

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

Swine men will be interested in the third semi-annual production tested boar sale to be held at the Oregon Swine Testing Station. These boars are of Yorkshire, Hampshire, Poland China and Landrace breeding.

With the feel of spring in the air (at least some days), our thoughts turn to vegetable gardening. While it is still plenty early to be out in the garden working it is not a bit too early to be making the garden plan and purchasing seed. A new bulletin, "Vegetable Varieties for 1961," is fresh off the press and available in quantity at this office. All vegetables are discussed in the bulletin; their adaptability and new varieties so indicated.

Talking about bulletins, there are a number scheduled to be off the press soon which should be of interest to Morrow county farm people. One that was discussed by Dr. Grant Blanche, agricultural economist from OSC, at our Farm Management workshop, is "The Farm-Ranch Corporation." This bulletin describes advantages and disadvantages of forming farm corporations including information on legal procedures, taxes, estates and retirement. The bulletin includes a number of tables and illustrations and is expected to be ready for distribution by the end of this month. Two bulletins on "Wheat Farming" will be completed next month. There is a new bulletin on "Cereal Varieties Recommended for Oregon" and a miscellaneous paper summarizing "50 Years of Research at the Sherman Branch Experiment Station."

In looking over rain records sent to this office by a few cooperating farmers it is interesting to note that rainfall in those communities reporting is pretty much the same. Taking average for the growing season which is figured as September, 1960 to March 1, Harry Proudfoot, Buttercreek Junction, reports 5.80 inches in this period. Don Heller, in the west lone area, reports 5.18 while Raymond Lundell, in the south lone or Gooseberry community, has a record of 5.50 falling in that time. Records from Louis Carlson, also Gooseberry, are incomplete with 3.10 inches falling by February 1. Most stations reported in the neighborhood of 2 inches in February so this would bring that record up to over 5 inches also. With four more months that we can expect rainfall our chances

for a normal year might be reached. These cooperators reported from four to five inches in this four month period last spring which would be sufficient for a good crop if it comes in large enough quantities at the right time.

Many Morrow county livestock operators should be interested in the livestock field day program scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 22, at the Squaw Butte Experiment Station. The morning program will be held at the Polson Creek Grange with discussions on performance of calves as influenced by time of weaning; protein supplementation of weaner calves; grazing wheat grass; livestock sanitation and disease control and a panel on more efficient use of hay. This includes types of supplements; the use of additives; mineral and vitamin requirements and cutting and fertilizing to improve hay quality. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a tour of research and facilities of the Squaw Butte Station. Calves from Charolais-Herford cross; alfalfa meal versus cottonseed meal as a protein supplement; the effect of water and salt intake on protein utilization and trace elements study with replacement heifers will be viewed. Last year W. E. Hughes and Jerry Brosnan, Butter Creek ranchers, attended the field day and reported it well worthwhile. Those who might be interested and would like to pool rides may contact this office. A copy of the detailed program can be picked up at our office.

There is interest again this spring in stocking farm ponds with fish. A contact was recently made with the Prairie Springs Trout Farm at Dayville, who are back in the business supplying various sizes fish again this spring. The most popular size is between an inch and a half and two inches. They are very reasonable in price and most persons are interested in stocking ponds while this size is still available. Orders for several thousand have been taken. Anyone who is interested in ordering fish should call this office or Dr. L. D. Tibbles. The larger the load the cheaper the mileage in transporting them from Dayville to the ponds.

Latest Foreign Agricultural Service reports say that the ship "Woolambi" formerly the "Dalino" will not sail as scheduled. An earlier F.A.S. report said that this ship was sailing from Sydney, Australia, to San Francisco with 25,000 lambs. The F.A.S. says that no import permits had been issued. This should be good news to lamb producers as domestic lamb prices are down in comparison to other meat animals. A little help has been given the depressed lamb market as the U.S.D.A. has announced that it will buy frozen lamb carcasses for distribution to eligible domestic institutions.

Those who have not read Dr.

## 4-H Officers Acquire More "Know-How" Saturday Morning

Fifty-five South Morrow 4-H officers and leaders met for a day of study on Saturday, March 11, at the St. Patrick's parish hall in Heppner, under the direction of Esther Kirmis, Joe Hay and N. C. Anderson.

Workshop sessions dealing with various phases of 4-H responsibilities were held from 9:30 until 11:00.

The group came together at 11 a.m. and watched a model 4-H meeting put on by several presidents and vice presidents under the direction of Hay.

After the meeting a number of news reporters and one of their leaders, Mrs. E. Markham Baker, visited the Gazette-Times to learn about newspaper publishing.

Ensminger's article in the Mar. 2 issue of the Oregon Farmer will find it interesting. The article deals with public relations of the farmer. After you are thru mail it to a city friend.

Several weeks ago we commented in this column on a County Wheatgrowers Association executive committee meeting and a report made by Mrs. Milton Morgan who accompanied Milton on a tour of the Western Utilization Research Laboratory in Albany, Calif. One of the items that this laboratory was working on was a "shelter wafer" made of wheat to be used in bomb shelters in case of an atomic attack. We did not like the idea very well of having to wait until an atomic attack to help eat up the large wheat supply. Recently we have a report on some promising new wheat food products that the laboratory researchers are working on that sounds considerably more appetizing. They are (1) milk-like products of high protein content, powdered and supplemented with vitamins and minerals; (2) a high-protein powdered food to sprinkle over other foods of low protein content; (3) a meat-like product similar to jerky or dried sausage and requiring no refrigeration; (4) canned bulgour; (5) dry instant bulgour; (6) wheat gum gluten for a binder in bonded meats; (7) wheat snacks and wheat candy; (8) flour of different flavors; (9) leaner breads of higher wheat content having superior texture, flavor and keeping quality and; (10) gliadin foams, bland flavor and similar to whipped egg whites. These new uses sound like new opportunities might be created for the use of wheat.

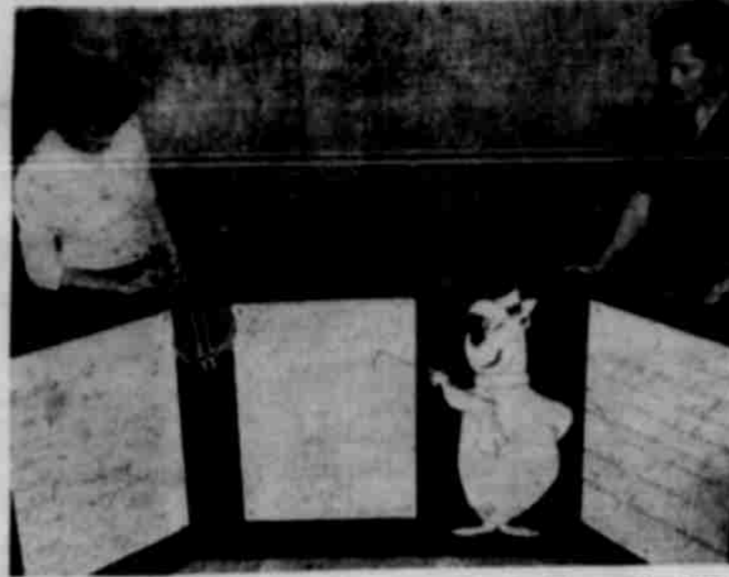
President Kennedy's proposed feed grain program is currently being tossed about in the Senate Agricultural Committee with no firm indication as yet that such a program will be approved by Congress in time for the 1961 spring planting season. Even so, preparations by means of a feed grain acreage survey are being pushed for completion by March 21.

Here in Oregon, all feed grain producers are now being asked to supply their County ASC Committee with acreage history of corn, barley and oats as well as acreage devoted to other crops and land uses for the years 1959 and 1960. Farmers who supply this information at this time will not be obligated to participate in a feed grain program if one becomes available but they will be eligible to participate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farley and daughters were in The Dalles on Sunday to attend the Alfred Anderson 50th anniversary.

Many from here motored to Pendleton Monday night to watch the Paterson-Johannsen fight.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Privett and John were in Salem over the week-end visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brown. They brought their two grandchildren Mark and LeAnn home with them for a two weeks visit.



YOGIE BEAR GETS IN THE ACT—advising to "Be smarter than the average" when it comes to Money Management. Mrs. Glenn Smith (left), county agent secretary, prepared the display to publicize the March Extension Unit lesson, "Managing your Money." Esther Kirmis (right), county extension agent looks on. (See Chats with your Home Agent).

## Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

We mentioned in the chats two weeks ago that we would discuss money in each phase of the family cycle.

This week we'll talk about it during the early marriage stage. Income is low—wife may work during early marriage stage—The husband may be relatively poorly paid; the wife may work outside the home. Today there are more married women than single in the labor force. This early marriage stage is the time for young couples to work out a plan for use of the total income. It's important that they think of the money as "Our Money"—not "Your Money" and "My Money." It is important that they make wise use of the two incomes by spending it for durable goods that will last and not "live up" two incomes for day-to-day living.

Wants exceed income—One of the certain facts that any young couple must face is that they will never have enough money to meet all their needs. Another finding is that people who define happiness in terms of making money actually are not as

## Starling Flights Studied To Control Farm Predators

Starlings, wearing identification bands from Oregon, have been recovered in states ranging from Montana through provinces including British Columbia and Saskatchewan. This report comes from Melvin D. Smith, district agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is cooperating with the State Department of Agriculture in the Oregon starling control program. The banded recoveries, some banded at Monmouth, some at Ontario, are of birds released in March, 1960 in an attempt to trace flight of the starlings. The Oregon legislature has declared these birds an agricultural predator and provided \$20,000 for 1959-61 control studies and surveys.

Trapping, and other control measures for this season, started in mid-November with concentrated work in the same areas as last year: feedlots in the Ontario area of Malheur county and around Prineville; and holly orchards in the Willamette valley.

In five runs, since December 1, of the experimental light trap on the Stump holly farm near Monmouth, 23, 225 starlings were caught. The trap also netted 26 other birds, including 19 red-wings, 4 robins and 3 warblers. The trap, used at night, recently attracted a Life photographer.

This trap is a huge nylon net funnel terminating in a wire trap behind which 1000-watt lights attract the starlings as a crew of drivers "flush" the birds from holly trees. It has been operated once a week, usually on Wednesday nights, since December 1.

In eastern Oregon, where an estimated 1.2 million starlings were exterminated last year, toxic French fries accounted for most of the destruction. This method is being repeated in feedlot areas.

A recorded starling distress call used to keep the birds out of holly orchards is showing considerable success.

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Effective January 3, California removed the last of its scabies restrictions on Oregon cattle. Thus for the first time in almost a year cattle from anywhere in Oregon could enter California without dipping or scab inspection.

Governor Mark O. Hatfield, who earlier appealed to California's governor for complete freedom from scabies restrictions, and state and federal regulatory officials welcomed the word. So did cattleman.

Dr. J. E. Stuart, California department of agriculture animal division chief, wired the Oregon

department of the lifting of restrictions.

Later he told officials, the clearance on movement into California was granted due to the thorough manner in which the state and federal veterinarians handled the original scabies outbreak and carried through on inspections to determine freedom from the disease.

The quarantine followed discovery of scabies in a Baker county herd in late January 1960, with the infection traced to another state. The prompt action of officials in Oregon held the outbreak to the one herd.

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