

Wheat growers say expanded trade will help economy

Wheat growers told U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland that expanded trade and export

programs for wheat will help all phases of the U.S. economy.

Earl Pryor, Condon farmer and president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, appeared before Secretary Bergland at a national hearing on the structure of agriculture.

Pryor stated that the wheat growers feel that trade is the basis of the U.S. free enterprise system. He commented that "trade can do more for agriculture and our nation than any farm program yet devised."

capital formation," he said. "Government services take up to 60 percent of our economy and we must search and scrutinize government spending programs and, perhaps, call for a constitutional convention to mandate economic principles for our government."

He said that trade can be expanded through "review of anti-trust laws and proce-

dures" to enhance the role of farmer-owned cooperatives. He said present export agricultural trade is dominated by multinational concerns and that farmer-owned cooperatives would be serving their farmer-owners.

Other wheat growers appearing at the hearing included Don Thompson, Moro; Tom McCoy, Wasco; and Stan Timmermann, Pendleton.

Congressmen introduce bills to protect steelhead

Oregon Congressman Les AuCoin and nine other members of the Oregon and Washington delegations in Congress have introduced legislation to make the steelhead a federally protected game fish.

Under the bill introduced by AuCoin and Congressmen Al Ullman, Jim Weaver and Bob Duncan of Oregon and Don Bonker, Tom Foley, Mike McCormack, Norm Dicks, Al Swift and Joel Pritchard of Washington, steelhead could not be sold commercially.

AuCoin noted that the steelhead trout is already designated as a game fish under Oregon law, meaning that it cannot be caught commercially in the state by non-Indian fishermen. However, recent court decisions have allowed Washington and Columbia River treaty tribes to net steelhead commercially.

"Because of its beauty, its elusiveness and its great fighting ability, the steelhead is unquestionably the most prized catch of Northwest sports fishermen," AuCoin said.

"The bill would apportion this limited resource more equitably. At the same time, it will help Northwest states manage this resource more effectively." Under the steelhead bill, treaty tribes could still catch steelhead, but only for sport or subsistence purposes. He bill also provides for compensation to treaty tribes for lost income as a result of the decriminalization of steelhead, a provision considered necessary on constitutional grounds.

Commercial catches of steelhead from the Columbia River by treaty tribes in Oregon and Washington totaled 20,300 last year, AuCoin said. This year's catch was about 9,600.

"Last year was a good one for steelhead in Oregon," AuCoin said. "This year is not as good. This bill would distribute a declining resource more fairly. But the fact is, compared with 10 years ago, the number of steelhead has declined dramatically. Our highest priority must be this: to increase the number of steelhead and salmon."



Officer Chuck Holt waits outside Heppner City Hall with his radar gun in the new city police car. The car is a red, 1979 Ford Fairmont purchased from Rohman Motor Co. in Hermiston for \$1,800 and the old police car.

Icy roads cause two accidents

Cases from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office for the week ending Dec. 17 are:

Ken Paul Champney, Rt. 2 Box 2511 Evergreen Apt. Sp. No. 5 in Heppner, was involved in a one-car, non-injury accident Dec. 15 when he was driving a 1968 International 13 miles north of Lexington on Highway 207 near the Sand Hollow Road. The car went off the icy road and rolled over. Damage has been estimated at \$1,500.

A Boardman juvenile was cited with attempting to elude an officer, driving without license plates and driving without a license. He was caught driving a motorcycle on Wilson Road.

Four Boardman juveniles were cited with minors in possession of alcohol. That case has been referred to the juvenile department.

Darcy Diane Rea, P.O. Box 413 in Ione, was involved in another non-injury, one-car accident. She was driving a 1974 Mustang five miles southeast of Ione near Eight-mile Canyon when the car slid on ice and went off the road.

Edwin Joseph Senkens, 5411 N.E. 26 Ave. in Portland, was arrested in Boardman for

driving while under the influence of intoxicants and he is in custody at the jail in Hermiston.

Club meets

The Gooseberry Livestock 4-H Club had its second meeting of the year Dec. 9.

The group met at the Grange hall after the household party for Rita Sumner. The club elected new officers.

This year, Larry Palmer will be the president, Paula Palmer the vice president, Anne Van Schoiack the secretary and Kathy McConnell the reporter.

The group will be selling light bulbs with the money raised from this going to the family of Jeremy Maben to help to pay the doctor bills.

The next 4-H meeting will be Jan. 6, 1980.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Harshman had a baby boy Dec. 13 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

They named the baby Elijah Love and he weighed seven pounds, 12 and one half ounces.

The Harshmans reside in Heppner.

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