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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

With the 1954 ACP practice handbook mailed to all farm operators in Morrow County this past week, we hope everyone has received theirs and has had a chance to sit down and look through it. In the very near future, educational and sign-up meetings will be held throughout the county. We hope that everyone will become acquainted this year with the practices at that meeting so we can discuss with them intelligently the practices that are available this year.

Last week, Clarence and Arthur Warren who farm in western Morrow County were in to discuss elimination of some sage brush on land that they plan on putting into pasture. The B-3 practice in this year's handbook is one which encourages this practice. It is controlling competitive shrubs necessary to permit growth of adequate desirable vegetated cover for soil protection on range and pasture land. Payments of 50% of the cost of controlling these pests not to exceed \$5.00 per acre will be made for controlling Wild Blackberry, Grease wood, Rose briar, Juniper, sage brush, rabbit brush, and willows.

Outlined in the Morrow County handbook are methods of controlling these competitive shrubs. These methods are through the use of chemical or mechanical means. Blackberries are effectively controlled by spraying 2-4-D, 2-4-5T brush killer combination. This is also the desirable way to kill rose briars. Willows are controlled by 2-4-D at the rate of pound of acid equivalent to 100 gallons of water while sage brush can be controlled by 2-4-D with a slightly smaller dosage: two pounds of acid per acre. Application in the case of sage brush must be made while the sage is making rather active growth. This is generally between the 15th of May and the early part of June.

In the case of mechanical control, rabbit brush and sage brush are controlled with the Noble blades in many areas but in other areas it is impossible to use because of rocks. The sage brush beater kills big sage brush very well but it is not at all effective on rabbit brush. Where there is

not an adequate stand of good grasses the area should be seeded once the brush is killed or removed and grasses can get light, the right kind of grasses or legumes should be on the land to take advantage of the situation. Good stands of vigorous grass are necessary to keep brush from coming back immediately. If the land needs reseeding mechanical control isn't very good because the dead brush is in the way and must be removed before seed can be covered. The main point is that the government is willing this year to help anyone up to \$5.00 per acre in improving range by clearing off these moisture eating plants. If your range is covered by sage brush up to 50%, then it is certain that you can't be getting over half as much grass as the land will grow. No one knows whether these payments will go on forever or not and it is good business to use them while they are here.

The new program specializes in what they call enduring practices. In other words the administration now wants to see some progress next year and ten years from now for the money spent. Range improvement certainly falls in this class. We will be happy to talk this practice over with all interested ranchers.

Every year at this time we have inquiries regarding damage to small and sometimes older fruit trees and even ornamental and shade trees. The damage is generally caused by mice when investigation is made. This is especially true in orchards and areas where there are ditches and ideal conditions for field mice to live. It is well then to be keeping an eye on young fruit and windbreak trees for this damage. If any damage is found, good control can be had by scattering poison grain near rows, along surface runways, or under the cover of vegetation. The use of poison stations for protecting the grain from the weather and for keeping it in good condition for long periods of time is recommended. Tin cans which are partially flattened to keep out other animals and birds work very well. Mice can also be sprayed with Toxaphene at the

rate of 6 to 8 pounds per acre, but caution must be taken as cats, dogs, and other livestock are susceptible to the material.

Recently announced is a new prune variety released by the Oregon State College experiment station. Its name is Milton Early Italian. The main advantage to this variety is that it is two weeks earlier in ripening than the standard Italian prunes. The college recommends it highly for home gardens. Fruiting tests during the past five years indicate that its quality is excellent. A list of nurseries where this new variety is available can be had from the County Agent's office.

A number of ranchers have called the office this past week to inquire about spraying cattle for cattle grubs. Cattle grubs this year are considerably early in emerging than in the past. Last week while attending the livestock and meat marketing conference at Oregon State College, I had the privilege of talking to Bob Lauderdale, Entomologist at the college. Mr. Lauderdale is working exclusively this year with grub control in order that he might have all of the answers to questions that might be asked about this serious insect pest. It is causing so many millions of dollars of damage this year. As outlined recently in this column the only control for cattle grubs is rotenone. This insecticide may be applied as a dust containing one, two or three percent rotenone or as a spray using 7 1/2 pounds of 5% rotenone wettable powder or 10 pounds 4% rotenone to 100 gallons of water. Dust should be rubbed into the back region where the grub opening appears. High pressure sprays capable of producing 400 pounds of pressure are procured for large herd spraying.

Some thing new from past recommendations came from Mr. Lauderdale. He suggests that if cattle lice are a problem at the time the cattle are to be treated that rotenone will suffice at this season for lice control and does not need to be fortified with any other insecticide such as DDT. Recently the Lamb Weston Company at Milton announced that they had pea vine silage for sale in this area. While the winter has been mild and little feeding has been necessary many of our ranchers have been sold on pea vine silage as a supplemental feed. It provides a succulent feed that is excellent for

in Oregon have made positive statements that they will not be candidates to succeed themselves. One of the first to make this declaration was Joseph M. Dyer of Astoria, quickly followed by Ivan C. Laird, Coos county; Henry Semon, Klamath Falls; Alva C. Goodrich, Bend and Robert W. Root, Medford. Latest here is that Root may file for the Senate. Friends of Goodrich and his law partner Harvey De Armond are pressuring De Armond to file for the House. He has practiced law in Deschutes county for nearly 40 years and has a signal record for ability and the highest integrity.

Those who have stated they will file, or have strongly intimated they will, include three candidates for Speaker of the House. They are Carl H. Francis, Yamhill county; David C. Baum, Union county and Edwin A. Geary, Klamath Falls. Others are Dr. Orval Eaton, Astoria; Joseph E. Harvey, Portland.

Expected to be early filers are John P. Amacher, Douglas county whose name lead all the rest when the roll was called in the House in 1953; Gust Anderson, R. S. Jensen, Pat Dooley, R. E. Dunaway, Dr. F. H. Dammach, Phil J. Roth, Harvey Wells and R. F. Deich all of Portland. Alfred H. Corbett will file for the Senate in Multnomah county.

H. H. Chindgren, Clackamas county, may file for the Senate and leave John Misko as the only "holdover" representative for Clackamas county.

Leon S. Davis, Hillsboro, will file unless he accepts a proffered federal position (grapevine this is). Harry E. Elliott, of Tillamook county; Robert E. Klemens, Columbia county; George Layman, Yamhill county; Claude E. Hall, Waldport; Earl H. Hill, Lane county; B. A. Stover of Bend; J. P. Steiner, Fossil; Charles Allen Tom, Rufus; R. H. Weatherford, Wallowa; Earl A. Moore, Hood River; V. T. Jackson, Douglas county; Roderick T. McKenzie, Sixes; Floyd E. Haynes, Grants Pass; Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove and Robert W. Steward of Baker county are all expected to file this month.

Frank M. Farmer, Polk county and Jess W. Savage, Linn county, may file for the Senate.

It will take a lot of political pressure to get the following to file. Donald R. Husband, Lane county will go for the Senate if he starts. Wm. W. Braden, of Burns; Ed R. Cardwell, Linn county; Carroll Looney, Malheur and E. H. Mann are adamant that they will not file. R. E. Goad, Umatilla county, has not made up his mind as yet and Ralph Saylor, Umatilla county, keeps saying "no," as does Russell Hudson of Wasco county.

Life deals Alfred Nyhus one squeeze after another. Last week he was released from the Oregon State Penitentiary after serving 21 years of a life sentence that was recently

Several valuable members of the 1953 House of Representatives milk production. Some ranchers may want to dispose of hay and supplement it with pea vines. They can be purchased at the Lamb Weston pit and are guaranteed as good ripe vine silage.

Leaving this week for Denver to attend the National Western Stock show are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Emert, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Ione were still undecided as this column was written but we are betting that they will be there too. Frank says that he is going to bring back a bull to improve his prize winning stock. He had two grand champion bulls and one heifer at shows and sales consigned to this year. Delbert Emert has purchased a WHR bull that is being shown at Denver and it will be shipped home following the exhibit.

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:
It has always been the boast of our American democracy that a man could not be convicted without the privilege of facing his accusers and stating his case, but the self-righteous, omniscient government of our fair town has not followed this well-grounded American way.

Every suggestion of "dirt" had been dug up, if a possible evil design could be assigned to the act, regardless of the purpose and intent, and my case closed while I was out of town! The result was that coming without warning, like a ball from the blue, I was petrified, and at the moment, could have made poor defense, without time, by myself, to realize what had happened.

At any rate, any good name that I had begun to establish for myself in your community is eternally destroyed, with no possibility of resurrection, so I am bidding goodbye to the many fine people whom I knew and admired, even as I wanted them to admire me.

Now, here comes the real purpose for the writing of this letter.

declared illegal by a Marion county circuit court.
He was rooming at the Salem YMCA trying to adjust himself to windows without bars and to freedom when his attorney came to tell him he must leave town. "You would be the first to be accused of any crime committed here," the attorney advised him, "this happened in a similar case last month."

The 37-year-old former inmate left the same day for a job arranged for him by a Good Samaritan on a chicken farm, a long way from the penitentiary—the location of which remains a secret.

I know that it is poor consolation to my creditors that I am "promising," but it is the best I can do, since the thing crept upon me without warning, and possibility of any preparation, and since "self preservation is one of the first rule of life," so they say, I have kept what I had left of my wages to sustain me until I find work in some other community.

So, for whatever the folks who trusted me may figure it worth, I pledge and promise before God that not one cent will be ultimately lost by any one of my creditors. I don't know how nor when, but if God lets me live I will pay every cent I owe, to every person that has helped me, and may God bless you all!

If each one who has extended me credit will send a statement to Box 462, Pendleton, Ore., I will, sometime, repay every dime to every one.

May I conclude by saying that if I had delighted in "Rolling in Riches" like some of your "Leading Lights," I could have made many of those who have pointed the accusing finger at me, hide their face in shame by revealing the things I without effort, came to know about their private lives. "Let Him That Is Without Blame Cast The First Stone."

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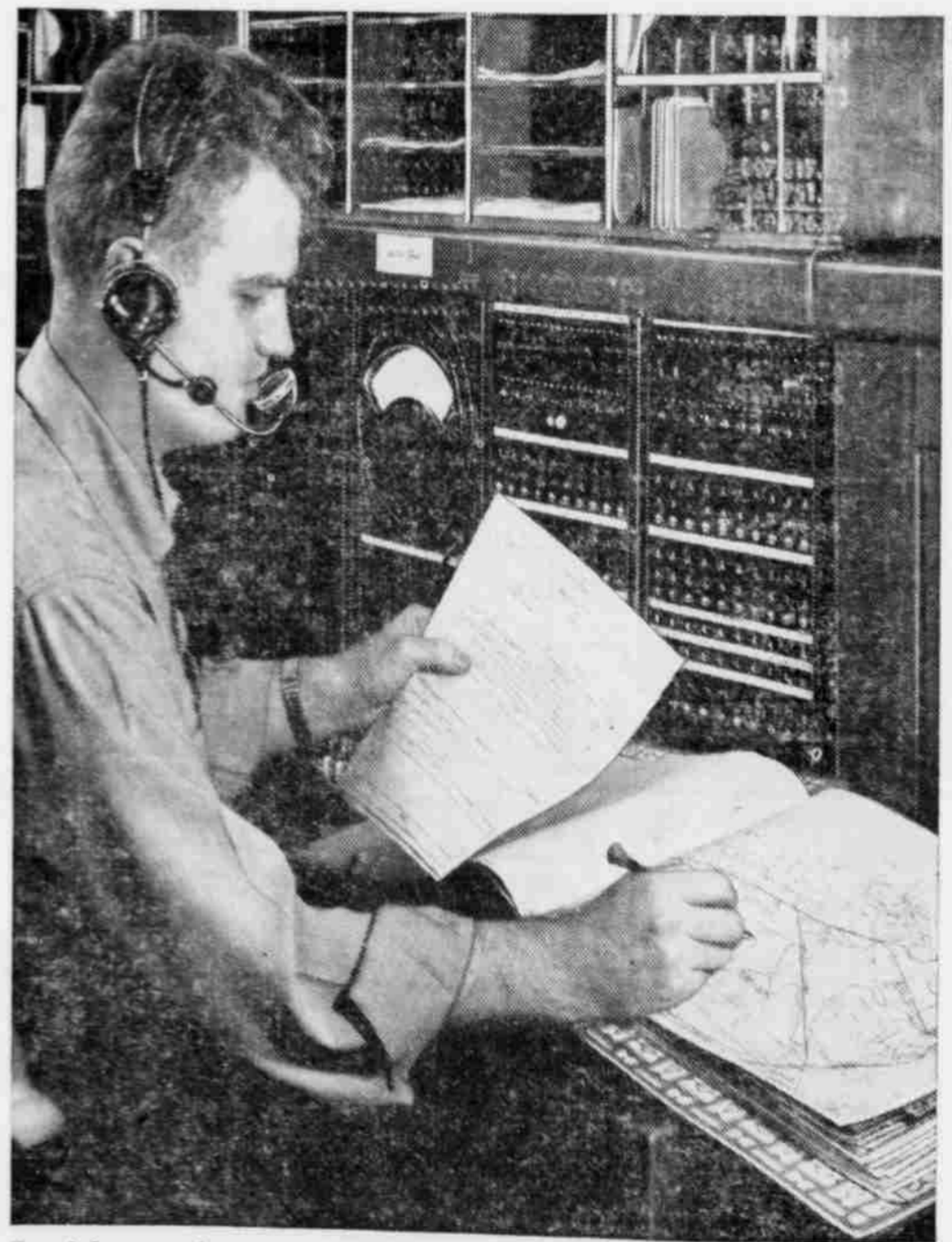


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