



County Agent's Office

Gaines Wheat Shows Quality on Inspections

By N. C. ANDERSON

Five of the 14 fields of Gaines wheat for increase seed production have been inspected and passed certification. These five fields passed the registered standard, the highest possible with this seed. Ted Miller, Fritz Cutsforth, Bill Doherty, Dave Baker and Gar Swanson were obviously happy as they had spent many, many hours of roguing out other grains and "off-type" wheat heads. Jack Waud, OSU, certification specialist, praised the job these growers had done in cleaning up the fields. In all cases other wheat found in these fields were only one-tenth or less of the maximum tolerance for Registered seed. This will provide seed of top quality for those growers who wish to make plantings of this new variety. Field inspections will be made this Thursday at the L. L. Howton, Louis Carlson, Leonard Rill Al Bunch, Kenneth Turner, Kenneth Cutsforth, Kenneth Peck, Gerald Swaggert and Raymond French ranches.

Public hearings to consider changes which the State Department of Agriculture proposes in regulations relating to all phases of meat inspection are scheduled as follows:

July 24—Production Association Office, Baker, 10:00 a.m.
July 27—State Department of Agriculture headquarters, Salem, 10:00 a.m.

The proposed regulations would bring all requirements in line with legislative changes made in meat inspection, meat dealer, sanitation and other laws since adoption of the original rules.

As I have traveled the county during the past week it is nice to see the "preparedness" of ranchers for fire control. At the Fritz Cutsforth ranch I noted several five gallon pails of wet sacks and a power sprayer full of water ready to go. The county fire truck stationed at the Wall Jacobs ranch has been "streamlined" this year ready to do a better job of fire control if it is called out. Walt and some of his neighbors have installed a high pressure pump and motor and made other changes to use the equipment more effectively. Harold Wright has recently mounted a 1000 gallon water tank on a truck, "just in case" which will be ready to provide water for emergencies in that community. Everyone seems to be fire conscious, and rightly so in a year like this when hazards are great with an abundant growth of weeds and grass.

A new cooperative weather station was established in Morrow county this past week. The station which will provide maximum-minimum temperatures and rainfall data for the foothill area of South Morrow county is located at the Bechdolt Bros. home at Hardman. This area has needed such a record to provide more complete data for the county and we are grateful to the Bechdolt's for their consent to "man" the station. More confining than a milk cow it is not everyone who will take the trouble to record this important weather data day after day for the U. S. Weather Bureau.

An interesting and worthwhile day was spent last Tuesday in the Ukiah area inspecting new grass and alfalfa seedings on summer range at the Ralph Beamer and W. E. Hughes ranches. Accompanying Ralph Beamer to his ranch holdings I saw seedings of Ladak alfalfa, smooth brome and Meadow foxtail that would make any rancher's mouth water let alone a cow. These seedings in their third year were made on summerfallow fields originally used for grain and grain hay production. The dryland seedings were "waist high" and thick enough for some bumper hay

cropped but will be pastured off through the summer. Seedings at the Ebb Hughes ranch were made after a forest fire in November, 1960. Tall oatgrass, brome, intermediate wheat and meadow foxtail stands are unbelievable. Cattle on the Beamer and Hughes ranches are "slaughter fat" and have made little impression on the excellent stands of grass. Ebb has 80 acres of summerfallow to go into grass next spring that will further provide an abundance of feed on his range. These ranchers are to be congratulated on the fine range and pasture management principles they are carrying out and are good demonstrations of what can be done if there are "doubting Thomases" that want to see for themselves.

We were happy to have a letter last week from E. R. Jackson, retired Farm Crops specialist who has a lot of friends in this area. "Jack" has been asked by the college to make a survey on possible opportunities in line with the governmental policy, as Jack says, "to spur recreational uses of land into high gear for present and future pleasure seekers. The figures most often given is 50,000,000 acres of privately owned land plus, of course, virtually all of the publicly owned land. Probably we will have governmental aid in diverting the private land with a program somewhat like the ASC cost-sharing practices. In addition, we are likely to have low-interest, long-term aid in financing conversion to use for recreation.

The uses of this kind that seem to offer the most are: lakes for fishing, bathing, boating and migratory wildfowl shooting; game preserves, especially deer and pheasant; parks and picnic spots for public use for a fee; privately owned golf courses; leasing private land to the State Game Commission for winter feeding areas for deer and elk; summer camps for boys and girls on a fee basis; privately owned semi-wilderness areas; wildflower nurseries; pastures for riding horses; fossil hunting grounds on a fee basis; dude ranching; summer cottages on small acreages, perhaps with pasture for a riding horse or two."

4 County Youth Chosen To Attend Range Youth Camp

Roland Ekstrom, Jone; Chris Brown, Heppner; Dick Struckmeier, Heppner; and John Wagenblast, were selected by the Range Youth Camp committee as delegates to attend the 1962 Range Camp at Lake Creek Guard Station from August 6-11. The boys were selected from a group of 13 on their past accomplishments in citizenship, leadership, scholarship and anticipated interest, age and representation of both 4-H and FFA.

The sponsors for 1962 have provided a \$30 scholarship for each of the four youth. Sponsors are as follows: Roland Ekstrom, Morrow County Livestock Growers Association; Chris Brown, Morrow County Farm Bureau; John Wagenblast, Heppner Soil Conservation District; Dick Struckmeier, Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. Each of the organizations extends an invitation to each boy for a complete report at one of their first meetings following camp.

Chairman Emory Clapp will meet with the delegates later this month to acquaint each individual with the intent and goals of the Range Youth camp. This orientation program will provide a background for the youth in order that they may gain more from their attendance at camp.

Home Agent Has Busy Schedule in Pre-Fair Days

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Teachers, to be worth their salt, must always be studying and keeping up with the times. Extension agents are no different. Shortcourses, agent training, and refreshers are always recommended to keep an agent on their toes.

N. C. Anderson, County Extension Agent, has just returned from a three-week shortcourse in extension methods at Ft. Collins, Colo. This week Joe Hay and I are at the University of Oregon, Eugene, taking part in a communication seminar for extension personnel.

The communications process and its use as a leadership tool will be the basic concept of the seminar. Dr. Extra Saul, director of the institute of psychological research, Tufts University, Med-

ford, Mass., will be the "Major Professor." Despite his imposing title and a national reputation, Extra Saul is a folksy, practical social scientist with a gift for talking shop in layman's language. Those from Oregon who have taken part in his previous trainings have found him interesting, stimulating, and a ready source of practical information. Gordon Hood, Burton Berger, and Dwight Fairbanks, OSU extension staff members, will work with Dr. Saul in developing the seminar.

Joe and I should be in for a treat! The week of July 23 to 29 I plan to be in North Dakota visiting my family. This is also a "revitalizing" type of therapy.

The week of July 30 to August 3 will be spent in Corvallis in

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek and boys returned home Sunday after a 10-day vacation to Yellowstone Park and into Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. David Eckman and sons journeyed to Sandpoint, Idaho, to visit his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Eckman. Two children, Linda and David returned home with them after visiting their grandparents for two weeks.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckett were their granddaughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt and daughter Marty, Dufur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Drake and family, Tillamook, visited friends and relatives last week, returning on Saturday.

agent training for projects to be used in our 1962-63 extension unit program. Home Economics specialists at OSU work with us to give the best program possible to the women, boys and girls. I will be out of the county for a little while, but before you know it I'll be back and raring to concentrate on the Morrow County Fair!

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