

FARM NEWS

Final Filing Date April 30 For Woolgrowers

By NELS ANDERSON

Monday, April 30, is the last day for filing applications for payments for the 1961 marketing year under the wool payment program. The payments for the 1961 marketing year cover shorn wool and unshorn lambs, marketed not later than March 31 of this year. Later marketings will be eligible for payments for the 1962 marketing year. Growers must file applications which are supported with all necessary sale records in order to receive payments under the program. Payments will be made to growers during the coming summer. Wool program applications should be filed at the ASC office in Heppner.

Several Butter Creek ranchers used, for the first time this spring, a new device for controlling rodents in their alfalfa fields. On a trip to Butter Creek last week it was evident that this "burrow boulder" has done a good job. At the Bill Weatherford ranch gophers had, in a field or two, practically taken over. Not a single new mound of dirt indicating gopher activity could be seen in baited fields. Gopher activity was evident in those fields where no baiting had been done. Those who used the machine say that it is simple to operate and inexpensive to

use. Attaching to a three-point hitch of a farm tractor many acres can be covered in a day whereby old hand-type baiting is a long tedious process. Bait can be purchased for 50¢ to 75¢ per acre. It looks as if there will be a lot more use of this practice in alfalfa fields.

Supplying necessary minerals to livestock is particularly important in the spring when animals are turned out to grass. These supplementary minerals are iodized salt, calcium and phosphorus. Iodine is especially important for prevention of goiter and to insure proper function of the thyroid gland. Calcium and phosphorus are needed for building bones. Salt is necessary for blood pressure and other vital body functions. These requirements may be met by self feeding iodized ground salt and steam bone meal. These are best fed in containers that are protected from the weather so they will not get wet. Hogs may be supplemented by iodized salt and ground limestone. Normally the grains feed will supply the required amount of phosphorus.

Those who have been cooperating in the Morrow county weather observation programs will be interested to hear that Oregon State University has recently received two gifts or grants, for weather observation research. \$25,272.00 was received recently from the Signal Corps to conduct investigations of instruments and techniques for Army weather observation and \$2,075.00 from the U. S. Weather Bureau for advanced weather radar studies. Both are under the direction of Dr. Fred W. Decker, chairman, Atmospheric Science Branch, who is working with the Morrow county group on their weather program. Special instruments and radar are being used in tracing storms moving into Morrow county at this time.

Word comes from Dr. Bob Powelson, Plant Pathologist, OSP that the first stripe rust of the season was observed at the Hyslop Farm near Corvallis on April 7. Monthly inspections have been made by Dr. Powelson

Booth Workshop Apr. 24

Have you been put on a committee to make up a booth for fairs, homemaker festival, or National 4-H club week, and are at a loss on what to do? Then attend the booth display workshop conducted by Dwight Fairbanks, OSU Visual Instruction Specialist, on Tuesday, April 24, at the Heppner Fair Annex, from 10:30 to 2:30 p. m. "This will be Fairbanks' second appearance in the county," says Esther Kirmis, Morrow County extension agent. "The workshop he conducted here last year resulted in a marked improvement of fair booths at the Morrow County Fair." The specialist, who has just

finished putting on a training for the Oregon Fairs Association at the beginning of April, goes into the planning and the design of the exhibit.

"A well-designed exhibit," states Fairbanks, "has a center of interest, is balanced in form and color, and is simple—has only one idea."

All organizations that put up displays at any time are urged to avail themselves of this good information that can be put to use in so many ways, continues Miss Kirmis.

Coffee and tea will be furnished at noon for those who care to bring a sack lunch.

Training Program Planned For 4-H Livestock Groups

The annual 4-H Livestock Field Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 12, announced Joe Hay, county agent. The field day will be held at the Alfred and Norman Nelson farm north of Lexington. Activities are set to get underway about 9:00 a. m.

4-H members from all over the county are asked to bring their animals to the Nelson farm for training in grooming and showmanship activities. The training is in preparation for the Junior Livestock Show sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League at The Dalles in early June. Those bringing animals should also bring grooming equipment.

Morning activities will get underway at 9:00 a. m. with weighing of 4-H animals that will go to the Wheat League show at The Dalles. 4-H members will then be given instructions in fitting and grooming animals for the show. Movies and slides on showmanship will be shown just before noon. Those attending the field day are asked to bring their own sack lunch.

Afternoon program will include training in livestock showmanship. All 4-H club members will be given a chance to practice showmanship of beef, sheep, dairy, and swine. 4-H members will be divided into four groups, one for each class of livestock, so that everyone will have a chance to practice showing each of the four kinds of animals. 4-H leaders will be working with each of the classes of livestock for the showmanship and fitting.

Chats With Your Home Agent

Traditional Egg Gets Attention for Easter Use

By ESTHER KIRMIS

The decorating and dyeing of eggs has long been a folk art. There are numerous charming customs in relation to this practice of coloring eggs. In olden days people refrained from eating eggs as well as meat during Lent. On Easter Eve and Easter Day huge trays of eggs, brightly colored and arranged in baskets were taken to church where they were blessed by priests. Taken home they were placed in the center of the table and shared with visitors during Easter Week. Now they are a basic Lenten food upon which everyone re-

lies. In many European countries games in which the opponents knock Easter eggs together, exchange them, play marbles with them, race with them and roll them have long been popular. President Madison (1808-1812) introduced the egg-rolling party at the White House.

A simple trick to decorate Easter eggs is the use of a white wax crayon to write on an egg or using melted paraffin to brush on designs. This is done before coloring the egg. The wax protects the shell and the coloring is not absorbed. Write names

on eggs and each one has a personalized gift.

After eggs are colored, use construction paper or bits of materials to cut out features, stiff collars and hats for an Easter parade right in your own home. Each child would enjoy making his own table favor for Easter morning.

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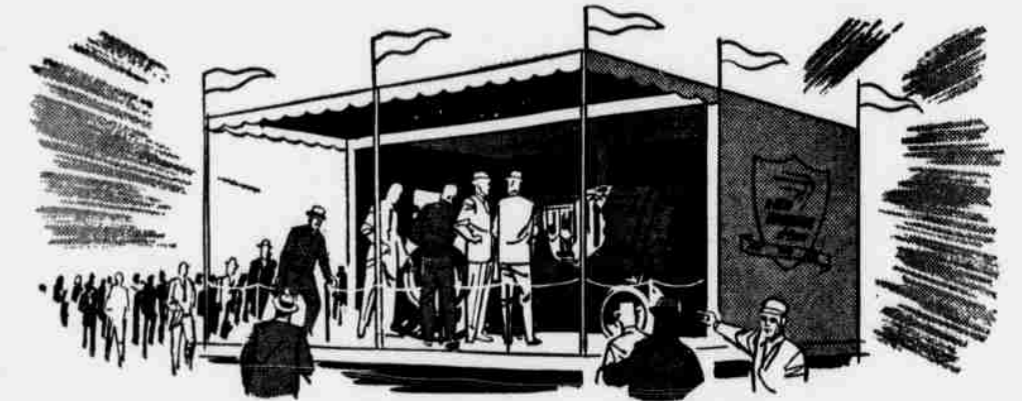
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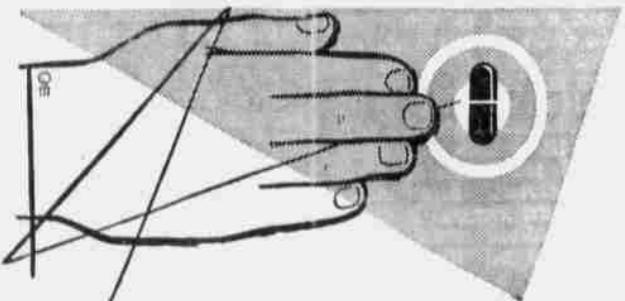
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A couple of weeks ago we reported the special self-propelled sprayer that Holmes Gabbert had built this winter. While the use of the self-propelled combine as a means of carrying the spray is nothing new in some areas, little use has been given to that machine for that purpose in Morrow county. During the spring Lloyd Howton, lone rancher, began converting his self-propelled combine to a weed sprayer. Because mounting a tank to carry the sprayer posed some problems, Lloyd conceived of the idea of using the grain bulk tank to carry his spray mixture. With some guidance from a professional glass fabricator the tank was fiberglassed and sealed at the top. Lloyd reported last week that both he and his neighbor, Walt Jacobs, were using the sprayer and that everything was working out as planned. He especially liked the way he could get around in the field with little effort and the self-leveling action which kept the boom at the same level regardless of terrain. This looks like a good use for self-propelled combines which otherwise sit around all year with little use except for a couple of weeks during harvest time.

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