

## Veterinarian Here to Serve Area on Brucellosis Testing

By N. C. ANDERSON

Dr. Erockson, Federal Veterinarian from Baker, called at the office last week to introduce Dr. Gibson, a Federal veterinarian who will be stationed at Pendleton to serve this area. Dr. Gibson fills a vacancy which has been empty since Dr. Kleitzer left Pendleton several years ago. With Dr. Gibson in the area the USDA will be in a position to test all herds for Brucellosis on request of the owners. Since Morrow Counties Brucellosis accreditation expires in January it is necessary to test quite a number of cows this fall in order to be recredited. Dr. Gibson will concentrate on this. Arrangements will be made so that a complete test can be run on family milk cows that have not been tested recently. Early this fall farm families will be asked to work out a schedule for testing and many ranchers will avail themselves of a test when cattle are brought in off the range. Anyone wishing to test now can make arrangements for such a test by contacting this office.

While we are visiting about Brucellosis it is interesting to

note the report of Brucellosis testing and infection in cattle for the fiscal year 1961. In Morrow County 62 herds totaling 2,813 cattle were tested. Of these 62 herds reactors were found in 11 herds comprising of 716 head. Of these 716 head 47 were reactors making a total of 1.67%. There were 25 suspects. Quite a number of ranchers availed themselves of calfhood vaccination and 90 herds comprising 2,604 heifer calves were vaccinated. For the state of Oregon 157,057 cattle were tested with 846 reactors which makes a .538% reaction. 2,860 were suspects and 151,828 calves were vaccinated.

Last Wednesday I helped Frank Phipps, weed specialist from OSU, harvest selective cheat grass control plots at the Walt Jacobs ranch south of Ione. We created a lot of interest from passers-by who stopped to see the 7 1/2 foot Massey Harris self-propelled combine which we used in harvesting our 8 foot by 40 foot plots. While we did not determine actual yields per acre in the field it was interesting to note that yields ran from 2 lbs. to 7 1/2 lbs. of wheat per plot.

## FARM NEWS

The smaller yields were from plots that were injured by chemicals while the larger yields were from cheat free wheat. As much as two and three pounds increases were taken from these clean plots compared to those that were heavily infested with cheatgrass. A large variety of chemicals applied at different rates were compared in the 48 plots. While few of these are cleared by Federal Pure Food & Drug research is being carried out so that the promising ones can be screened and residual properties determined.

A small wheat plot at the Lexington airport was also harvested on Wednesday. We missed harvesting the weed plot at the Melvin Moyer ranch as it had been harvested before Frank was able to get to the county with the Combine. As soon as yield results have been calculated we will pass this information on to our wheat farmers.

Last week was a busy one from the research angle. Rex Warren, farm crops specialist, OSU, and Dick Fossi, a chemical company representative, spent Thursday with the agent checking results of experimental plots established for the control of morning glory and other perennial noxious weeds. A tour of the county visiting these plots showed that TBA was doing an ideal job when applied properly. One of the reasons for the tour was to determine if lower quantities of TBA were satisfactorily doing the job. There is some difference of opinion between research and commercial people concerning rates of application of TBA. This office has recommended the rate of 10 gallons or 20 lbs. TBA as this has consistently given a complete control of morning glory when applied properly. Applications using lesser amounts have been spotty—that is, giving good results in some cases, poor results in other cases. We continue to recommend the rate because most ranchers are interested in a once-over operation. During the day 48 square rod plots were established on the railroad right-of-way at the Earl Evans ranch near Heppner. These plots consisted mainly of various rates and formulations of 2, 4-D which will be compared with TBA. Two years ago various rates of TBA, 2, 4-D and Fenac were applied. Higher rates of the TBA and Fenac give 100% control. Cost of control of Fenac and TBA are comparable. It is interesting to note a recent Oregon crop report which indicates that July 1 stocks of barley, oats, corn and rye in all Oregon storage positions totaled 140,000 tons. This was nearly two-fifths less than the 224,000 tons of these grains on hand one year earlier. Smaller holdings of commercial

barley were largely responsible for the reduced feed grain tonnage on hand at this date. Oregon storages held 21.4 million bushels of wheat on July 1, one-third less than the 31.2 million bushels a year earlier. July 1 stocks of barley, oats, corn and rye in the Pacific Northwest were 29% below the tonnage level a year earlier. At the same time wheat stocks are nearly 30% below a year earlier.

### Morrow Boys Go To Range Camp

Their trips made possible through scholarships, four boys left Thursday (today) for the Malheur Wildlife Refuge south of Burns where they will spend the week at youth range camp there. Scholarships were given by Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Morrow County Farm Bureau, Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and the Heppner Soil Conservation District.

Headquarters will be the famous "P Ranch" bordering the Malheur Wildlife Refuge where high desert, mountains and lakes will provide an ideal setting with the some 50 boys representing eastern and southern Oregon range counties during the week. Representing Morrow county are Roger Doherty, David Anderson, and Billy Weatherford, Heppner, and Gene Wallace, Lexington. Two of the boys are from town and two from the country which is the method of selecting boys between the age of 14 and 18 who are eligible to attend this range camp sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Society of Range Management.

During the week representatives of OSU, Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, ranchers and interested persons will give the boys a look into all aspects of range with special emphasis on conservation of natural resources. There will be talks and field trips on birds and refuges, weed and grass identification, soil judging, range management, and allied topics.

There will be a field trip to Hart Mountain to see wildlife conservation as well as to give the boys a chance to do a little fishing. Evening camp fires will feature songs of the west with Jack Fine, rancher guitarist and accordionist; colored slides and talks, a "Liar's Club meeting" and "Tales of the old West." At the end of the five-day session, a grand contest will be held whereby boys will be given an opportunity to find and identify 100 plants which they have learned of during the week. Prizes and certificates will be presented before the boys break camp and return on Saturday.

### Pierce to Head Farm Home Agency

Robert V. Pierce of Ontario has been appointed state director for the Farmers Home Administration in Oregon and Alaska. His headquarters will be in Portland. He assumed his duties July 10.

Pierce was born at Plummen, Idaho. In Malheur county he was engaged in irrigated farming over a period of 15 years.

His activities in farm affairs include two years' membership on the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, directorship in farm cooperatives, membership in the Grange and Farmers Union, and in various other farm and civic organizations.

As State Director of the Farmers Home Administration, Mr. Pierce will have charge of the supervised lending program that makes credit and farm management aid available to eligible farmers in all Oregon and Alaska agricultural areas. This assistance is administered through 12 county offices in Oregon and one in Alaska, and aids farmers in financing farm operating needs, buying equipment and livestock, feed, seed and other production items, developing and purchasing family-type farms carrying out soil and water conservation measures, and constructing and repairing farm houses and other farm service buildings.

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## Homemaker Tips Told

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Berniece Strawn, OSU Home Management Specialist, is always on the look-out for new things that will help the homemaker save time and conduct a better household. Here are a few:

### Non-Sticky Fry Pan

New on the market the past few months are non-stick or greaseless fry pans. Some of these were imported, others are American made.

A finish called "Teflon" coats the inside of the pan and prevents foods from sticking without the use of fat. This finish is safe for cooking according to the U. S. Food and Drug Administration.

Satisfaction in use of these pans will depend largely on the care and use they receive. To preserve the non-stick qualities the pan should not be scoured with steel wool or cleanser. Care must be taken in turning foods not to scratch the surface with a metal spatula. A wooden spoon or rubber spatula is preferred. Do not overheat the pan when empty as this is likely to cause discoloration.

### Laugh at Summer Sun

If you are sweltering in the summer heat, there is something you can do about it. New electric fans are designed with built-in safety features and keep air circulating for your comfort.

Consider also a portable air conditioner which can be moved about from one room to another. It is built on a cart with wheels and rolls up to a double hung window. Adjustable panels fit into the window width.

### Light for Outdoor Living

Make your outdoor living and eating more pleasant by snuffing out the bugs with new electrical devices. Night-flying insects are attracted through a narrow

opening to a small green bulb and trapped there.

Special yellow "bug lights" attract fewer insects and are ideal for entrances and patios. These fit all standard fixtures and are available in many sizes all the way from 25 to 200 watt.

Lights in your garden dramatize the beauty of shrubbery and flowers. Lamps for this purpose are made with aluminum ground spikes so that they stand erect anywhere in the garden

or on the lawn adjacent to walks. They are wired with weather-proof cord for plugging into electrical outlets.

### Way to refinish furniture

Considered refinishing the old Boston rocker in the attic? Or those second-hand dining room chairs?

A bulletin on refinishing and restoring furniture pieces is now available from the County Agents office with detailed instructions on how to proceed.

Called "Furniture Restoration," the bulletin outlines way to beautify old furniture and new unfinished pieces. Pictures are used throughout the 48-page book showing how to make needed repairs, reglue joints and smooth surfaces of the wood.



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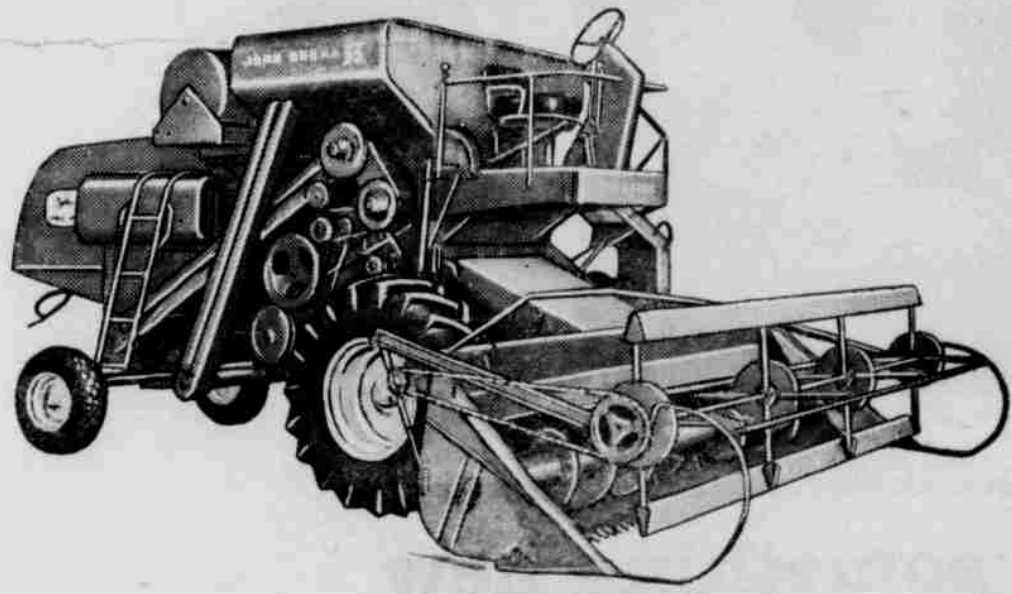
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