

Pesky Grasshoppers Attacking Caragana

By N. C. ANDERSON

If those with farm windbreaks have not checked their Caragana lately I suggest that they do so at once. Grasshoppers are stripping all the leaves from this outside shrub row in each of the shelter belts that I have visited in the past week. While grasshoppers are working on some of the other trees to some extent, none are being damaged like the Caragana. It seems to be quite palatable to these pesky insects. I would suggest you spray with any of the insecticides preferably one and a half pounds of Chlordane or two ounces of Aldrin or four ounces of Dieldrin or one half pound of Sevin per fifty gallons of water spraying the trees and surrounding area where grasshoppers might be found. Defoliation of Caragana, or any other trees as far as that is concerned, could cause them to die, especially at this dry, hot time of the year. Word has just been received that Pine are also being attacked by grasshoppers. At the Charles Carlson ranch south of Ione, grasshoppers moved into the shelter belt and before being observed had practically stripped everything including the Pine. Better get the sprayer out now!

The spread of knapweed has become so general throughout the county during the past few years that it is alarming. This year abundant knapweed, mainly the branching variety, has been found on roadsides and in areas where it has not been found before. While we have gained much in the control of Russian Knapweed in the heavy infested areas on lower Willow Creek new infestations of branching knapweed continue to be found on upper Willow Creek and the drainage area tributary to this. Some of the new infestation has undoubtedly come from established patches in the foothill country. Quite a number of ranchers in the area where the heavy infestations are found are becoming quite concerned with its rapid spread. A few days ago Steve Thompson, Willow Creek rancher, called at the office to discuss control. The Thompsons have been spraying for this weed for a number of years but find that it is a constant job with infestations on neighboring land. Steve was quite concerned and was hopeful that more people would become concerned with this weed, however, he added that it was a problem in other counties besides Morrow. In his travels around Eastern Oregon he marvels at the way that it has spread all over this country in the past few years. It appears to me that unless everyone gets

busy on this perennial noxious weed that it will take much of the range land. In fact any area that it can get started in without too much competition. It is relatively easy to kill with sprayings of 20 lbs. actual 2, 4-D Acid to the acre doing the job. Areas have to be watched.

Two new USDA bulletins, "Your Farm Renting Problem," No. 2161, and "Your Cash-Farm Lease," miscellaneous publication No. 836 have arrived at the office recently. In paging through these bulletins they appear to be an excellent source of reference dealing with that subject. The bulletins deal with the essentials of a good farm lease whether to have a written lease; types of leases and their characteristics; other agreements; legal framework for your lease; methods of estimating rent; filling out the cash-farm lease including property rights; land use and livestock production; improving, conserving and maintaining the farm; sharing costs and returns; term of lease and miscellaneous provisions. These go well with other USDA bulletins entitled, "Your Crop—Share—Cash Farm Lease," "Your Livestock—Share-Farm Lease," "Your Farm Rent Determination Problem," "Your Farm Lease Check-List" and "Your Farm Lease Contract." Any or all of these bulletins are available at this office and can be picked up or will be sent to you if requested.

This is National Farm Safety Week with the 1961 theme "Safety is a Family Affair." While we do not like to think that there is only one week during the year that farm safety needs to be practiced and brought to the minds of our farmers, I believe that it is timely to visit some on farm safety, especially at this time of the year when farmers are involved in harvest. Harvest time creates a lot of farm accident hazards. Everyone is putting in long hard days and several pieces of equipment are being used which can be dangerous if safety is not practiced. Also at this time of year there are inexperienced persons working with haying and harvest that might not be on complete guard as to the ever-present dangers. As these boys and girls operate your trucks and equipment on the highways it would be well to point out to them that a total of 62,276 accidents were reported on Oregon's highways and byways last year. The sum of 18,939 persons were injured and 461 killed. In Morrow county there were 127 highway accidents involving four deaths and 33 injuries. While, of course, these were not all farm accidents, it

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is well to keep this continuing hazard in mind and advise your family and workers. In looking at the kinds of accidents that occurred you can see the most dangerous types. Most accidents occurred with one vehicle colliding with another vehicle—12,394. From this cause alone 5,846 were injured and 158 killed. A second big accident type was vehicles running off the road, often traveling at too high a speed. There were 3,500 accidents of this type—110 were fatal. Most dangerous driving times are during the heaviest hours of daytime traffic. From two in the afternoon until seven in the evening are the most dangerous hours, according to the number of accidents that occur. Moving farm machinery along roads during Oregon's tourist season is dangerous. Visitors to the state, unfamiliar with the roads, are often taken by surprise as they round a curve and come upon a combine or other piece of machinery moving slowly along the road. Best rule is to have a car follow behind and ahead of the machinery being moved, or post flagmen where visibility is blocked by hills, curves or obstructions.

Do not try to clean, adjust or operate any piece of farm machinery while engine is running. With a hay mower all cleaning should be done with sicle bar stopped and the motor turned off. Fatigue is a number one contributor to accidents. Daily work breaks—a cool drink of water in the shade or a brief rest—cannot be over-emphasized. When you're tired you flirt with disaster. Operator only on combines and tractors—is a good safety rule to adhere to.

"Keep out of reach of children," is good advice when it comes to storage of poisons, agricultural chemicals and many household items, looked on as harmless. Baby's and toddlers put just about everything in their mouths. Many things around the house and carport—such as insecticides, rat poisons, cleaning agents, cosmetics, including nailpolish remover and hair lotions could harm a child if he swallowed them. Here are some common causes of poisoning children: (1) drugs, (extra large doses of aspirin, candy flavored medicine and oil of wintergreen) (2) household disinfectants (3) insecticides, (including mothballs) (4) laundry bleaches (5) turpentine (6) cosmetics. Don't forget, "Farm Safety is a Family Affair."



Barley Support Includes Grade 5

Price-support eligibility for 1961-crop barley has been broadened to include grade No. 5 barley or No. 5 garlicky barley, according to David McLeod, manager, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. The action will provide greater price protection to producers for this year's barley crop, which in some areas is of generally lower quality because of adverse weather. Before this change, price support on the 1961 crop had been limited to Oregon's grading No. 4 or No. 4 garlicky. To determine the loan rate for specific lots, McLeod explained, barley grading No. 5 will be discounted 15 cents per bushel below the basic support price for grade No. 2 or better, in addition to other applicable discounts. The basic support price for grade No. 2 or better in Morrow County is 1.04 cents per bushel.

Minimum test weight permitted under grade standards for No. 5 barley is 36 pounds per bushel. Maximum amount of thin barley permitted is 35 percent for grade No. 4 and 75 percent for grade No. 5.

McLeod reminded farmers that corn and grain sorghum growers will not be eligible for price support on their 1961 barley crop unless they are taking part in the 1961 feed grain program. The price-support eligibility of barley producers who do not grow corn or grain sorghum is not affected by the feed grain program.

Wafer Machine Trial Impresses Townsend

Dave Townsend of Tri-County Equipment Co. was in Maupin last Thursday to witness demonstrations of the new Lundell Farm Equipment wafer machine. He was impressed with the machine which makes feed wafers from hay after it is put up in windrows. Among advantages of the new process, he said, are better protein value from the feed and ease of handling. Wafers are in a cube-like form, approximately three inches square.

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Chats With Your Home Agent

'Don't Push Me' Booklet Tells of Children's Role

By ESTHER KIRMISS

"Don't Push Me!" is the title of a booklet that Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSU Family Life Specialist, sent us the other day. Its published by the Association for Childhood Education, Washington, D. C.

"Most adults like children, but don't like childhood," is a thought provoking statement made by Dr. James Hymes at the recent White House conference on Children and Youth.

Umatilla Fair Sets New Swine Division

An entirely new program for the open class swine division of the Umatilla County Fair, August 16-19, in Hermiston has been announced by Harold Rankin, chairman of the fair board.

All classes of breeding stock have been discontinued and the emphasis has been directed entirely toward the improvement of the market hog industry of the area. In cooperation with the Northeast Oregon Swine Growers Association, we will, instead, feature a barrow and carcass show this year, he said.

Rankin said that premiums will be \$100 in the live barrow show, and \$200 in the carcass show. The event is open to all swine producers in the area and participation by 4-H and FFA members is actively encouraged.

According to Dr. Wm. Hansell, Athena, president of the Northeast Oregon Swine Growers Association and superintendent of the show, the contest is open to any market barrow between 190 and 230 pounds. All barrows will be slaughtered for carcass evaluation after they have been judged on a live basis.

Premium books for the 1961 Umatilla County Fair are now available from the fair office, P. O. Box 94, Hermiston.

Specific information concerning the swine show may be obtained by writing the Northeast Oregon Swine Growers Association, P. O. Box 399, Pendleton.

is not pushed too fast too soon. The booklet goes on to discuss such questions as: —What about paying children for getting A's? —Are little leaguers too big for their britches? —How much should we push children? —What about ability grouping? We're happy to tell you that we'll be doing some studies on understanding boys and girls this year. Mrs. Fraiser will be in the county on October 24 and 25 to train Extension Unit project leaders for the November lesson on "Understanding Teen-agers." There is also a possibility of having a short course this winter for husbands and wives on this subject. The family life specialist has also accepted our invitation to be the Homemaker Festival speaker in our county on May 15.

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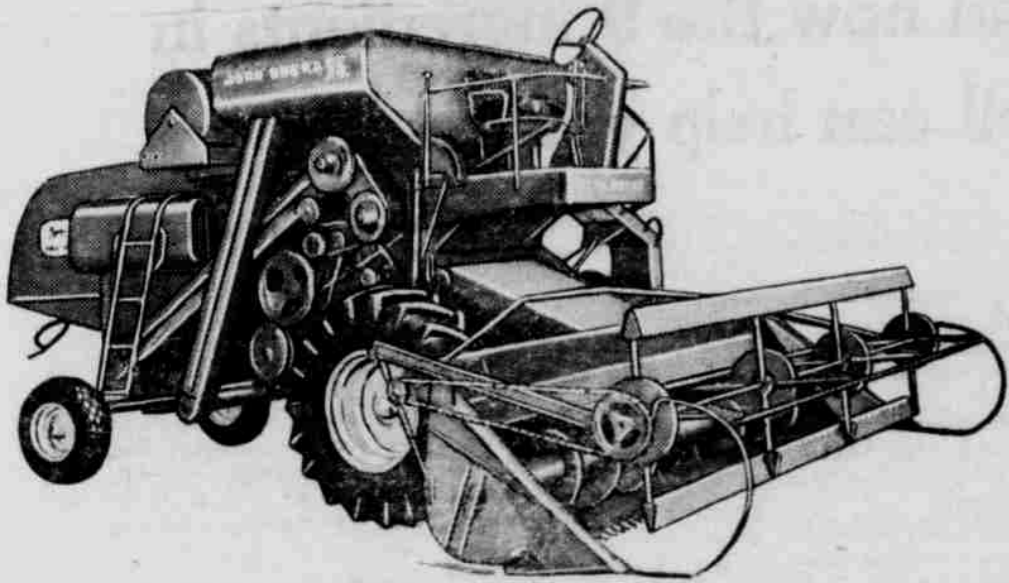
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