.6 million people.

Malawi has over 3,000 active members in 86 Assembly of God churches established since 1944. Mr. Stewart and his wife Sylvia have ministered there since 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart received B.A. degrees from Northwest Bible College, Kirkland, WA and Mr. Stewart also holds a T.H.B. degree from the college. They will teach in a Bible school located in Dedza, that has an enrollment of 30 students, when they return to Malawi. They are extending their Bible school training program since there is a need for native pastors, according to Mr. Stewart.

A special display and slides will highlight this mission rally. The public is invited to attend.

A community Sunrise Service will be held at 7 a.m. at the athletic field of the A.C. Houghton School. The Rev. Charles Ashby will be the speaker.

A breakfast will follow the service in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Vernon Stewart is in charge of the breakfast with the Assembly of God and the Baptist churches assisting. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge but a freewill offering will be received.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom

went with the Good Srn Travel Trailer Club to Mary Hill over the weekend.

Recent visitors at the Isom home were Mr. and Mrs. Milford Smithe, Elgin.

The Irrigon Lions Club held their annual election of officers, April 8 with the following officers elected: Charles Pennock, president; Dale Hurn, vice president; Howard Hadley, secretary; Don Kenyon, treasurer; Ralph Minnick, Lion Tamer; Patrick McDonough, Tail Twister; Duane Kerlin and Tom Snyder, directors.

Ralph Minnick is chairman of the Easter egg hunt.

It was announced that the Irrigon Lions Club will sponsor an Old Fashioned 4th of July in Irrigon this year.

**ST. PATRICKS ANNUAL STYLE SHOW-CARD PARTY**

With the theme, "Salute to Fashion '76", members of St. Patrick's Altar Society, Irrigon and Boardman, will present their annual style show and card party, Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge of the Nomad Restaurant. Boardman. Fashions will be from Penneys in Columbia Center, Kennewick.

There will be refreshments and special prizes awarded. Both bridge and pinochle will be played following the style show. Tickets are \$1.75 and may be purchased at the door. The public is cordially invited.

Co-chairman for the event are Marie Dantes, Francine Evans and Mary Lou Daltoso. Committee heads are tickets, Lonnie Sharkey, Jan Evans; refreshments, Bobbi Hug; serving, Deanna Mark; models, Doris Doherty, and raffle, Carol Hilling.

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