

Conservation Families at Home



ROGER PALMER, the younger part of the father and son combination that won Conservation Man of the Year honors this year, and his wife, Shirley, have four children in their happy family, all shown here in the yard at their home. Included are Sandra, 5, Carl, 4, Cathy, 2, and Larry, 6 months. (G-T Photo)



DREAM COME TRUE for Muriel Palmer is the kitchen of her new home. She is shown here beside the new built-in range and oven. Woods of the kitchen cabinets have been carefully grain-matched. (G-T Photo)



LONG-AWAITED moving day comes for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer who have just completed their new home on their ranch at Eightmile. Elmer, Conservation Man of the Year, in deference to his new title, leaves mud on his shoes outside while handing a chair to wife Muriel in the moving process. (G-T Photo)

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Gaines Growers Hear Specialists Talk Contracts

By N. C. ANDERSON

Thirteen of the fifteen Gaines wheat growers attended a meeting this past week when discussion was held on various requirements they will have in their contracts. Dr. Norman Goetze, extension farm crops specialist, OSU, and the agent visited with the growers on standards that need to be carried out in order to raise registered or certified class seed from the increase fields seeded throughout the county. They found that tolerances for other varieties of wheat were only ten hundredths of one per cent; no morning glory, quack grass or rye. The field inspection fee on Gaines, like other small grains is 60¢ per acre.

Growers discussed the possibilities of hiring a combine to cut all of the fields rather than for each grower to spend the many hours necessary to clean out combine and trucks for harvest to prevent mixture with other grains. The majority present felt that they could afford to pay a premium to have these fields custom harvested because of the importance of keeping the seed clean. Plans were also made for having the lots treated by a commercial seed-treater who would keep one seed cleaner and treat free from use on other varieties until these lots were cleaned up. The fifteen growers have a total of 280 acres. With crop conditions looking promising at this time it is hoped that there will be over 10,000 bushels of seed harvested. Contracts with the Oregon State Agricultural Experiment stations require that at least 60% of the increase be made available to other growers. Some present indicated that they have had requests far beyond the number of bushels which they expected to harvest while other growers have had little or no request. Some concern was shown for equal distribution so that as many ranchers as possible could get a start with the new variety. Growers indicated general satisfaction with the growth characteristics, all commenting very favorably on the tremendous "stooling" that this variety had made under various conditions. Seedlings were made from September 6 until February. Conditions under which the new variety is being grown vary from extreme northern conditions as extreme north Morrow county at the Bill Doherty and David Baker ranches to the foothill areas of the Gerald Swaggert and Raymond French ranches. Growers were limited to 10 bushels each, some have seeded lesser amounts. Distribution was made in this manner in order that it might be grown under as many different conditions as possible and that in case of a disaster such as freezing out or hail that a large acreage would not be lost. Growers present were: David Baker, Lewis Carlson, Gar Swanson, Lloyd Howton, Ione; William L. Doherty, Kenneth Peck and Tad Miller, Lexington; Fritz Cutsforth, Kenneth Turner, Raymond French, Alvin Bunch, Gerald Swaggert and Melvin Moyer, Heppner. These growers with Leonard Rill and Kenneth Cutsforth, should be contacted

by those desiring Gaines for seed. Walter Jacobs, lone rancher, was interested enough a week ago last Sunday during open house at the Condon Radar Base to spend some time looking for the person in charge of radar filming of rain clouds, as tied into the Morrow county weather observer's program. For the past several weeks approximately 40 Morrow county ranchers have been making special storm observations as rains change in intensity during a particular storm. After running down a number of officers he found the one responsible, Lt. Hill. I was happy to get the first-hand dope, too. It is interesting what can be done with radar, and weather is not an exception.

Glen Ward, local field agent, Oregon State Game commission, called at the office last week to offer 500 locust trees that he had left over from game plantings. They are "heeled in" at his home in Heppner. Anyone that is interested should call Glen. While Glen was in the office he told us that the game commission would like to get out quite a few more bird "guzzlers" in Morrow county. Bird "guzzlers" are for water storage — self-watering devices built in the dryland country for upland game birds. They consist of a concrete cistern with sloping concrete ramp so that birds can walk down into the water level as the water recedes as dry weather comes. They are covered with aluminum which serves two purposes. First, it gathers water during rainstorms and second the aluminum helps to prevent rapid evaporation. Anyone interested in having the game commission build one or more on their ranch should contact Glen Ward or leave word at this office.

We have received frequent inquiries in the last two or three weeks on the control of sage and rabbit brush. Each require a different type of application, and ranchers planning to control either one should be sure which one they are treating. From the rabbitbrush I have seen, now would be the time for good control. Three pounds of actual 2,4-D in five to ten gallons of water should be applied to the foliage when new twig growth exceeds three inches, but before all soil moisture is depleted. It should be growing rapidly now after the recent good rains. In the case of sagebrush two pounds of 2,4-D is used in the same amount of water applied during the active growth period which is now.



Junior Livestock Show to Exhibit Wheat-Fed Stock

Wheat-fed cattle, hogs and sheep again will be exhibited at the annual Junior Livestock Show of the Oregon Wheat Growers League at the Seufert buildings June 3-6 in The Dalles.

General Manager Elmer Lierman said a Wheat League requirement for the 16th annual show calls for feeding of a grain ration not less than 30 per cent wheat by weight.

When the show was first held OWGL rules called for 50 per cent wheat, but a few years ago this was modified to permit the showing of animals fed on any grain ration, Lierman said.

A new feature of this year's show will be the showing of four commercially-fed steers in the Monday livestock judging contest. Arrangements have been made by Larry Kaseberg of near Wasco, chairman of the League's Youth Activities Committee, to acquire the steers for showing and later slaughter in Portland with the carcasses to be returned here Wednesday by refrigerated truck for display at the show grounds.

An early day 4-H exhibitor at the show, Kaseberg later was graduated from Oregon State University and is now operating a Sherman County wheat ranch.

Another feature of this year's show will be the two-day visit by a delegation of 22 4-H Club members from Clatskanie to take part in livestock judging contests Monday and then observe operation of the show on Tuesday.

This year's show will be concluded Wednesday with auction sales during the afternoon and night. All show events will be on standard time.

Bank Debits Up For April, '62

Bank debits for the Pendleton area including Morrow and Umatilla counties, increased in April, 1962, compared to April, 1961.

Debits for April, 1962, totaled \$30,878,181. For March, 1962, the total was \$34,206,928, and for April 1961, the total was \$28,869,430.

Oregon with 239 banks reporting, had an increase in bank debits in April, 1962, of 6.7 per cent compared with March, 1962, and an increase of 9.7 per cent compared to April, 1961.

Total debits for Oregon in April, 1962, came to \$2,163,995,209. For March, 1962, the total was \$2,026,624,167 and for April, 1961 the total was \$1,971,825,358.

Cake Contest Rules Released

Chairman of the Oregon Wheat Growers league wheat utilization committee, Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco, has released rules and scoring procedures for the annual Cake Baking contest.

Entrants in the contest this year must bake an applesauce cake. Residents of wheat growing counties are eligible to participate. They must be more than 21 years of age or married to be eligible.

Fruits and nuts are not to be used and cakes may not be frosted. Cakes may be baked in loaf or tube pan, not large layer or sheet cake pans.

Contestants are reminded a recipe card must be attached and cakes must be exhibited and judged at a county fair in any of Oregon's nine wheat growing counties. Winners in county fair competition will be paid premiums from the Oregon Wheat Growers League office. County premiums are: 1st—\$5.00; 2nd—\$3.00 and 3rd—\$2.00.

First place county winners will be eligible to enter the state bakeoff, scheduled at the annual convention of the OWGL, scheduled November 26, 27 and 28, in Portland. State top award winner will receive \$100.00.

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