

County Ramblin's

By Sherman County Agents

Wheat League Show

The Oregon Wheat Growers League Junior Livestock show is scheduled for June 6-8, Seuffert Building, The Dalles. 4-H and FFA members from Sherman County are planning to participate in the livestock judging and showmanship contests and market classes.

A special carcass contest is planned again this year. Everyone is invited to visit and take part in the show activities. Complete schedule will be provided later.

Soil Stewardship Week

Soil Stewardship Week, a nationwide observance which places emphasis on man's obligations to God as stewards of the soil, water and other related resources, was celebrated May 19-26.

This year's observance, with the theme, "We Turn Our Eyes to the Future," underscores the responsibility which each citizen has in meeting the responsibilities of soil stewardship. The Sherman Soil Conservation District and some 2,930 companion Districts throughout the nation and Puerto Rico, through their State and National Associations, are sponsoring this event for the ninth consecutive year.

Through the 1963 theme and promotion literature the program points out: "With each passing year, the pressures on our limited supply of resources are being compounded. More and more people each year put more and more of our resources to use. The demands increase for housing and highways, for food and fiber, for industrial and recreational space, and for all the other mounting needs of growing society. As good stewards, there is need to turn our eyes to the future, anticipating the requirements of tomorrow, in order that we may exercise intelligent guidance and put wisdom against waste. The answer to the question of the future lies in our understanding and action as God's stewards today."

Home and Garden Insect Control

The wet spring has been favorable for development of many insect infestations. Several Sherman Countyans have reported unusually heavy insect problems. Early control with chemicals as preventative measure will be helpful.

Several leaflets and bulletins on

insect control are available at your Extension office. Some include: E.C.-564, Fly Control; E.C.-655, Control of the European Earwig; Extension Bulletin 747, Vegetable Garden Insect Pests; Spray Schedule for Home Orchards, E.C.-565; Bees and Wasps; and several other specific and USDA bulletins.

Call or stop by the office for copies.

Apple Worm Control

First spraying for home orchard apple worm or codling moth control is now in order. Applications should be made as blossom petals fall. Control can be achieved by spray with a combination of DDT and malathion.

Mixture for the spray is two tablespoons of 50% wettable DDT powder and two teaspoons of 50% emulsion concentrate (liquid) of malathion per gallon of water. This mixture is also effective for general spray around the yard for most insects. The only additional material to add would be Neltthane where red spiders mites are not being controlled with malathion.

Control of apple codling moth by periodic spraying is possible. Spraying is suggested every three weeks for along with the petal fall application for five sprayings.

Feeding Animal Fat

When five per cent animal fat was used to replace five per cent milk in a ration for weaner calves at the Nevada experiment station, daily gains increased 28 per cent and feed required per pound of gain was reduced 23 per cent. This work was conducted by Dr. V. R. Bohman.

When fat was fed to cattle on a protein deficient diet, the level in the blood was twice the normal amount. When an adequate amount of protein was then added to the animal's diet, the level of fat was reduced markedly. Blood cholesterol followed the same pattern in this Nevada study.

Fat control in the ration of three cattle was from three to 10 per cent while normal human diets contain 30 to 45 per cent fat. Dr. Bohman suggests that if this same relationship exists in human diets, adequate levels of protein, such as red meat, would limit the amount of fat and cholesterol in human blood.

Calf Tattooing Recommended

Member of the Oregon Livestock Advisory Committee have recommended the tattooing of newborn calves in the ear as a means of discouraging the theft of young calves. The committee, which serves in an advisory capacity to the Department of Agriculture, made this recommendation at the April 23 meeting in Salem.

The committee also proposed that cattlemen with brands use the brands for the tattoo. Because as many as six persons may use the same brand by having it in a different location on the animal the committee suggested that numbers from one to six be used with the tattoo of the brand to indicate the position of the brand on the animal.

For those cattlemen without brands the committee recommends the use of a design, number or initial as an identifying mark to assist livestock inspectors in identifying stolen calves.

Grange Encouraged By No Vote in May 21 Wheat Referendum

By Herschel D. Newsom
The National Grange

The Grange will continue efforts to put a sound Wheat Certificate Program into operation. For more than a decade, we have been urging acceptance of the Grange Certificate Program as the only sound approach to the wheat problem. We view the negative vote in the Referendum as nothing more than another postponement of acceptance of these Grange recommendations. Though we recognize the vote as a temporary setback, we shall not abandon our long-time Grange objective: instead we will diligently continue efforts to achieve that objective, however slow our normal Grange process may require us to approach it.

In the meantime, we are to a equitable income opportunities to

degree encouraged by the fact that the program brought into being by the "No" vote is for one year only and that producers will, one year hence, again have a chance to vote for a sound certificate program.

More basically, the Grange is committed to encourage farm programs which will a) provide farmers, b) reduce Government farm program costs, c) restore to private traders the responsibility for marketing processes, d) retain for producers the responsibility for control of surplus, e) assure farm operators a maximum degree of freedom in the management of their own business and, finally, f) achieve a pricing system permitting agricultural products to find their normal markets according to end use domestically and to achieve reasonable and equitable access to markets of the world.

With these objectives in mind, the Grange will... as in the past... give careful and sympathetic consideration to any proposal which offers promise.

Art Students Work On Display at EOC

Now on exhibition at Walter Pierce Library, Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, through June

30 is the work created by art students during the year.

The exhibition consists of sculpture, ceramics, drawings, paintings, prints, problems in design, crafts, and material experimentation. The exhibitors, overflowing

the usual confines of the Pierce Gallery, was produced by over 150 students representing five states and most communities of eastern Oregon.

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