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Affects grain and fruit industries

## Research plan draws criticism

Improvements in controlled atmosphere storage for fruit and the development of disease-resistant varieties of wheat have been accomplished over the years thanks to applied research scientists working in the state.

However, the applied research program may be hurt under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) program plan, according to some scientists.

are photosynthesis, nitrogen fixation, plant stress and genetic engineering, he

But Dr. Orville Vogel, who retired in 1973 from the ARS after a 42-year career at WSU, said he has been "very much concerned" with the policy

change.
"The development of new varieties of Pacific Northwest wheat requires a pretty complicated program," he said.

would fall off dramatically in the state.

"If those scientists are phased out, it will definitely have an impact on the wheat industry," he said.

James said, however, that ARS does not intend to immediately terminate applied research and leave a gap of 5 to 10 years.

"We intend to work with the state experiment stations and private industry in order to make a reasonable transition without leaving a gap in improved variety needs," he said.

Although Rasmussen acknowledges that problems will be created in the tree fruit industry, he also thinks that the ultimate result will be the provision of beneficial, solid biological data, such as

in genetic engineering.

"Over the long haul, I think that it will be beneficial to the agricultural industry." he said.

The development of germ plasm is one example of important fundamental research, James said. Not only would the plant breeder in the state of Washington benefit from this, but so would other breeders from Kansas to New York, he said.

Rasmussen said that the transition may create some extreme difficulties in meeting the current needs of the tree fruit industry, but hopes that "as we try to make this transition that the grower will be patient with us who are trying to sick up the pieces."

pick up the pieces."

He said that the announcement did not give them enough time to appeal to the state legislature for help in the transition. "We don't have the people, the laboratories or the monies," he said.

At this time, there is less than one person in post-harvest physiology. "That is less that any state growing apples," he said. "And we are the biggest apple growing state." "It will create some real problems," Lee said. "With any particular state,

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one problem will be that some
commodities will suffer more than
others.

"I think that what it will do is put a lot of pressure on the state unit experiment stations."

Lee predicts that it will tremendously increase the research burden on the state. Quite a number of federal scientists have been working in the state in applied research, he said.

But the ARS does not have the funds for both programs, James said. To develop such a plan without the good possibility of getting more funds "would have been developing a wish

list," he said.
"In my own view, the plan is as good a plan as what we could have," he said.
"It means that the state or private industry will have to do some of this research."

"This is a very big problem for us," Lee said. "Right now it is unclear how we will meet this need."

Vogel believes that all the agricultural industries affected by the change, including wheat, bean lentil, pea and apple growers, need to seriously

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## "Research is a good investment, not just an expense."

Other scientests, such as Dr. Norman James, director of the ARS in Pullman, feel that the total agricultural system will be better off.

The six-year plan, which begins this year, includes a redirection of some federal funds from applied to fundamental research.

For the wheat grower, that means the present wheat breeder in the state won't be replaced when he retires, according to Dr. Ken Morrison, state extension agent at Pullman.

And it is the wheat breeder who develops such varieties as the snowmold-resistant Sprague and the rust-resistant Gaines varieties.

The fruit grower may also suffer from the cutbacks in plant breeding, as well as in post-harvesting atmosphere storage research and fruit pathology, said Dr. Paul Rasmussen, chairman of the Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Department at Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman.

"It has already affected us in some areas," he said.

James said that the plan came from years of pressure from Congress to direct its time and money on high quality research which would aid in the development of a food base for the latter part of this century and the early part of the next century.

The plan that followed included a refocus on research to address this problem, James said.

Four of the areas which will get more attention from fundamental research Vogel, well known for his 1963 release of Gaines, said that the variations in soil, climate, topography, diseases and management systems in the Pacific Northwest make the applied research program a necessity.

"The life of a variety is so short that we need a constant breeding of varieties," Vogel said.

"Private breeders can't afford to do all the testing that is needed.

"The Pacific Northwest is a unique area. It is different than the Midwest. We need the coordination of an outside source. That source has been the ARS."

Vogel said that it takes from 12 to 14 years for the release of a new wheat variety and new diseases are coming fast

"When I started in the 1930s, there were only one or two races of stripe rust," he said. "Now there are 20 to 25 stripe rusts. And that's only one disease. We're facing many diseases." Vogel said that the problem with fundamental research is that it is so slow. Fundamental research, he explained, goes way back to basics.

"I think the public will get tired of it 5 to 10 years down the road and there is nothing to show from the fundamental research," he said. "I think the public will get a little bit sour."

Dr. Donald Lee, assistant director of the Agricultural Research Center at WSU, predicts that without the research on new disease-resistant wheat varieties, it "will only be a matter of a few years before wheat production



Lee agrees that the increase in the fundamental research base is a positive aspect of the change. Information gained through fundamental biology can be used to solve everyday problems, he said. It will also help differentiate between local and national problems, he

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evaluate the situation and pressure the government.

"If the groups don't get together and express their views, then they are the ones who are going to lose," he said. "There's a big agricultural industry here that's going to be affected."

Lee noted that some people question the value of agricultural research in the state, while others realize that it is a

three billion dollar a year business.

"It is made up of primarily small producing units," he said. "They are unable to do the type of research needed."

"Research is a good investment," Lee said, "not just an expense."

Lee predicts, however, that very few states will be willing to supplement agricultural research.

"Given the recent economic problems in this state and the legislature's latest actions, I'm not sure where we stand," he said. "The big unknown at this time is the state's economy.'

James stressed that it is not intention of the ARS to harm the agricultural industry and the general public. Rather, the ARS hopes to respond to some real concerns with a generally wider applicability than the development of a variety, he said.

James believes that the change will eventually lead to the development of better varieties. The program is also designed to strengthen national efforts in combatting soil erosion, in human nutrition, export marketing and the development of new uses for agricultural products.

The plan is also to develop new products for export, instead of just selling the raw product.

"The plan has attracted a substantial amount of attention," James said. "It

#### NAWG Meeting

Officers of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers will attend the National Association of Wheat Growers' spring board meeting March 19-21 in Washington, D.C.

Among those who will attend are Dennis Bly, president of the state association, and vice-presidents Gayle Gering and Jim Walesby. Past president Jim Miller and national legislation chairman Chris Laney, as well as officers from the county associations, will also attend.

The group will spend most of its efforts in lobbying for policies in the 1985 Farm Bill, Bly said.

is true that ARS has redirected its research from appled to fundamental, but it's not a plan to be harmful."

Vogel thinks that the movement is "a very serious mistake" and farmers "should talk to their congressmen."

Rasmussen also thinks that growers should "absolutely talk to their legislators. The rural voice needs to be heard," he said.

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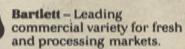
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## with farmers about government programs

About two years ago, I spent a month with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service certifying grain farmers in Douglas County.

Each time I sat down with a farmer before the piles of aerial maps and government forms, my sympathies grew. Not only did the farmer have to outguess nature, he had to outguess the government. Should he plow down some of his winter wheat crop in order to comply? Should he have planted some acres in barley? Will he need a government loan? Will it be to his benefit to join the government reserve program? Will the government throw in a wrench by imposing another grain embargo? What will joining the program do to his wheat base? What will the world economy do to the price of wheat?

To participate or not.

This year, fewer farmers in Central Washington are opting for participation, although recent rule changes are making some farmers take a second look.

Thanks partially to lobbying efforts of Washington wheat growers, United States Secretary of Agriculture John Block extended the sign-up deadline from Feb. 24 to March 16, and, more important, changed the summer fallow rule.

The extension, according to Washington Association of Wheat Growers President Dennis Bly of Harrington, will give farmers a chance to see how their crops make it through the winter. The change in the summer fallow rule will increase participation by allowing farmers to count summer fallow land as part of their set-aside if left in stubble. That means farmers like Bly would have to plow out less of their crop in order to comply. Bly, who farms with a three-year rotation, can now use some of his summer fallow ground for set-aside and plant barley on ground which previously would have been needed to fulfill the conservation use requirements for set-aside. The original 1984 farm program required summer fallow land to be considered as wheat crop land in the set-aside program.

For William Paul of Reardan, the extension did not make a difference. However, the change in summer fallow rules will allow him to qualify on some ground he couldn't before.

"The way the program was before, it was too selective," he said. "I couldn't qualify if I wanted to."

The extension may make a difference to John Wagner of Wilbur, but for other reasons than the summer fallow rule. Wagner seeded fence to fence, but he is now farming only 320 acres. "If I take out some, it doesn't leave much to make a living," he said. "Now its been about breaking even. What is hurting the most is the fact that I would have to lay out 30 percent--that's 60 acres. I'm not happy with the program."

Wagner said that the only thing which would sway him to participate is predictions that the price of wheat will fall to \$3.10 to \$3.20 a bushel. It takes about \$3.65 to break even, Wagner said, and the deficiency payments could help. Therefore, the extension will give him a little more time to make a decision.

Then there are farmers who won't be affected by either change, such as Gerald L. Peterson of Othello. Peterson is an irrigated farmer and had already decided to participate. Peterson does have a gripe about the program, however, which is echoed by just about every farmer in Eastern Washington. The government needs to release the program earlier, they say.

The 1984 program was announced last fall, but farmers waited to see if Congress would freeze the target price, Bly said, as requested by the United States Department of

Agriculture. It didn't happen.

Bly said that farmers would really like to know details of the program in June so they can plan their summer fallow and fertilizing. However, Bly also pointed out the dilemma of the government. If the government decided on a 30 percent set-aside figure in June in efforts to reduce the surplus of wheat and drive up the price, and a drought followed in the next few months, the country could end up with a severe grain shortage. The government is looking at that year's harvest, whereas the farmer is looking at the following harvest.

Nobody has a solution, which means farmers need to keep lobbying. Such efforts do pay off, as evidence by these two most recent changes in the 1984 Farm Program.

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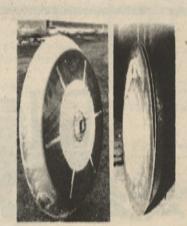
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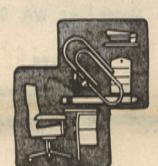
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## White wheat futures meeting set for March 12

The Washington Association of Wheat Growers is sponsoring a white wheat futures meeting on March 12 in Spokane.

The meeting, which will include an evening session with a banquet, will begin at 2 p.m. at the Ridpath Hotel.

Registration will be taken at the door. Subject of the meeting will be the use of white wheat futures, an alternative for marketing grain. The futures may go into effect April 1.

Presently, there is not a futures market for white wheat, according to WAWG President Dennis Bly.

Approval for the futures market must come from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, he said.

"They want to make sure that the volume is adequate and the delivery points are available," Bly said. "As far as I've heard, everything is a go."

The grain would be traded on the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, he said.

"Farmers are really going to have to get an education," Bly said. "If enough farmers don't use it, we will lose it." In Monitor

## Moving toward Mechanization

Elmer Johnston of Monitor believes that growers need to "mechanize or perish."

He believes it so strongly that he has created a hydraulic platform device for pruning, thinning and picking.

"We use it for anything we would need to use a ladder for," said Johnston, foreman of Highland Fruit, Inc. ladders, they picked only 6 to 8 bins per day." A couple of years ago, 10 men averaged a record 14 bins one day.

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Because the platform carries a bin, which is also moved up and down, the men pick in shares. They also use custom-made sacks which reach as far down as the top of their boots.

They are able to use the longer sacks,



Elmer Johnston prunes a tree by standing on his newest platform.

The platforms, which fit onto tractors, are slowly driven down the rows of the fruit trees. They are designed to carry four men.

Two small platforms on each side, called doors, can be mechanically extended to allow the men to reach any part of the tree. The platforms are also hydraulically raised or lowered.

"There is not a piece on a tree that we can't touch thinning or picking," Johnston said.

Although he has been using the platforms since 1977, he said that the idea has been slow to catch on.

"It's battling tradition," he said.
"Grandpa picked in sacks, and if it was
good enough for Grandpa, it is good
enough for them."

But, Johnston added, imports from other countries where labor is cheaper is hurting the market for Washington apples.

"We're importing oranges from Greece, apples from New Zealand and vegetables from Mexico where labor is so cheap," he said. "We can't compete with these people."

Continuing to run large crews will only be harmful in the long run, he said. "We still have the highest paid farmworkers in the world, although they are the least paid of the United States labor force," he said.

Using the hydraulic platforms cuts down on this labor force, saves wear on the workers and even reduces damage to fruit, Johnston claims,

Harvesting the 150 acres of apple and pear trees now takes 14 men on two platforms. Previously, the number ran as high as 90 men during apple harvest, Johnston said.

"We average 10 bins per man every day on the platforms," he said. "With Johnston said, because they are not dragging them up and down ladders.

"You are also never more than eight feet away from the bin at any one time," he said. "You don't have to walk down the rows."

Johnston said that the employes are particularly happy with the platforms, which are used at Highland Fruit 10 months of the year. Most of the permament employes have been with the orchard four to five years.

This same crew allows for consistency in the orchard from pruning to thinning to picking. Johnston said.

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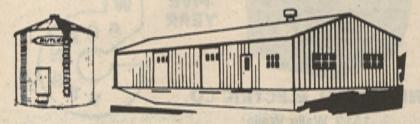
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## Orchardists search

Controversy continues over deer damage to fruit trees as some orchardists try to control the problem with methods from human hairballs to bullets, while others claim the deer are not a problem at all.

"I've seen as many as 100 in one night," said Earl Brown, manager of Custom Orchards in Brewster. lost a lot of sleep some nights."

Brown has tried flares and firecrackers provided by the Washington State Game Department in an effort to keep the animals from eating the terminal buds on young trees. "They have been pretty rough in

the orchard," he said. But George Chapman, also an orchardist at Brewster, said "my feeling is that there is too much excitement over what I think is a very small problem.

"I've talked to other orchardists who say the deer are passing through their orchards, but not damaging them," he said. "For myself, they are going through the orchard to the river. They're present, but just passing through.

Barclay Crane of Crane and Crane Orchards in Brewster, said he doesn't have a problem now, but he has in the

"The real danger is to a young orchard where the buds are in reach of the deer," he said. "I have had damage in the past on from 20 to 50 trees.

"This year, we didn't get it. Just when there were enough deer present to become a problem, it warmed up and the deer left."

Crane said he has tried chemical repellents, firecrackers, eggs mixed with a spreader, birdshot and even human hairballs.

The hairball, wrapped in netting and hung from a tree, is supposed to scare away the deer because of its human scent. "I was getting desperate, although I was chuckling when I did it," Crane said, adding that "it didn't

Tim Smith, area extension agent in Chelan County, said the damage potential to a fruit tree can be quite

"Deer are not really grazing animals; they are browsing animals," he said. "If they browse on the twigs of apple trees and bite one off, it is basically gone forever. The tree has to be renovated.

"There could be a reduction of fruit for two, three, four years down the road. That's why some orchardists become so upset. It's their livelihood.

"We have had a great deal of experience through the years on what a deer can do. It is so obvious when you go into an orchard and spurs are chewed off as high as a deer could reach.'

Smith said that some deer are killed by orchardists, who receive kill permits from the Game Department under emergency situations.

"The majority of the time, it is a battle of deer and fences and the Game Department," he said.

"But the Game Department is limited in what it can do. "It's a frustrating thing for us," said John Danielson,

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## for solutions to deer damage

Game official in Okanogan County. "There is not much we can do for a person. The deer problem is the worst thing to handle in my job. You really can't satisfy everyone."

Joe Paschall, Chelan County Game official, said the great majority of orchardists are not shooting deer. "They realize the problem. The winter gets hard, they get pressed, they get really hungry. Most of the orchardists are well aware of the problem.'

Crane agrees. "I don't know of any orchardist who want to shoot the deer," he said. "They are really willing to try anything."

The Game Department did participate in a fencing program until 1981, where the department would furnish the fencing materials and the orchardist would install and maintain it.

The program became so expensive, however, that it was discontinued. The game department would like to have some state general funds for fencing, according to Mike Shockman of the State Game Department in Olympia, but that looks unlikely. The Game Department, funded only through fees and licenses, is the only state agency that does not get general funds.

"We have gone to the legislature with the attitude that these are everybody's deer." said Paschall. "A lot of people just like to look at them."

State Representative Earl Tilly, 12th District, introduced legislation this year that would require the Game Department to spend \$75,000 on a cost-share fencing program.

However, Danielson noted that no only would this be taken out of the present Game Department's budget, it would not nearly be enough.

Danielson said he has had at least 50 requests over the last four years for help in fencing in the upper part of Okanogan County. His share of the money would only be enough for maybe two fences, with the rest spread throughout the state.

Paschall noted that the problem depends on the weather and the specific area. "Not everybody has the problem," he said.

'Basically, we're talking about migratory deer. Orchardists have displaced the migratory winter range of these deer. And that can be bad news for the orchardist.'

The Game Department tried feeding deer near Malott in an effort to intercept the animals on their way to an orchard. However, with 40 tons of deer pellets and 40 tons of alfalfa at 10 sites, the cost, personnel and time are high.

Feeding the deer at Malott has also been criticized for drawing deer down,

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according to George Brady, also a Game official in Okanogan County. The deer never stay at the feeding stations 100 percent of the time, he said, but the numbers in Malott orchards have been reduced to 50 to 60 from 200 to 250.

"It cuts it down, but it does not eliminate it," Brady said.

Orchardists also have problems with deer in the summer. Crane said he was forced to shoot two deer who wouldn't leave and were "really tearing up the

trees."

"It is not just during the winter," he said. "It is kind of unpredictable. Something happens in the early

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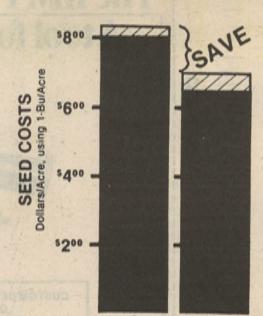
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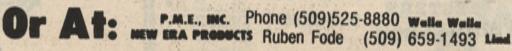
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### **Orchard platforms**

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"They know the operation and they know the machine," he said. "We don't have to push the crews. They have their pride in their workmanship."

"I have had men wait two months to get on the crew.'

Johnston said that with the emphasis on fruit quality control for storage, the picking time is essential. Last fall, the main Red harvest at Highland Fruit went down in 10 days.

"You have better control," he said. "Control is the whole thing in this kind of operation.'

Last harvest, only five percent of the Goldens were culled--four percent naturally (from sun and wind damage, for example) and one percent from

The use of the platforms has also virtually eliminated stem punctures in pears, Johnston said.

The platforms also help control thinning. The apples thinned are thrown on the deck and not dropped through the trees where they can bruise the remaining apples.

Johnston plans to eventually manufacture the platforms in Mattawa. He estimates the cost of one to be about \$17,000.

But, he said, if an orchardist saves \$1

bruising.

per tree on just pruning, and has about 20,000 trees, like at Highland Fruit, it will easily pay for itself. This winter, Johnston estimates that

pruning in one block of apple trees at Highland cost \$1.20 per tree. Pruning in a neighboring block, on the other hand, cost its orchardist \$3.50 per tree,

Johnston is also building his own modified platform which will carry three full bins, one bin for picking and three empty ones.

On his modified platform, the driver is a participant in the work on the trees, unlike on the other two platforms where the driver is stationery.

The first platform Johnston built was simply a sheet of plywood on a tractor. It was created in 1966 when his father was foreman of the orchard.

Johnston has been with Highland Fruit since 1948, serving as foreman during the last six years.

Johnston isn't finished with his ideas yet, however. He is also designing a tree straddler for spraying dwarf trees and a three-wheel bin carrier, which would allow for greater maneuverability in an orchard.

"Why take a \$14,000 tractor when you can use a \$4,000 machine," he said. Johnston said he and his employes are convinced on the workability of the platforms

Although response from other orchardists has been guarded, Johnston said that he and his employes are convinced about the workability of the platforms and their future.

"My employes now think it is crazy to pick off ladders," he said.

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The parts run was made by airplane, a transportation means that farmers throughout the world find advantageous.

"We fly for pleasure, but also for business," said Randy's mother, Phyllis.

The Franzes belong to Flying Farmers, an international organization comprised mainly of grain growers. Randy's father. Vic. is currently serving as the international vice-president.

The Flying Farmers is a family oriented social organization designed to promote the use of the airplane in the agricultural industry.

It also offers low cost insurance to its members and upgrading programs to promote safe flying.

"One of the most beneficial things is that it is a family organization," said Paula Kramer of Harrington. Her husband. Bob, serves as regional director for Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and she has served as the international queen in 1971.

The organization often sponsors fly-ins, where members and their families fly to a designated location for a meeting and a potluck.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for meeting people," Mrs. Kramer said.

"It's an experience we would not have had otherwise.'

The Kramers have traveled from Alaska to Costa Rica as flying farmers, and gathered ideas about farming operations different than their own.

"You get such a different impression of the world from the air," Mrs. Kramer

"You find that people aren't the same," said Mr. Franz. "There are a lot of different ideas in different areas.' Of course, the social aspect is only one of the bonuses of belonging to Flying

"The I.R.S. (Internal Revenue Service) keeps telling us it's a social organization," said Von Bedker of Mabton. "But that's not necessarily

Bedker, a grape farmer, is one of very few fruit growers who belong to the Washington chapter.

"Flying shrinks everything you have," he said. By air, Portland and Spokane are only an hour away. And 90 miles to Walla Walla is a long ways to travel on the road for a part for his mechanical grape harvester.

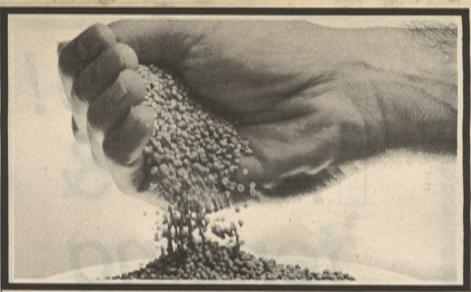
Mr. Franz also finds that flying can save money on farm equipment. Last summer, he flew to Canada for a grain swather, an item which was not readily available in the area.

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summer where they move into an orchard."

New plantings of semi-dwarf trees also add to the problem, Danielson said. These trees never grow out of reach of

Brady also noted that just because the deer are there, they are not necessarily damaging an orchard.

If deer browse the tips of young trees, they will sprout out in different areas below.

"Some say there is no damage," Brady said. "When the tree reaches five or six years old, was it set back one or two years by the deer? It may not be the pruning method or form that the orchardist wanted, but the end result may be the same."

Beavers and porcupines can also be a problem for orchardists. "A beaver can destroy a 20-year-old tree," said Danielson. "We get a lot of beaver complaints here.

And in the Yakima Valley, the damage caused by herds of elk can be extensive.

Crane found that birdshot in a shotgun would not deter the deer. And Brown found that flares would only cause the deer to move on to the next row.

Fencing seems to be the most effective solution according to extension agents, game officials and orchardists. However, conventional fencing to alleviate the problem in Okanogan County would cost well over one million dollars, Danielson said. "It is very effective," he said. "But it is very expensive."

Bob Rhodes, territorial manager for Snell/Gallagher in Oregon, believes his company has found the solution.

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October--to make sure the sprinklers are working right.

The Kramers also check their fields by air, which are separated into two farms 80 miles apart.

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The Flying Farmers also sponsor an annual proficiency test where members can upgrade their flying abilities. This, in turn, leads into an insurance program for lower rates.

"The safety program is just fantastic." Bedker said.

Belonging to Flying Farmers can also make it easier for members to attend agricultural meetings.

LeRoy and Mila Gormley of Waterville, who have served as chapter president and queen and honored as the Washington Flying Farmer and W.F.F. Woman of the year, found the use of the airplane as a way to attend these meetings.

"I don't think LeRoy would have been as active in the Washington Association of Wheat Growers if he hadn't flown," Mrs. Gormley said.

Members do not have to be farmers to belong to the organization. One member is a banker in an agricultural loan department. There is also an implement dealer, an agriculture teacher and a certified seed grower.

Mr. Franz, who has been a charter member of the Washington chapter since 1947, also noted that the organization is actively involved in lobbying for private, general aviation in Congress.

"Up until now, we have not been active in agricultural legislation," he said. "But I think we are going to have

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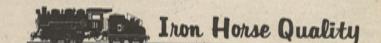
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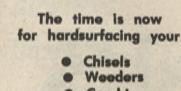


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