

Wheat farmers defend 2,4-D

Oregon's wheat farmers, responding to challenges from environmentalists, are springing to the defense of 2,4-D, their main weapon against weeds.

Scores of wheat farmers have submitted signed statements to the Oregon Wheat Growers League, testifying that 2,4-D has been used for 30 years on their farms with only beneficial effects.

The wheat farmers said 2,4-D is essential for weed control.

Without it, wheat production would drop by 50 percent, farmers said in the informal survey.

"We're expert witnesses and should be heard," said Earl Pryor, Condon, league president.

The herbicide is a phenoxy compound. Some residents of southwest Oregon have launched a campaign against the

use of all phenoxy compounds, which include 2,4,5-T as well as 2,4-D.

Max Barclay, Heppner, who has farmed for 24 years and has sprayed 2,4-D on 47,000 acres in that time, said, "No health problems, no abnormal pregnancies or births. Have horses in foal all the time... deer and pheasants are all healthy."

"If we did not have 2,4-D we would lose a lot. It's the most effective weed killer for us in this area."

"2,4-D is a safe, cost-effective tool which is helping keep food bills low," said C.K. and Stephen Peck, Lexington.

"Have five very healthy children and they are all grown and have healthy children of their own," said Lyle Peck, Heppner, who has been farming for 29 years and spray 2,500 acres of wheat land a year with 2,4-D.

Production costs, already ahead of the price farmers set for wheat, would rise another \$3 per acre, said another farmer.

"I don't think we could stay in business if we lose 2,4-D," said Kenneth Peck, Lexington.

Barton Clark, Heppner, said 2,4-D has been a major factor in production increases and said that these increases have helped the U.S. balance of

trade, since most of the wheat grown in this area is exported.

"I think 2,4-D is as important, or more important, than fertilizers," said Ed Bates, Condon, who has sprayed 1,000 acres a year for 30 years.

"We have used 2,4-D as a spray to control annual weeds **Rates up for VA transfer loans**

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs will increase the interest rate on veterans' loans transferred to non-eligible individuals after November 30, 1979. The new transfer interest rate will be 11 percent on real property loans and 12 percent on personal property mobile home loans.

The interest rate on loans to eligible veterans for the purchase of farms or homes is not affected by this change. Those rates will remain at 5.9 percent on real property loans, and 7.9 percent on personal property mobile home loans.

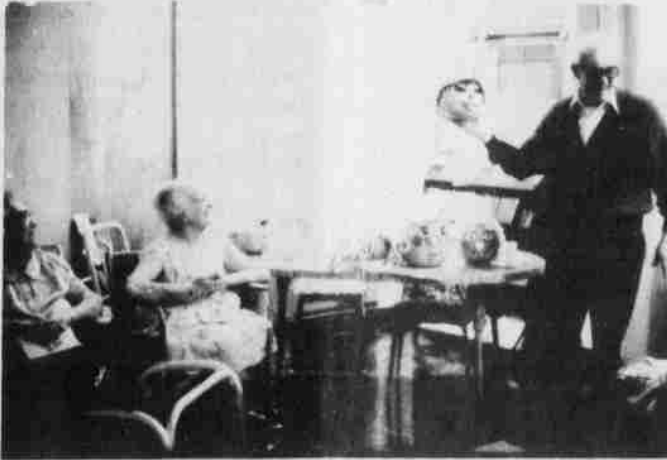
Oregon State law requires the director of Veterans' Affairs to annually adjust the rate to within one-half of one percent of the prevailing rate in the conventional mortgage market. The rate was last set at 9.8 percent on December 1, 1978.

since it became available in the '40's. We have had it all over us, on our clothes and on our skin. The only thing we haven't done is drink it," said Fred W. Hill, Pendleton.

"No abnormal pregnancies in man or beast," reports George Gilbert, Pilot Rock.

Umatilla County's soil conservation man of the year. "I have been farming for 20 years and have sprayed some 32,000 acres with 2,4-D.

"If 2,4-D were not available, we would have to change to a most costly weed killer or suffer a decrease in crop production," Gilbert said.



Judge Don McElligott picks out one of the winners in the pumpkin contest at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home.

Hospital notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital patients for the week ending Nov. 6 who were admitted and discharged were Helen Krueger, Lexington; Randy Vosberg, Lexington; Maynard Seefeldt, Lexington; David Leach, Ione; Gerrad Robin-

son, Fossil; Ronald Toombs, Heppner; and Cleo Mears, Lexington.

Patients who were admitted and still are in the hospital are Carrie Becket, Heppner; Peter Barker, Condon; and Lucille Massey, Heppner.

Maximum gas prices listed in Pacific Northwest

The Department of Energy's District Office of Enforcement today has issued an updated listing of estimated maximum retail prices for selected locations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The DOE emphasized that this list is only intended as a guide to give consumers a better idea of approximate legal selling prices in their areas. A station charging a higher price than the listed price in this guide is not necessarily in violation.

Variations in maximum legal selling prices at individual stations can and do exist. For example, higher maximum legal selling prices may be charged by dealers who purchase gasoline through jobbers rather than directly from terminals operated by the companies listed. Also, the longer the period of time since issuance of this list, the less it will reflect current prices actually being charged.

Motorists who believe they have been charged significantly more than the estimated maximum area prices may contact the DOE Office of Enforcement at the toll-free

hotline number 1-800-424-9246.

The approximate legal selling price at the end of October in the Portland area for Chevron gasoline is the cheapest at 94.5 cents per gallon. Exxon is next at 96.1 cents and Mobil is still under a dollar at 99.6 cents a gallon. Texaco is at 1.01.1. Shell is 1.02.7. Arco is \$1.05.2 and Union gas is the most expensive at \$1.08.6 cents per gallon. The prices listed are for

regular gasoline only. No lead gas is anywhere from one to six cents more depending on the station. Premium gas is about six cents higher at each station.

Gas in the Tri-Cities and Boise areas is usually the most expensive while Eugene has the least expensive prices on gas. Portland has the next cheapest and Spokane and Seattle are in the middle with basically the same prices.

Welcome sign violates zone

The Heppner City Council agreed with a request by City Police Chief Dean Gilman to lengthen the probationary period for new employees from six months to 12 months at the council meeting Monday.

The council also decided to transfer \$1,148 from the general fund to the swimming pool bonded-debt fund. A request was made by the auditor for the city because of a change in budgeting procedures.

The city also will look into the possibility of putting a timer on the lights at the tennis courts so the light will not be left on all of the time.

The council learned that the highway department will be taking down the Welcome to Heppner sign at the south end of town because it is in violation of a zone.

The council denied a request by a state engineer who recommended putting a no parking area in front of the Coast-to-Coast store on the corner of Main and May Streets. The council decided to keep the angle parking there despite the recommendation made by the engineer that a change was needed.

Wheat League

will meet

Morrow County Wheat Growers will hold their annual meeting Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Heppner. The program will begin with committee meetings of the standing committees of the Oregon Wheat League.

A social hour, sponsored by the Morrow County Grain Growers, will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The annual dinner will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each, with the remainder of the cost being picked up by the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Jim Cornelius, Extension marketing specialist for Oregon State University, whose topic is "What Happened to Our Wheat Price?"

Dr. Cornelius joined the O.S.U. Extension staff May 7, 1979. Cornelius worked for a private firm in California in marketing. From 1976 until May, 1979, he was marketing specialist for the Montana Extension Service.

Committees that will be working on resolutions for the state meeting in Portland, Dec. 2-5, are: Taxation and Legislation, Production and Land Use, Wheat Use and Research, Marketing, Wheat-hearts, Transportation, National Farm Programs, and Public Affairs and Membership.

County President Joe McElligott urges all wheat growers to participate.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Charles Klinger

Kenneth Charles Klinger, a lifetime resident of the Lexington area and a retired wheat rancher, died in Heppner on Saturday, Nov. 3. He was 58.

He was born Aug. 15, 1921 in Pendleton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Klinger.

On June 6, 1940, he was married to Annetta Tolbert at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Mr. Klinger was a member of the Lutheran Church and a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Hope Lutheran Church, with the Rev. John Maas officiating. Carlita Bloodsworth and Carl Marquardt sang "Amazing

Grace" and Whispering Hope," accompanied at the organ by Elizabeth Curtis.

Casket bearers were Bill Padberg, Dean Hunt, Leonard Munkers, Bob Campbell, Irvin Rauch and Roger Campbell.

Concluding services and interment were at the Hermiston Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Klinger is survived by his wife, Annetta, of Lexington; four sons, Steven, of Detroit; William, of LaCenter, Wash.; Victor, of Portland, and Aaron, of Hermiston; and six grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

David E. Leach

David E. Leach, 69, of Ione, died in Heppner on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Mr. Leach was born May 23, 1910, in Grangeville Idaho. On Aug. 4, 1970, he was married to Ermina Tanner at Washougal, Wash.

A member of the Christian Church, Mr. Leach was a retired truck driver and had resided in the local area for the past nine years.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. at the United Church of Christ, Ione, with the Rev. Norman Clear and the Rev. Cathy Barker officiating. Betty Marquardt and Carlita Bloodsworth sang "In the Garden" and "Nearer the Cross"

accompanied at the organ by Rikka Tews.

Casket bearers were David Leach, Bill Nichols, Paul Tews, Jim Swanson, Wayne Hams and Howard Crowell.

Concluding services and interment were at the Lexington Cemetery, Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Leach is survived by his wife, Ermina, of Ione; a son, David Leach, Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Ermina L. Williams, Centralia, Wash.; two brothers, Cecil Leach and Elmo Leach, both of Vancouver, Wash.; a sister, Mary Green, Yakima, Wash.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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