

Weeds and Grasses Call For Chemical Control

By N. C. ANDERSON

As spring draws near farmers and ranchers begin thinking of getting started with their farming operations. Many rush the tillage season working the soils before they are ready. One job that can be done any time now, as cheatgrass and volunteer grows to the "stooling" stage, is chemical winterfallow. This practice has gained much interest where cheatgrass and volunteer grains, including rye, have been a problem. Chemical winterfallow is designed to kill cheatgrass and other weeds present during the late fall and winter in order to prevent them from seeding in stubble mulch type fallow during the spring and summer. The recommendation is 2 pounds of 50% Amtrite combined with 2 pounds of 2,4-D ester applied in 10 or more gallons by ground equipment or five or more gallons of water by aircraft. Since these chemicals are non-residual there will be germination of spring annual weeds during April and May. A soon as these weeds have germinated it is important to follow with tillage and rod weeding during the summer. This treatment is not designed to control weeds the entire season.

One of the best bunches of calves on feed I have seen are those in the feedlot at the Lindsay ranch north of Lexington. The calves are the entire crop raised by Larry and Rosella Lindsay with the steer crop purchased from Tad and Jim Miller. The calves, on feed since early October, are making an excellent average daily gain. They are being self-fed on a barley-alfalfa pelleted ration starting with a 75% hay—25% barley mixture gradually increasing the barley and cutting back on the hay. The outstanding quality, cleanliness of the feedlot, thriftiness and thick glossy hair coat of these calves is something seldom found so uniform in any feedlot operation. The feedlot is well built and arranged for plenty of room and handy feeding.

Performance Registry International, a certification agency for all beef breeds of cattle, purebred and commercial, to assist in the development of the beef animal of the future has a new member in Morrow county. The new member is William Hill, Heppner, who has entered his herd of registered Hereford cattle in the program. Other Morrow county members are Frank Anderson, Heppner, and Herbert Ekstrom and Sons, Ione. This service organization offers a certification program for standards of excellence stressing weaning rate, pre-weaning daily gain, rate of gain in a feed test and continuance of growth. The production of Registry program is designated to search out and identify those individuals in lines within all breeds that are producing better than average progeny. The Oregon Beef Improvement Program is affiliated with it.

Applications are now being taken for enrollment in three sheep shearing schools which are being scheduled for late March. These sheep shearing short-courses are two days each and will be held at OSU. The cost of the school will be a dollar per day. Those interested can secure an enrollment application from this office.

A new bulletin now available from the office is Technical Bulletin 57, "Fertilizer Needs of Wheat in the Columbia Basin Dry Land Wheat Area of Oregon." This bulletin summarizes data and conclusions from fertilizer experiments completed in 173 sites in the Columbia Basin dryland wheat area of Oregon during 1952-57. Included in the experiments were 37 conducted on these many farms in Morrow county during this same period of time. The objectives of the research were to determine general fertility of soil in the area; to determine relationships between levels of several forms of soil nitrogen, soil moisture and rain-

fall and yield responses to nitrogen fertilizers; to obtain information to improve generalized recommendations for use of fertilizer for wheat in the area; to determine relative effectiveness of fall and spring applications of nitrogen fertilizer and to determine relationships between protein contents in yields of wheat as influenced by nitrogen fertilizer. A copy of the bulletin is available for you at this office.

The cost of keeping range cows varies between mountains, valleys and foothills. Knowledgeable appraisers figure that \$200 worth of room for a cow to move around in—terms of current land values—and another \$50 a year for her board are conservative average estimates. Every non-producing cow puts a heavy burden on the producers if this cost is averaged out for the entire herd.

A man from the Island will be Oregon's new state veterinarian and will arrive for duty in Salem on or before May 1. He is Dr. Glenn B. Rea, 43, since November, 1957, the staff veterinarian and chief of the division of animal industry for Guam. Dr. Rea will take the position vacated last October 31 by W. L. E. Bodenweiser who is now in New Mexico.

Don't forget the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District which will be held at the Lexington Grange hall on Tuesday, February 6. An interesting program gets underway at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. John Graves, Hardmap, will show her collection of colored slides on the wild flowers of that area and Merrill Oveson, Superintendent, Pendleton Branch Experiment station, will discuss the control of cheatgrass in wheat, alfalfa and stubble.

OSU Crops Specialist To Appear At Annual Weed Control Meet

Wednesday, February 14, is the date for the annual weed meeting, when latest recommendations for annual and perennial weed control will be discussed. Rex Warren, Farm Crops Specialist, OSU, and Arnold Appleby, Weed Specialist at the Pendleton branch experiment station, will be on hand to assist County Agent Anderson with a discussion of weed control practices. There will also be a discussion on the rural volunteer fire control program. Farm Bureau is again sponsoring this event. More particulars will appear in next weeks paper.

Sale Nets Good Results For 4-H'ers

A candy and cookie sale was conducted by members of the Busy Bee 4-H club of Ione on a cold Friday afternoon, January 19. The sewing club girls netted over \$7.00 which will be used for a 4-H flag set for their club and a scrapbook for each of its members. Girls taking part in the money-making project included Terry O'Conner, Janice Snider, Betty Hausler, Kathy Keene, and Maurine McElligott. Mrs. Bryce Keene is the 4-H leader. Betty Hausler, reporter

Sharpshooters Elect

The Ione Sharpshooters 4-H club held its first meeting in the school cafeteria. The main event on the agenda was the election of officers for the new year. Kenny Nelson was elected president; Joe Palmer, vice president; Bonnie Hynd, secretary; Dick Hynd, news reporter and Bobby DeSpain, song leader. Minor discussions were held under old and new business. Anyone who might be interested in joining the club can contact Bob DeSpain. Dick Hynd, reporter

FARM NEWS



RICHARD E. SNEDDON of Lakeview, was named as agricultural agent for the Union Pacific railroad as its agricultural agent for Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho. The previous agricultural agent, LeRoy E. Fuller, died after a major operation. Sneddon will work with farmers, stockmen and government agencies to improve production and expand markets. His headquarters will be in Portland. Sneddon has been teaching vocational agriculture and adult farmer classes at Lakeview since 1940. He has also been managing a 160-acre farm from Oregon State university school farm. He graduated in 1960 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

Conservation O.K.'s Lataf Grass Seed

"Lataf Orchardgrass for Conservation in the West" is the title of production research report 54, a new bulletin from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Written by plant materials technicians of the soil conservation service, it describes the good points of Lataf and tells how this new grass can best be used for hay, pasture, and silage. Lataf, like other orchardgrasses, is adapted for use in irrigated areas and where the annual precipitation is 18 inches or more annually. The outstanding features of Lataf are late heading, leafiness, and low lignin (fiber) content. It is 7 to 10% more digestible than other orchardgrasses. This means that ton for ton Lataf has 10% orchardgrass. It is much better more feed value than commercial suited for use with alfalfa than other orchardgrasses. Yields have been high, and it is as winter hardy as other orchardgrasses. It responds to the use of nitrogen fertilizer and other good management practices. Lataf has been tested at the Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Center at Pullman since 1935 and was released in 1957 in cooperation with the Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Agricultural Experiment Stations. Certified seed is available from commercial sources.

Lataf has been in field plantings on the following cooperating farms: W. E. Hughes, R. S. Thompson, John Hanna and Paul Webb. These farmers found Lataf and alfalfa very compatible and maturity at about the same time. Copies of this Lataf bulletin and information regarding local adaptation of this grass in the Heppner Soil Conservation District can be obtained from Ralph J. Richards, work unit conservationist, Heppner, over the Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware.

On Southern Vacation

Word received recently from Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg reveals they are having an interesting time sightseeing and visiting relatives on their month-long vacation in California. They recently spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore at Sunnyvale, Calif. Mrs. Moore is Mr. Padberg's daughter. trict can be obtained from Ralph J. Richards, work unit conservationist, Heppner, over the Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware.

Livestock Men Point For Good Year Under Currin

Ron Currin, Heppner, will again head the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association as president for 1962. Floyd Jones was reelected vice president; Gerald Swaggert, treasurer, and N. C. Anderson, secretary, at a recent executive committee meeting of that association.

A committee of three with Floyd Jones as chairman, Frank Anderson and Ralph Beemer as committee members, were appointed to look into the possibilities and interest in putting up a livestock pavilion at the fairgrounds. Livestock Growers are interested in this facility as it would provide additional exhibit space for livestock, a judging and sale arena in case of bad weather during the fair as well as a place for livestock and horse activities during the year. Funds would come from popular subscription. In other business during the evening the board approved expenses for the annual meeting held in mid-January; authorized filing of petitions for a hearing dissolving the Morrow County Livestock District; asked the secretary to contact Harney county officials relative to their planned grasshopper control program and get figures of cost; discussed disposition of resolutions and recommendations made at the annual meeting.

Frank Anderson reported for the Tax Appraisal Committee during the annual meeting. The group had met with county assessor to make comparisons of tax appraisals between livestock and machinery, farm and town properties. It was reported that Morrow county farms are providing 83% of the county taxes. Raymond French was appointed as membership chairman for county and state livestock association dues. It was pointed out that livestock growers need more than ever to be organized and must support their state association if they are going to represent them in state and national affairs.

Club Studies Sewing Machine At Meeting

The Country Cutters met at the home of Sandra Carlson January 13. Six members were present. We have been learning to use the sewing machine. Mrs. Louis Carlson gave a demonstration. Some of the interesting parts are the stitch regulator, thread guide, and the take up lever. Sandra Carlson, reporter

Two Selected To Attend State 4-H Conference

Gary Van Blokland, 17, Heppner high school senior and Penny Jones, 16, a Umatilla high school junior from Irrigon were chosen by a committee of 4-H leaders to represent Morrow county at the Oregon 4-H club conference held in Salem, February 8-10, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county agent.

The conference, sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, provides an opportunity for young people, through work group sessions, to see their responsibility as citizens to government, and to learn the responsibility of government to its citizens.

The theme of the conference is "Know Your State Government." Miss Kirmis, "Sewing government in action provides the incentive for young people to become more interested and active in their state and local government." Each county may send one boy and one girl, who must be at least 16 years of age before January 1, 1962. Delegates must have completed three years of 4-H work and be currently enrolled. Applicants must submit their records to the county agents office to be eligible for selection. While attending this conference two boys and two girls will be chosen to represent Oregon at the National 4-H Club conference in Washington, D. C. in April.

Gary, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Blokland, is in his ninth year of 4-H club work, carrying livestock and health projects. He exhibited the grand champion steer at Pacific International Livestock show this fall. Penny, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones, is enrolled in her sixth year of 4-H. She has carried projects in foods and clothing, and is in her second year of junior leadership in her father's club.

Pomona Grange Hears Reports, Resolutions At Meet In Irrigon

The January meeting of Morrow County Pomona Grange met at Irrigon on January 27, for an all-day meeting. The morning was devoted to hearing committee reports. Agriculture reports were made by Orville Cutsforth and Joe Hay on the spreading and control of branching knap weed and on the conditions of irrigation over the county. Clyde Tannehill retired from his office as county deputy. A ham dinner was served at noon by the ladies of the Irrigon Grange.

The lecturer's program, which preceded the afternoon session, included square dance numbers by the elementary grades under direction of Mrs. Ida Slaughter. A film on Communism was shown by Don Turner of Lexington. Mrs. Earl Briggs read a humorous poem to conclude the program. Several resolutions were approved, including the sending of a delegate to the annual county weed meeting for the purpose of formulating a workable plan to enforce and finance control of noxious weeds. Another resolution asks the county court to appoint an advisory committee selected from farm organizations to assist and advise the state appraiser in evaluating agricultural lands in Morrow county. Next meeting of Pomona Grange was set for April 28 at the Rhea creek hall.

Tips on Saving Time, Energy Talked as Unit Subject

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Any homemaker can tell you that housekeeping takes a lot more than just pushing buttons. Even with all our modern equipment, cleaning materials, and tools, many homemakers work too hard. That was the consensus of opinion when fourteen women, project leaders for the February unit lesson, "Shortcuts To Housekeeping," met in Pine City, January 30, for training. We found that taking advantage of time and energy saving methods, reading instructions, and planning carefully can reduce labor.

Everyone in your family can contribute to work in the home. All the routine tasks should not fall to mother's lot. A family that plans, works and plays together is a happy family. A well-kept home is clean, and suggests comfortable living. Many household tasks are unnecessary. So don't be afraid to try out new ways of doing things.

Sewing Club Elects

A 4-H sewing meeting was held at Teresa Harshman's home January 13. We elected officers as follows: Martha Pierce, president; Sherri O'Brien, vice president; Judy Gentry, secretary; Teresa Harshman, song leader; Christy Watkins, refreshment chairman, and Mona Marshall, news reporter. We chose the name of the "Feather Stitches." Mrs. Bud Marshall told us how to stitch a straight seam. We had cookies to eat and cocoa to drink. Mona Marshall, reporter John Day.

Club Plans March Trip

The third meeting of the Live Five sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Eldon Padberg and was called to order by Linda Thornburg, president. At this time they made plans for a trip in March to Pendleton where they will visit the Pendleton Woolen Mills. Linda started on her practice project. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3 at the Padberg home. Those present for this meeting were Leora VanWinkle, Linda Thornburg, and Beverly Davidson. Jeanette Ledbetter, reporter

One way to simplify your work is to ask yourself these six questions:

1. What is the job? It is necessary? What is its purpose?
2. Who does the job? Do you take full advantage of all the assistance you have—from the children or your husband?
3. Where is the job done? Do you have a convenient and comfortable place in which to do the job?
4. Why is the job done? Can you eliminate all or part of it? Is it worth doing?
5. When is the job done? Could you do it at a more convenient time?
6. How is the job done? The "how" is the way the task is done. Are you "tuckered out" at the end of the day? It is not what you do, but how much it wears you out?

Other items we discussed at this training meeting were the use of a cleaning caddy to hold all small supplies; planning a cleaning schedule; meeting the dirt half way by use of door mats, and storage for boots, etc; and what's new in cleaning equipment and products.

Project leaders will be giving this lesson on "Short Cuts to Housekeeping" on the following dates during February. Interested women are urged to attend.

- February 1—Ione Extension unit—Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn, leaders.
 - February 6—Rhea Creek unit—Mrs. Orlean Wright, Mrs. Evelyn Farnes, leaders.
 - February 8—Irrigon unit—Mrs. Richard Ryan, Mrs. May Deen, Mrs. Margaret Weaver, leaders.
 - February 13—Heppner unit—Mrs. Paul Warren, Mrs. Flossie Watkins, leaders.
 - February 14—Pine City unit—Mrs. Everett Rothrock, Mrs. Jessie Ashbeck, leaders.
 - February 15—Lena Extension unit—Mrs. George Currin, leader.
 - February 20—Boardman unit—Mrs. Ed Boothman, Mrs. James Harper, leaders.
- Among those from here attending the Northwest Livestock Production Credit association meeting Portland January 18 were Mr. and Mrs. George Rugg and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Frederickson, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hughes.

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- Door Prizes
- Free Dinner at Noon Prepared by Lexington H.E.C.

All members urged to attend!