

Higher insurance guarantees offered P.I.K. wheat farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation will support the payment-in-kind program again in 1984 by offering higher yield guarantees on insured wheat.

"The increase in yield guarantee is automatic for insured farmers participating in acreage reduction programs and involves no increase in premium," Merritt W. Sprague, manager of the

U.S.D.A. crop insurance agency, said.

Yield guarantee is the amount of production the crop insurance agency will guarantee the insured farmers.

On most crops, the farmer has the choice of buying an insurance policy that guarantees 75 percent, 65 percent or 50 percent of the yield for the area. The farmer also may

choose to participate in the agency's individual yield coverage program which customizes the policy based on the farmer's own production history.

If an insured farmer participates in the U.S.D.A.'s acreage reduction program at the minimum 30 percent, the U.S.D.A. crop insurance agency will automatically increase the yield guarantee

by six percent.

If the farmer puts 30 percent of the acreage into an acreage reduction program, plus 10 percent into P.I.K., he or she will get an eight percent increase in yield guarantee. If the farmer places 20 percent of the coverage into P.I.K., the yield guarantee increases by 10 percent.

"We see the increases in guarantee as a means for

increasing participation and keeping currently insured wheat farmers in the program," said Sprague.

P.I.K. sign-up begins January 16 and runs through February 24, 1984. Farmers can get full details on the 1984 P.I.K. program from local offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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Lexington woman wins Most Improved Yard award



Suzanne Vinson (L) accepts gift certificate from Joyce Buchana

The Lexington Garden Bugs have chosen Suzanne Vinson as the winner of the Most Improved Yard of the Season contest. Mrs. Vinson lives at 270 E. East St. in Lexington. She has been busy all summer

planting many spring bulbs, as well as dahlias, snapdragons, petunias and other flowers, said a club spokesperson.

The Garden Bugs presented her a \$15 gift certificate from Green Feed Store in Heppner.

Retired educators to meet October 1

Unit 9, Oregon Retired Educators Association, will meet in Milton-Freewater on Saturday, Oct. 1. A business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 noon and a program at 1 p.m., said an association spokesperson.

Tom Summerville, state president from Corbett, will speak on legislation and will

bring the unit up to date on the year-long national merger of the A.A.R.P. and N.R.T.A. Gertrude Haynie is program chairman and Sara Carlson is hostess chairman.

All retired educators in the area (Morrow and Umatilla counties) and their spouses, are asked to attend, the spokesperson said.

E.O.L.A. to meet in Heppner this Saturday.

A fall meeting of the Eastern Oregon Library Association is planned for this Saturday, Oct. 1, in Heppner. The morning session will begin at the Heppner Public Library at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Heppner Public Librarian Bethel Heinrichs and Heppner High School Librarian Marion Abrams are hosting the event.

During the morning, a discussion will be held on "What's Going On In E.O.L.A. Libraries?" and a report will be given on the nomination committee and election of officers.

The afternoon session will be held at the Heppner High School Library. A highlight of this part of the meeting will be a discussion by John Webb,

administrator of technical services for the Oregon State Library.

BMCC to sponsor criminal justice class in Heppner

A survey of Criminal Justice will be offered fall term in the Heppner area by head of the criminal justice department at Blue Mountain Community College, Greg Pierce. The course will be offered Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 29. Class will meet in the Morrow County sheriff's office in Heppner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost of the course is \$45

for the three credit class.

Topics to be covered in class include: police power, legislative law making, theory of crime, correction systems and a general overview of the criminal justice system.

Persons interested in taking the class should contact Nancy Brownfield, BMCC south Morrow County area coordinator, at 676-5039.

Aerobic dance class still has openings

Joyce Hughes, local Blue Mountain Community College instructor of aerobic dance reports that there is still room in both beginning and advanced classes.

Classes are held each Mon-

day and Thursday with the advanced class running from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A beginning class follows from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Crop Insurance Seminar to be held in Ione

A Crop Insurance Seminar featuring three speakers will be presented on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Ione Grange Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Computers will also be available to help farmers evaluate what kind of crop insurance will best suit their individual needs.

Scheduled speakers are Paul Jelinek, assistant branch manager for Crop Hail Management; Jack Knox, field actuarial for the Pacific

Northwest for F.C.I.C.; and Dr. Gene Nelson, Oregon State University extension farm management specialist.

Jim Swanson of Swanson Insurance Agency, Ione, will open the seminar and will introduce the speakers.

Lunch, prepared by the ladies of the Ione Grange, will be served at 12 noon.

Sponsors of the seminar and the luncheon are Swanson Insurance Agency and Blue Mountain Community College.

Ione City Council to hear recommendation

At a regular meeting of the Ione City Council on October 4, a citizens' committee will give

a recommendation concerning garbage collection service to the council. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at city hall.

The service is presently being provided by the city, but the service is not cost effective and must be subsidized, explained Dianna Starr, city recorder. The possibility of contracting a Hermiston company to provide the service is being considered.

Heppner Christian Women's Club to meet Oct. 4 for salad buffet

The Heppner Christian Women's Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:45 p.m., at the Degree of Honor Hall in Heppner for a salad buffet. Theme for the month will be "Oktoberfest."

A silent auction will be held for a special feature, with officers to bring many craft items, said a club spokesperson.

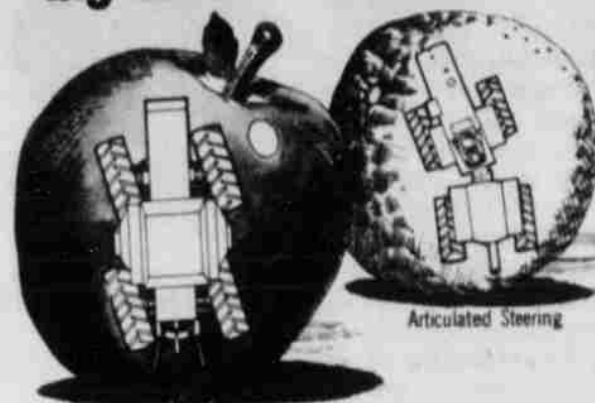
Lovena Contreras of Echo is to provide special music, and speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Clifford Taylor of Hood River.

Cost for the salad buffet will be \$3.75 per person.

Reservations may be made by contacting Faye Green, 989-8194 by Monday, Oct. 3, at 12 noon.

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