

Letters To The Editor

White wheat futures contract?

To the editor:

Wheat producer organizations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho as well as the National Association of Wheat Growers voted in both 1980 and 1981 to promote a Pacific Northwest White Wheat futures contract. Both the Chicago Board of Trade and the Minneapolis Grain Exchange (M.G.E.) were asked to sponsor it. The M.G.E. responded to the request, so a committee of the Pacific Northwest wheat industry (composed of producers and commercials) has put together a proposed contract. This contract is currently being considered by the M.G.E.

A successful white wheat futures contract would benefit the industry in several ways. Theoretically, in the cash market, carrying charges would more fully reflect costs, there would be a narrower spread between bid and asked, and the cash market would be more liquid because the futures market would be trading every business day and as far forward as 12 to 14 months.

Whether or not the producer ever traded futures, he would benefit from the more competitive cash market.

For the hedger, basis risks would be small. Hedgers could

use futures for temporary alternative pricing, possibly as much as 14 months forward. It is not expected that producers would use futures to make delivery.

Commercials could be much more aggressive bidders because of the hedging and speculative opportunities offered by the futures market.

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange plans to make its decision at its board meeting April 9. The M.G.E. has been assured that there is considerable support from white wheat producers in the Pacific Northwest. So far, supportive letters have been slow. If you would like to see a white wheat futures contract, now is the time to stand up and be counted. Write a letter or card to the M.G.E. - tell what segment of the industry you represent and state your support. Get your elevator company to do the same.

Send your letter to: Mr. Alvin Donahoe, Minneapolis Grain Exchange, 150 Grain Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn. 55415.

Very truly yours,
Darl E. Kleinbach,
Chairman, White
Wheat Futures
Committee
Oregon Wheat
Growers League

Historical Soc. plans Harney County trip

By DELPHA JONES

Plans are underway for an overnight bus trip to Harney County to be sponsored by the Morrow County Historical Society.

Scheduled activities will include dinner at Frenchglen, a trip to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge and an evening of entertainment. Hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Haynes of

Burns.

Bus fare will be \$30 per person and reservations may be made at a motel for those who wish. Costs for meals and lodging are extra.

Those interested in traveling with the group are asked to call Delpha Jones, 989-8189 or Ruth McCabe, 422-7194. Reservations should be made by April 1 to reserve bus space and make lodging reservations.

Engagements

Peck - Shade



Dennis Peck and Debbie Shade

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shade of Hermiston announce the engagement of their daughter, Debbie, to Dennis Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck of Heppner.

A June wedding is planned.

McCabe - Gutierrez

Mr. George Gutierrez, Ione and Helen Drake of The Dalles, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cathleen, Ione to Ashley McCabe, also of Ione, son of Mr. Alvin McCabe of Ione and Carolyn Hall of Moscow, Idaho.

A September wedding is planned.

Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Dept. has released the following Work Report for the week ending March 20:

Roads bladed this past week were: N.S. Campbell Ranch Road, Bergevin Road, O. Peterson Road and the Milton Morgan Road.

Pot holes were patched with cold mix on Ella Road, McElligott Road and the north end of Ione - Gooseberry Road.

Shoulder work was completed on Clarks Canyon Road.

The bridge on lower Rhea Creek (Rugg-Jordan) was removed, and replaced with a 6 ft by 40 ft culvert.

Construction on Oregon Ave. continued. The road has been widened, smoothed and graveled.

Crushed rock is no longer available for purchase from Morrow County.

Construction on the Bombing Range Road is scheduled to begin on March 29. This 2.5 mile project will be done by Eucon Corp. and is estimated to take 90 days.

Births

Amanda Nicole McDaniel - A daughter, Amanda Nicole, was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Richard McDaniel of Fall Brook, Calif. on January 27. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn, John Day; Cecil McDaniel of Heppner; and Blanche McDaniel of Lone Rock.

Kimberly Rene Pointer - A daughter, Kimberly Rene, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Pointer, Lexington on March 19 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Grandparents are Nonie Pointer of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Don Query, Eagle Rock, Alaska.

Great-grandparents are Maude Pointer, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Wally Hickerson, Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Hamer Colwell, Eureka, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Query Sr. of Greatview, Wash.

Kimberly joins a brother Donnie, three at home.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls during the past week:

Kord Wayne Abbott was arrested by a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy on charges of allegedly negotiating a bad check. Abbott was lodged at the Umatilla Police Department.

Also on March 15, John Serino Wade was arrested on charges of allegedly failing to pay a fine. Wade posted bail and was released.

On March 16, Maynard O. Seefeldt of Lexington was arrested for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

In another March 16 incident, William Ming's residence in Boardman was broken into. A stereo set, television, four firearms and a portable sewing machine were stolen. The property was

valued at \$1230.

On March 20, Kyrion Bond Brinkerhoff of Portland was arrested for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants by a Boardman Police officer following a one vehicle non-injury accident on the off ramp into Boardman from Interstate 84. Brinkerhoff was lodged at the Hermiston Safety Center.

On March 21, Raymond Carl Barnes of Milwaukie received a Uniform Traffic Citation for alleged Failure to Yield Right of Way.

School Lunch Menus

Ione School

Mon., March 29 - burritos, carrot sticks, spinach, dessert and milk.

Tues., March 30 - pizza, green beans, dessert and milk.

Wed., March 31 - Chinese hamburger, buttered corn, hot rolls, fruit and milk.

Heppner High School

Mon., March 29 - wiener wraps, chili beans, lettuce salad, dessert and milk.

Tues., March 30 - spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad, peach half, milk or salad bar.

Wed., March 31 - potatoes and hamburger gravy, deviled eggs, rolls, mixed fruit, milk or salad bar.

Thursday, April 1 - April Fools Lunch: Main Dish - it squawked, vegetable - has eyes, salad - has leaves, dessert - wrapped in paper.

Fri., April 2 - cheese burgers, later rounds, vegetable sticks, fresh fruit, and milk.

Heppner Elementary School

Mon., March 29 - hamburger gravy with rice, vegetables, fruit, rolls, and milk.

Tues., March 30 - school election day dinner.

Wed., March 31 - chicken - noodles, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Morrow Co. to receive targeted conservation program funds

To help meet critical soil erosion and water conservation problems, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide \$9 million during fiscal 1982 in "targeted" agricultural conservation program funds in 15 states which will include Morrow County, according to Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block.

Five Oregon counties including Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, and Umatilla have been termed critical erosion target areas and have been approved for targeted conservation funds. \$510,000 is to be distributed to these five counties, it was announced in a news release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Four Oregon counties including Morrow, Umatilla, Jackson and Klamath have been listed as critical water shortage targeted areas and have also been approved for targeted conservation funds. \$75,000 is to be distributed between the four counties, the news release stated.

Block said both water conservation and erosion control measures will emphasize long term agreements covering a period of from three to five years.

Of the \$9 million, \$6.5 million is allocated for erosion control in 126 counties; \$2.5 million is for water conservation in 73 counties, the news release continued.

The total national budget for the fiscal 1982 agricultural conservation program is \$190 million, of which the \$9 million is part. These funds are allocated to individual states, after which state ASCS offices determine the amount that can be used in each county, the news release concluded.

Block said the new concept will allow federal, state and local governments and farmers themselves to attack the most critical problems, while maintaining conservation practices already established on other lands.

The agricultural conservation program, administered by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, is a joint effort by government and other groups to restore and protect basic land and water resources and the environment.

Block said USDA's Soil Conservation Service also has targeted funds to attack the same problems in the same geographic areas. SCS also will provide additional technical assistance, he said.

"With both ASCS and SCS working together on these problems, we will be bringing

all the conservation resources and expertise in the department to bear where the need is greatest and we can get the most for our money," Block said.

In granting funds for the program, USDA will emphasize those measures that provide cost-effective solutions to resource problems and will encourage conservation tillage methods to reduce excessive erosion. In addition, Block said, the department will concentrate on reducing flood damage where annual losses are high and solutions are not too costly.

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Justice Court

Justice Court at the Morrow Co. Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

Danny Lee Wilson, Lexington - Open Container of Alcoholic Liquor in a Motor Vehicle, \$44 fine.

Dorian James Forrar, Heppner - Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$22 fine.

Doreen Edra Boyer of Monument - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (72 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$55 bail forfeited.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH MORROW COUNTY:

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO INSURING CONTINUED GROWTH AND PROSPERITY TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH MORROW COUNTY. THE MORROW COUNTY AREA HAS GREATLY PROFITED FROM QUALITY EDUCATION IN:

- ★ **AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT**
- ★ **TRANSFER COURSES LEADING TO FOUR-YEAR DEGREES**
- ★ **ADULT EDUCATION**
- ★ **LIFE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**
- ★ **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN AND IS MAINTAINING SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO ALL AREA RESIDENTS.

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

IN VOTING 'YES'

ON MARCH 30

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