

Burrow Builders Fatal to Gopher Via Poison Bait

By N. C. ANDERSON

Gophers choosing Buttercreek alfalfa fields as their home are wondering why they are being discriminated against this winter. These gophers are the victims of the new "burrow builders" which make life easy for them for their burrowing but the bait deposited in the burrows is fatal. These burrow builders are owned by Harry Proudfoot, Echo, and O'Brien Bros., Heppner. Proudfoot is baiting about 75 acres of alfalfa badly infested with gophers at Buttercreek Junction while O'Briens are sharing their machine with George Currin and Sons and W. W. Weatherford. The machine, a relatively new invention is merely a torpedo which penetrates the ground leaving a "man-made burrow" depositing a poison bait at intervals distributed in the same manner as corn seed through a corn planter. Mr. Gopher, investigating the new burrow, stops to pick up some poison grain and this is the end.

Herbert Ekstrom and myself attended the winter meeting of the Oregon Beef Improvement association last Wednesday at Redmond. Considerable discussion centered on the value of beef improvement programs with a report on increasing demand for gain tested and high performance breeding animals. Beef breeders present, most of whom were members of the Performance Registry International, discussed some needed changes in rules qualifying beef cattle for the certificate in this National beef performance organization. Some of the problems are those of having a wider variety of livestock grades rather than the narrow classification now approved by PRI; the need for changing the weight requirement for heifers. These have been, in many cases, too difficult to make without heavy feeding of the animal which tends to injure conception rate, milking ability and longevity of life. These and other problems will be discussed at the seventh annual convention of the International Beef Performance Congress and Performance Registry International which will be held at OSU on June 18, 19 and 20. The program for the three day event appears, as tentatively set up, to be one which a beef producer should not want to miss. Scheduled on the program are such noted speakers as Charles Bell and George Ellis of the Bell Ranch; Cecil Hellbush of Safeway, who participated in the noted Denver meat cutting tests; W. P. Watson, Canadian beef breeder who is vice president of PRI; O. D. Butler of Texas A & M, Animal Husbandry department; Bill McMillan of American National Cattleman's Association and representatives of all of the breed associations. A detailed program will soon be available for distribution to interested persons.

Results recently published concerning early vs. late calving of milk cows by the University of Tennessee should be interesting. The research shows (1) reports indicated that there is little or no effect of first calving age upon milk yields after the first milking period, (2) the cumulative yield is greater for early calving animals, (3) an animal calving at three years will produce more in the first lactation

than one calving at two years. This increase usually does not pay for the added year without production and is therefore, economically important. (4) some research has shown 28% 33% more total yield from early calving heifers, (5) in this trial first milk yield of these calving at two years varied from 14 to 35 percent less than production of those calving at three years of age. All animals reached normal size. There may be exceptions but it appears that early calving will pay greatest returns.

All of our ranchers have read in some form or another the proposed farm program for 1962. Morrow County Wheatgrowers association members have been following wheat legislation through reports made available to them through the Oregon Wheat Growers League and National Association of Wheat Growers. There are differences of opinions concerning the proposed legislation we know. Word received recently from James Dyess, executive vice president, National Association of Wheat Growers, stationed at Washington D. C., indicates that whatever happens in wheat legislation will be the result of what Congress heard from you. The most valuable time that you might spend right now would be to sit down and write your senators and representatives in Congress a letter indicating your likes or dislikes of the present proposed legislation. If you have not taken the time to study proposed legislation, now is the time to do so. If you have mislaid copies you have received or for some reason or another did not receive one, check by this office and study our copy.

Swine growers shall remember the production tested boar sale, gilt sale, barrow show and carcass contest at the fair grounds building in Hermiston on March 2 and 3. The Barrow Show will be held during the afternoon of March 2, the Carcass Show the morning of March 3, the Production Tested and Bred Gilt Sale the afternoon of the 3rd.

Asia is our most important single market for wheat.

In the fiscal years 1958-59 and 1959-60 slightly more than 51 percent of the 13.8 million metric tons exported by the U. S. went to Asiatic countries. Western Europe and South America each provided a home for 13 percent of total U. S. exports. About 11 percent went to Africa, 8 percent to East Europe—this to Yugoslavia and Poland—and 5 percent to North American countries.

India is by far the most important Asiatic market for Northwest wheat. Of the total U. S. wheat exports to Asia in 1959-60, India purchased 44 percent or more than 3 million metric tons. Pakistan and Japan were our next best customers.

Luncheon Date Set

Serving of the annual Pancake Luncheon by the Episcopal church will take place Tuesday, March 6, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the parish hall. Tickets will be sold at \$1 to adults and high school students, and 50c for children up through the 8th grade.



AT A PRIMARY SCHOOL in faroff Karachi, Pakistan, Mrs. Allen Tom, wife of the president of the Oregon Wheat Growers league, assists Pakistani school officials as they inaugurate a school lunch program consisting of a small loaf of wheat bread and a large cup of milk. The Toms were in Pakistan assisting the Western Wheat Associates set the school lunch program in motion. They were also in attendance at the Madras Trade Fair in Madras, India.

Chats With Your Home Agent

Wardrobe Planning Topic at March Units

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Extension unit women in the county will end forever that woe-filled wail, "but I haven't a thing to wear!" if they apply the principals of the lesson on "Wardrobe Building" scheduled for their March meetings.

As a matter of fact, our closets probably are full of clothes at the very moment we say these words. What we are really saying is that nothing we have seems to go with anything else. Wardrobe planning is a highly individual matter. First, we all need to start a plan and think in terms of coordination.

Do some appraising for your spring and summer wardrobe. Go to your closet and divide your clothing into three groups.

Group 1—The garments and accessory items you enjoy and that are in wearable condition for this spring and summer.

Group 2—Those needing repair, restyling, refitting or re-making. Decide what you will do with each item to make it wearable and fashionable. Study spring and summer fashion trends, study your own figure and note color and texture combination.

Group 3—Those items you have not used for some time. Determine why. Discard or give away this group. If it has not been worn within the last two years, then perhaps it is no longer needed.

With group one and two start the foundation for your planning. Your wardrobe needs to fit your way of living. This includes the activities that fill your days and evenings, weeks, months and years, including the things you do at home and in your community groups; the places you go frequently and infrequently; local customs and climate, and special social activities.

Think of yourself as a personality and be individually distinctive. Study your figure and frankly note its size, irregularities and your posture. Recognize your age and suitable clothing for your own generation.

Other things to consider include costs and services, foundation garments, design of clothing, color, texture, accessories, and upkeep and repair. Project leaders with the aid of charts and pamphlets, will discuss all of these items at the March unit gatherings.

Unit meetings are scheduled for:

March 1—Ione unit, Mrs. Joe Hausler's home; Mrs. Louis Carlson and Mrs. Keith Rea, project leaders.

March 7—Rhea Creek unit, Rhea Creek Grange hall; Mrs. John Graves and Mrs. Walter Wright, leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ruhl, Corvallis, were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie.

Northwest Wheat Boosts Pakistan School Lunches

Just a week ago in faroff Karachi, Pakistan, 3600 school children in 10 primary institutions were introduced to a pilot school lunch program, a coordinated effort of Western Wheat Associates and CARE.

Allen Tom, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers league, along with Mrs. Tom and Ivan Packard, Pakistan director of WWA; Clancy Jean, Washington, D. C., WWA representative, and Allan Turnbull, CARE chief for West Pakistan, participated in the inaugural program.

Within two weeks, a similar project will be launched in Hyderabad involving 20 schools and 5000 children and plans are almost complete to start a similar program in Lahore.

Cooperating in the project, in addition to CARE and WWA, are Pakistani school officials, flour millers and bakers. The city of Hyderabad has budgeted \$18,000 for the expansion of the program.

'Beef for Schools' Gets \$1500 Gift

Tom, on his recent stay-over in Pakistan en route to the Madras Trade Fair in Madras, India, reports an intense interest in the school lunch movement in Pakistan.

The Pakistani movement, he reports, has added substantially to the nutritive intake of school children and he adds that the school lunch program has been accompanied by a marked increase in attendance and individual school student achievement.

School leaders in the nation are confident that American wheat — much of it from the Pacific Northwest — will be a motivating factor in Pakistan's scholastic growth. Currently, 85 percent of the people are illiterate and educational growth, school leaders point out, will contribute to industrial growth.

Pakistan, like a majority of other Asian nations, is primarily a rice eating nation. Rice and fish provide the staple foods of the nation's millions. Rice crop failures over the past three years, however, has caused grave concern.

Wheat growing groups and the Federal government inaugurated a first school lunch program at Dacca in East Pakistan about one year ago. This program, conducted at an orphanage school, has been so successful as to have Pakistani school, governmental and health authorities decide to utilize it in a larger fashion.

Five years ago the school lunch program was introduced into Tokyo, Japan, and charts kept by school authorities reveal significant health and attendance gains in schools of that city.

From a political standpoint, the school lunch program is a strong weapon against Communism. Asiatic nations are dangerously close to Red China and American wheat is a strong weapon in behalf of the democratic way of life.

The Oregon Beef Council through its chairman, E. E. Davis, presented a check for \$1,500.00 to the president of the Oregon Cow Belles, Mrs. Ewing Hynd of Cecil, at the regular meeting of the Oregon Beef Council last week in Portland.

Davis stated that the money will be used for the "Beef For Schools" program which is coordinated by the Oregon Cow Belles.

Mrs. Hynd stated that the \$1,500.00 would go to assist in the purchase of economy cuts of beef for the home economics classes in more than 200 high schools throughout Oregon.

The Oregon beef council held its first meeting in its new headquarters office in the Imperial Hotel in Portland. More than 50 persons from all over the state attended the all day session.

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