

Clean chimney when 1/4" creosote accumulates

Q. How often should I clean my chimney? One neighbor suggested once a year and another said to do it after burning three cords of wood. - G.B., Corvallis.

A. Clean it when a quarter-inch of creosote accumulates on the interior walls of the chimney. How quickly that thickness develops depends on your wood stove, the type and location of the chimney and if you keep a fire going for long periods of time.

Inspect a newly cleaned chimney every two weeks until you learn how fast creosote builds up. This will give you an idea of how often to clean your chimney.

To aid in visually checking stove pipe and metal chimneys, you may want to install a cleanout tee. It can replace the lowest elbow in the connecting pipe, or the lowest pipe section of a metal chimney. Masonry chimneys usually have a cleanout door giving access to the bottom of the chimney.

Check the chimney and stove pipe

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by looking into the cleanout using a flashlight and mirror as necessary.

Q. We heat with a heat pump. My wife was told that all registers in all rooms should remain open for maximum efficiency. Can't we save money by closing off an unused room or two? - M.B., Eugene.

A. There's no simple answer to your question. Heat pump manufacturers recommend that at least 400 cubic feet of air per minute flow through your heating system for each ton of heat pump capacity. If you shut some of the registers, two things will happen: air flow and heat pump efficiency both will decrease. How much, depends on your system.

Manufacturers recommend not shutting registers for two main reasons:

-Your system probably is already designed for optimum air flow.

-If you reduce air flow too much you can damage the compressor. If there isn't enough air flow to carry away the heat, the compressor can

overheat. A similar problem can occur when you air condition.

You may be able to save some money without problems, particularly if your heat pump was installed with a generous air supply. You could try (against most manufacturers' recommendations) to close the registers in one or two rooms. Look carefully at two things: air supply temperature and energy savings.

With a thermometer, measure the temperature of the air coming out of a register in one of the rooms not closed off. If the temperature while the heat pump is heating increases more than a couple of degrees after you've closed a register, check with a heating contractor to be sure you aren't damaging the compressor.

To check your energy savings, record the readings on your electric meter at the same time each day. If the weather is about the same, and you use less electricity with a few registers closed, enjoy the savings.

A final caution: If closing one or two registers changes the supply air temperature more than a couple of degrees, or the noise from the open registers increases, check with a heating contractor. Having to replace the compressor would more than offset any savings.

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Port reorganizes administration



From left: Bob Miller, Shirley Thompson, and Steve Lindstrom.

Port of Morrow Commissioners approved a plan to reorganize the port's administration Wednesday, March 19. Effective April 1, Port General Manager Steve Lindstrom will become director of marketing. This new position will allow Lindstrom to promote the port full time.

His duties will include promoting industrial development of the port, representing the port in public relations, developing marketing packages and marketing plans, and coordinating such things as financing and permits for clients.

Bob Miller, currently operations manager for the port will fill the general manager position. His old position will be eliminated. He will oversee the port's management and operational policies. Shirley Thompson will assume the position of director of administrative services.

Port commissioners have been planning the reorganization for some time but have been delayed by other projects such as a general cargo dock and the new freeway interchange at the port. The commissioners are anxious to proceed with full time port promotions.

Commissioners also expressed concern that the public may perceive the port as land barons, not willing to sell port land to industrial

clients. In the past, the port has leased land only.

"We are looking closely at our property" says Port President Louis Carlson, "some will not be for sale such as the waterfront."

"We hope to offer a package that's quite flexible. We'll do everything possible to locate businesses that come our way."

In other business, commissioner Matt Doherty told the board that although the supercollider issue has somewhat quieted, things are still happening. Information is still being gathered and Boardman is still a potential site for the superconducting supercollider. A governor's committee has been invited to see the Boardman site. "Yes, we're still in; it's still alive," said Doherty.

(Editor's Note: Tuesday night in a special session, port commissioners agreed to sell a parcel of port property to client Mike Sowa for a metal forgery plant. The conditions of the sale and the location of the property have not yet been determined.)

Prepare artwork for county fair

While many people are starting work on the 1986 Premium Book for the Morrow County Fair and making other plans, the artistically inclined of Morrow County are also starting new works of art for this year's fair.

In previous years we have seen many fine pieces of art and have been complimented by the judges on the amount of talent shown in the county. It's interesting to note the differences in various years that show how versatile the artists can be. 1981 had a good mixture of all categories plus many florals and other still life works such as a violin, hat and boots, tea pot, etc. 1982 also had a good mixture of all kinds of art. In 1983 animal life and landscapes in oils really became the dominant class for judging. 1984 found artists heavily into landscapes in oil. Art changed in 1985 with lots of

pencil, pastels, and watercolors in addition to the oils and a new category just for professionals. The professional category showed pencil, watercolor, embossing, etching, and oils all vying for "Best of Show".

This year's categories include: oil, watercolor, pastels, ink, pencil, charcoal, acrylic, crayon work, mixed media, palette knife in oils or painted saws. All works must be original. For professionals there is a special category which includes all media.

If you are looking forward to seeing what area artists will provide in 1986 attend and support the Morrow County Fair.

Special awards will be given by the Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Assoc. and by Murray's Drug of Heppner.

Solving the payment limitation problem

Larger family grain operations are frequently organized into corporations for inheritance purposes, says Fred Lundin, Ag Agent for Morrow County. Corporations are considered as one person for \$50,000 payment limitation. Many families have formed various types of partnerships between different family generations and siblings in order to create two or more persons for \$50,000 payment limitation purposes. Some of these partnership agreements do not accomplish the intended goal because of the "custom farming" rule.

In order to demonstrate the separateness of each partnership from the parent organization, several factors must be considered, Lundin continues. Financing between persons must be done with a written note and no lien on the crop must be obtained from the family which is also considered a separate person. The production loan should be written from a totally commercial source.

Machinery should not be shared or

loaned between different entities being maintained as separate persons for the payment limitation

purpose. It can be used if leased at a prevalent rate, but the agreement would be written. Labor can be traded but it must be settled on at least an annual basis at rates common to the area.

County committees make the person determination for each program year on the basis of agreements in effect on March 1 of the program year.

Regardless of the various partnership arrangements made to create new \$50,000 persons for limitation purposes, remember that inheritance, marital, income tax, and liability potential problems may be adversely affected. Individual families will need to consult their financial advisers for information on how such decisions affect their total family resource planning.

Elks Club has new managers



The Elks Lodge has two new managers. Betty Bergstrom and Flo Connor have taken over operation of the restaurant and lounge as of this Friday.

Previous manager Gay Harshman will now be a trustee of the lodge. Bergstrom and Connor say they have a few changes in store.

Beginning next week the lodge will be open Tuesday through Friday for lunch, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and there will now be a child's plate and homemade pies.

"A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking."

Martin Fischer

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Heppner Happenings

By Mary Bryant 676-9493

---Mrs. Kay Chinen, Terry and Tina spent the spring vacation in Spokane. Among the things they enjoyed during their stay were bowling, swimming, and seeing movies. Mrs. Chinen's parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary while they were visiting. About 100 guests attended the reception at their home. On Easter Sunday, the relatives gathered for a family dinner. The Chinen's returned home that evening.

---Mrs. Lydia Wilson of Heppner was honored at a party at the Legion Hall on Sunday in celebration of her 75th birthday. Hosts were her children, Tom and Dorothy Wilson, Lolah Wilson of Portland, Betty Breeding from Gresham, John Wilson from Pilot Rock, and Grace Baker from Heppner. A lovely birthday cake was baked and decorated by Nola Binschus, granddaughter. Among the guests present were Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mabel Corley from Long Creek, her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cox, from Monument, her sister and brother-in-law, Sophie and Clayton Ayers from Heppner, and Wilma Mabe, her sister from Heppner.

---Students, Rich McConnell from LaGrande and Tom McConnell from Pendleton spent the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McConnell. Their daughter, Cindy Sumner and her husband, Charlie, and their family spent the weekend in Portland and spent some time at the coast.

---A group of friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McCabe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoskins, of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Crawford and Doris (Palmateer) Straat, all of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Warfield, of Toledo, met recently to enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Rheinlander restaurant in Portland. Several of the group are former Lone High School classmates who had not seen Mr. Warfield since the 1940's. Following dinner, the balance of the evening was spent visiting at the Crawford's home.

Rain forests disappearing

If the world's rain forests and other natural areas continue to be destroyed at the current rate, experts say one plant species will vanish every day by the end of the century, reports a national wildlife magazine.

---Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Vinson visited at the Mary Bryant home on Sunday after the party for Mrs. Wilson. They have recently recovered from a severe bout with the flu.

---An added note to the Easter Dinner at the Truman Messenger Jr. home in Hermiston attended by the Nelson Connor family. Additional guests were sisters of Mrs. Connor and included Paula Morgan and two children; Melanie Chavarria and son; Elania Messenger, Viola Messenger and Bonnie Meyer and two children. Irene Garber was unable to attend, but her two children were present. The choir presentation at the church was called Lamb of Glory and included acting as well as singing. Mr. Messenger acted and sang the part of a Disciple. Later in the day, William Zinter of Lone, brother of Mrs. Messenger, visited.

---Mark and Janice Huddleston and Howard Huddleston of Portland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huddleston over the Easter weekend.

---Eleanor and Ed Gonty, Millie Evans, Grace Buschke, Nina Denton, Cal Healy, and Mary Goheen, all of Heppner, were among those taking a tour out of Pendleton to Reno, Nevada last weekend. They visited the Lake Tahoe, Carson City, and Virginia City, as part of the tour. Ray Gonty, son of Eleanor and Ed joined his parents at Reno. Part of the group attended the Rich Little show at Harrah's while the rest viewed the spectacular, "Hello, Hollywood, Hello" at the MGM Hotel.

---Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley drove to Portland Friday to spend the weekend with Mrs. Nola War-muth's home. While in Portland, the Keithleys talked to Mrs. Erna Keithley, who is hoping to come home soon.

---Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris were forced to cut short their camping trip on the North Fork of the John Day River because of illness. On Easter Sunday Mrs. Betty Tanner and the Harrises had dinner with Mike and Sherry, daughter and son of the two ladies and their family. The group enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

---Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash, Mrs. Dean Connor, and Mrs. Steve Hickey drove to Hanford, California, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gott and daughters during spring break. Mrs. Gott is the former Rose Nash, daughter of the Lincoln Nash's.

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