

A.S.C.S. warns against insect infestation, mold

To prevent economic loss and preserve the quality of farm-stored grain, farmers participating in the commodity loan and reserve programs are required to make year-round inspections of the stored crops. Judy Buschke, executive director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office says insect infestation

and mold growth are the principal causes of wasted grain and lost profits. "Farm-stored grain needs to be inspected for insects and mold growth, not only in warm weather, but also during the fall and winter months. The market value of infested grain may be substantially reduced if the number of insect-damaged kernels is sufficient to

lower the grade of the grain. Discounts against the price paid per bushel are often assessed by the buyer if live insects are present in the grain," said Buschke. Insects in stored grain go almost dormant for the winter. Grain near the outer surfaces of the storage structure cools before that located in the center, and as the grain

cools, insects will move toward the center of the bin where the grain is still warm. The larger the bin, the longer it takes the grain to cool. Stored grain also contains moisture that may shift from one location to another mainly because of temperature differences that develop within the structure when surface

and perimeter areas of the grain cool. Moisture from warm grain moves to cooler parts of the structure, causing damp areas within the grain that favor insect activity and mold development, she said. When determining eligibility for the grain reserve program of commodity loans, A.S.C.S. considers the condition of the storage structure and the commodity stored within the structure. Farmers are responsible for any loss in quality or quantity caused by insect infestation, mold growth or rodent damage. "Storage conditions and grain quality are particularly important to producers who will use their farm-stored grain loans to satisfy payment-in-kind obligations," Mrs. Buschke said. She encourages farmers to continue using the proper storage and handling methods to preserve farm-stored grain year-round and prevent economic loss.

Show-To-Go prize winners announced

At the grand opening of the Heppner Show-To-Go office on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3, many persons left their names for chances on prizes. At 6 p.m. on Saturday, the following names were drawn and their owners were notified that they were the lucky winners.

Chris Davidson, Heppner, was the first prize winner and was given a weekend's free film viewing. Dean Hunt, Lexington, whose name was drawn second will receive 24 hours of viewing a current film, the third place winner, Allen Burkenbine, Heppner, is also awarded 24 hours of free

movie viewing. This week, beginning December 5, Phyllis Miller and Bonnie Christopherson announce that the Show-To-Go

office will be open every weekday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.—it will be open on Saturdays but not on Sundays. Their telephone is 676-5431 during office hours.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones 989-8189

Holly Rebekah Lodge met last Thursday for a regular meeting. Plans for a Christmas party were discussed. The party will include a pot-luck dinner at the lodge hall on Thursday, Dec. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The main dish will be furnished with members to bring salads or desserts.

A special meeting is scheduled for December 29 to plan for installation, which will include a stew dinner at 12 noon. Members are to bring salads or desserts.

A food sale and bazaar will be held at Del's Market in Lexington on Saturday, Dec. 17 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Thursday meeting was a quarterly birthday party with a gift exchange. Those feeding the birthday box were Dorothy Burcham, Delpha Jones and Luella Taylor. All parents are to provide a gift for the birthday meeting involving their child if a gift exchange is desired.

The hall was decorated with Christmas decorations, a beautiful lighted nativity

scene and small evergreen with twinkling lights.

The card party held Saturday at the Rebekah Lodge Hall was well attended. High was won by Cleta Walters and Charles Buchanan. Ruth Robinson and Glover Peck won low, and Cecil Jones and Annetta Padberg won traveling. Lovely refreshments were served by hostesses Joyce Buchanan and Virginia Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Orwick and Bill Padberg have returned home from Seattle, Wash. where they attended the SeaHawk - Cowboy game.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cool of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Irvin of Irrigon were business callers in Hermiston on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The Rev. Ernie Chamberlain of Boise Bible College will be the speaker at the Lexington Christian Church on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m.

Ione Community Service Day postponed

A Community Service Day in Ione, scheduled for this Wednesday, Dec. 7, has been postponed due to the weather, announced Ione School Principal Charles Starr.

Each year high school students and faculty turn out

to clean up city lots, help senior citizens with wood cutting and other projects, free of charge, and decorate the city Christmas tree.

Starr said the school hopes to hold the event next Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Schools schedule concerts

It's that time of year again and winter and Christmas concerts and programs will be held soon at local schools.

On Monday, Dec. 19, a winter concert will be held at Heppner High School in the gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Band and choir members in grades five through 12 will be performing. No admission will be charged but donations will be accepted.

Also on December 19, a winter music concert will be held in the cafeteria at the Ione School at 7:30 p.m. Fourth through 12th grade band students will participate.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, a grade school Christmas concert will be held at Heppner Elementary School in the multipurpose room at 1:30 p.m. Children in kindergarten

through fourth grade music classes will perform.

An elementary Christmas program will also be held in Ione on December 21 beginning at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This program will feature students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

Also, Heppner music students in first, third, fifth and junior high grades will be performing Christmas music on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Heppner Elks Lodge. On Wednesday, Dec. 14, they will sing at 12:40 p.m. at the Heppner Senior Citizen Mealsite. On Thursday, Dec. 15, they will sing Christmas music at the Heppner Soroptimist luncheon at the Heppner Elks lodge.

Morrow Co. United Way slates members' meeting

United Way of Morrow County will hold an annual members meeting on Saturday, Dec. 10, beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at P.G.E.'s coal fired plant at the visitors' information center near Boardman.

Board members are to be

elected and four positions are open.

Tours of the plant will be conducted before and after the meeting and will last about one hour.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and the tours, said a spokesperson.

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