

# FARM NEWS

## County Agent's Office

### Gaines Harvest Yields Running About 30 Bushels

By N. C. ANDERSON

Gaines harvest continues with yields running in the neighborhood of 30 bushels per acre. Bin samples have been taken for the earlier harvested fields and these will be tagged, ready to sell by the end of the week. Some growers indicate interest in demand for their seed, however, there is still quite a little of Gaines in the hands of these increase growers that have not been spoken for. There is considerable inquiry coming in from outside the county and some is being contracted for sale to these outside growers. We would suggest that anyone wishing Gaines contact our increase growers soon.

#### Fat Ewes Should Be Placed On Poor Feed

A lot of our farm sheep flock owners breed ewes for the production of early lambs. Many of the growers like to get their rams in so that they will lamb in January or February. In order to do this the 1962 lamb crop should have been weaned for several weeks. If the ewes are fat, which they generally are as a small farm flock, they will need to be carried on poor feed to take off some of this fat. Keep them on poor feed until about two weeks prior to breeding. Then put them on the best feed available and turn the bucks in about ten days after the ewes go on good feed. This high-level of nutrition will affect the time that the ewe breeds as well as the number of twins. It is well to be sure that the ram is good as many one-ram flock owners come up with no lambs because the fertility of the ram is extremely low. Prior to breeding time the ram should be sheared as the fertility of the ram is affected by temperature.

#### Self-Propelled Windrower Shows Some Advantages

Use of self-propelled windrower with conditioner has been shown to have operational advantages over conventional methods of cutting and raking on larger areas at the University of Calif. It has also saved from one-third to one-half of the labor required for mowing and raking, total cost for windrow cutting plus raking two swaths in one direction were estimated at \$2.50 per acre for 600 acres per year. It was found that the self-propelled windrow could operate about four miles per hour, seldom plugged up and down hay and works satisfactory in a strong wind. Total curing time was about 20% less for swathed and conditioned than for swathed hay where the conditioner was not used.

#### Information Needed On Noxious Weeds

I have, on several occasions recently visited with ranchers that

have asked about perennial noxious weed control on our state highway right-of-way. Up until two years ago the county weed sprayer contracted with the state highway for control of perennial noxious weeds in their right-of-ways. They now have their own spraying equipment and are doing this work themselves. They have on several occasions asked that we keep them informed if we find perennial noxious weeds that are not being sprayed on the state highway in order that we can pass this word along to them. If there are noxious weeds being missed on our county right-of-ways we would like to know of these too in order that our weed sprayer can attempt to control them.

#### Barley and Wheat Exhibits Urged for Fair

Fair time is less than three weeks away. In order to have a good fair it is necessary that everyone be interested in the exhibits, both in making them and in visiting the fair to see the fruits of labor for the past year. It is timely now to remind everyone to fill a sack of their best quality wheat and barley and set aside for the fair. Bill Rawlins, grain exhibit superintendent, has worked diligently each year in soliciting exhibits and has personally cleaned the samples that have been brought in. I am sure that he would be glad to have your exhibit a day or two before the fair in order that he could get it cleaned up and placed when the fair opens. A nice clean bale of second cutting alfalfa or some of your good bundle and baled grain hay should also be set aside for exhibit. These are only two types of exhibits but are quite important since the major economy of Morrow County is grain and hay. If you haven't taken time to look at the premium list do so and plan what you can exhibit to make this year's fair a big success.

#### 12 Year Study Compares Breeding

A twelve year study shows heifers bred at fifteen months produced one more calf per head during the twelve years than did heifers bred at twenty-seven months. Average weaning weight of calves was only 11 lbs. less for the cows bred as yearlings and "cow cost per hundred weight of calf" weaned was \$9.77 compared to \$10.90 for cows that were first bred as two year olds.

#### Willamette Valley Sale Good Source of Rams

For many years the Willamette Valley Ram Sale has been a good source of rams for many of our breeders especially 4-H and FFA boys and girls. Last year Kenneth Wright, Gary Van Bloklant,



TOURISTS ATTRACTED to the Northwest by the World's Fair have found a bonus attraction in the museum and observatory overlooking Central Oregon's Round Butte dam project. The facility, built as a permanent project feature by Portland General Electric company, offers a spectacular view of the 1,000-foot-deep Deschutes river canyon and has been visited by over 35,000 people this summer. Here visitors Peggy Taylor and Dick Armstrong inspect ancient artifacts and geological displays which are a part of the observatory's interior.

#### Chats With Your Home Agent

### Youth Earnings Bring Learning, Says Counsellor

By ESTHER KIRMS

"A penny earned is responsibility learned," says Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSU Family Life Specialist, with whom you became acquainted this past year. Many young Oregonians are having their first experience this summer in managing money they've earned.

Managing money is not just a case of getting the most out of the money earned. It is an opportunity to gain confidence in one's judgment, to learn how to make and accept the responsibility of decisions.

Parents often ponder how much guidance to give their youngster in managing the money he's earned.

Some parents assume a "hands off" policy. "It's your money, you earned it, you can spend it as you want."

Others decide for the young wage earner how much he'll save and how he'll spend the rest of his money.

Many parents follow a plan somewhere between these two extremes. Because families differ in their beliefs and values, there's no one pattern of man-

agement to suggest, but there are some things to consider.

Although as a parent you take a "hands-off" attitude, you may end up disapproving of the way the money has been spent. Your teenager is quick to sense your feelings and he may think he's failed because you aren't happy with him. Most teenagers need some guidance to make sound decisions.

If you decide for him, he hasn't learned anything about decision-making and a resentful teenager may result.

Your young wage earner can gain confidence in his own judgment if he has sufficient guidance to make decisions both you and he are happy about.

Feelings of responsibility for the family develop as he sees how his earnings and spending plan fit into the total family picture. He may have to learn that he can't always spend his money just as he chooses.

Some idea of saving needs to be built into the summer management plan. Saving not for the sake of saving, but with a goal in mind. Clothes for school, college, a car or some other meaningful goal.

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#### Livestock Deadline Nears at State Fair

With deadlines for livestock entries at the 1962 Oregon Fair less than two weeks away—Aug. 11—the livestock office will be open Monday through Friday each week, starting Aug. 1.

Mrs. F. M. Poorman, livestock superintendent, and her assistant, Mrs. Harold Hauk, have been at the office on the fairgrounds this past week getting records in order so that they can handle entry registrations rapidly.

Several livestock breeders have already mailed in their registrations. Included is an Aberdeen Angus breeder, Charles F. Ryan, Hot Creek, Calif., who has not exhibited here in recent years but is returning this year. Registrations are also in for the Washore Angus Farm of Oregon City. Both promise several animals toward making a good Angus show.

Western Oregon Polled Hereford breeders are planning a big show, too, this year at the Oregon State Fair, Aug. 31 to Sept. 8. They have arranged for a picnic and short meeting on Labor Day when Herefords are being judged.

Robert Sears, Salem, director of the Western Oregon Polled Hereford Association, is making arrangements for the picnic and meeting.

could accurately predict what their parents would say and do. Eighty-five percent of the mothers knew what their daughters were thinking and doing, but only 45% of the fathers knew what their sons were thinking and doing.

Maybe the teen-agers have a point when they complain that parents don't understand them. Parents can increase their understanding of children's feelings by listening more attentively to what they say and encouraging them to express their feelings.

Will your grandchildren be visiting you this summer? If so, how about a look around the house for potential danger spots?

Are your fertilizers and insecticides out of the way of inquisitive hands? Matches, gasoline and kerosene stored out of reach?

You'll enjoy the children's visit more if you "child proof" your house before tiny tots come to visit.

Some special toys and books for different days will help to make the visit more fun for all concerned.

Wise grandparents will not try to re-train a child during his visit, but will set reasonable limits for him. He'll want to know what you expect of him.

Telling stories about when mother and daddy were young helps to bridge the gap between generations and give a child a greater appreciation for his parents.

Youngsters Easily "Psyche" Out Parents

Research evidence points to the fact that children may understand their parents better than parents understand their children.

A survey of 1800 parents and their children indicated that 88% of both boys and girls

### Umatilla Fair Offers Premiums

More than 1600 individual classes offering a total of more than \$20,000 in premium money are included in the 1962 Umatilla County Fair premium books issued from the fair office in Hermiston this week. The fair opens August 15.

Classes are included for almost every conceivable item grown, made, or produced in the County or the area. Classes are provided for instance, for barley, beans, berries, bee's honey, bulls, barrows, broilers, broad-breasted bronze turkeys, bucks, blooms of a thousand flowers, booths, both arts and crafts, bedroom linens, baby dresses, bread, and all other baking, canning and freezing and a thousand items in between.

Premium books may be obtained at any County Agent's office or by writing to the Umatilla County Fair, P. O. Box 94, Hermiston.

Entry blanks are available also and information concerning entries can be directed to the Fair office in Hermiston which is now open every day from 8:30 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Estoup is the fair secretary and will answer all questions. The phone number at the office is 567-3541.

Some commercial exhibit space is also available and information concerning that should be directed to Bob McKellar in Pendleton. Prize money has been increased in many divisions this year and

### Youthful Hunters Must Be Certified

Young hunters throughout the state of Oregon from 17 years of age or younger are reminded by the Game commission that if they intend to hunt this fall they must have in their possession a Certificate of Competency in the safe handling of firearms. This is the law passed by the last session of the legislature which became effective on January 1, 1962.

The law also stipulates that any youngster this age or under who desires to obtain a Certificate of Competency shall satisfactorily complete a course in the safe handling of firearms.

The game commission urges youngsters now to enroll in the hunter safety classes being held in many areas of the state. More than 3,100 qualified instructors are available in cities, towns, and communities who are or will be holding classes to qualify youngsters for the Certificate of Competency. If youngsters are in doubt as to the classes in their local area, they are requested to see their hunting license agent who has a list of qualified instructors.

The law also provides that no person under 12 years of age shall be issued a big game tag, and no person under 14 years of age shall be permitted to hunt on lands other than his own or legal guardian, unless accompanied by an adult.

classes have been added too. Any one interested is urged to pick up premium books and entry blanks as soon as possible, according to Barbara Estoup.

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