

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Ranchers Set to Host Field Trip in October

By N. C. ANDERSON

Plans are almost completed now for a number of Morrow county ranchers to host editors of several leading daily newspapers in the Oregon Wheat Growers League sponsored Editor's Field Trip project, held for the first time in 1961. An invitation was extended by the executive committee of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association earlier this month asking that Morrow county ranches be considered as hosts. Members of the executive committee were quite well agreed that editors should visit a typical ranch rather than to pick an above-average operation for report of activities on that ranch. The trip which involves an editor staying for two days at a ranch to observe ranching operations and to get material for a report of farming activities and the way the family lives is scheduled for October 8, 9, and 10. Tentatively there will be representatives from the Oregonian, the Oregon Journal, Portland Reporter, the Daily Astorian, and a Salem paper. Wheatgrowers Association president Tad Miller, has visited personally with the Lewis Carlson, Bob Jepsen, Kenneth Turner, Max Barclay and Frank Anderson families who have indicated their desire to host these editors. Details of the trip will be reported as definite plans shape up. This event is one which is a part of the public relations activities of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

'Runner' Shovels Effective With Gaines

We had a pleasant visit with Newt O'Hara who called at the office last week to report that his Gaines wheat seeded recently, was coming up with a good stand. Newt used "runner" shovels which are new on the market this year and especially recommended for seeding Gaines wheat. Newt is seeding all of his wheat with these shovels and likes them quite well. He reports good moisture in his summerfallow and hopes that he can get all of his wheat up with a good ground cover this fall to prevent erosion. He is personally supervising his farming operations even though he has found it just a little bit of a handicap to get around because of the need to use crutches. The steps coming up to the office has not slowed Newt down too much and we are always happy to have him stop by and visit.

High Germination And Purity Tests Shown

As purity and germination tests continue to be returned from the seed laboratory at OSU growers are quite well pleased with the result of these. This week we received a purity test for the Gaines wheat harvested by Leonard Rill, Eightmile. His was one of the cleanest samples yet submitted, being 99.77 pure seed. Those who saw the Rill exhibit will agree that this sample looked real good. We don't have a germination test yet back on this lot but I am sure that it will be good. Germination reports back for Gaines harvested after the rain are even better than those before. Highest germination percentage returned to date is for the Gaines wheat grown by Kenneth Turner, Heppner. His showed a 97% germination in test seven days. Right behind Kenneth was Melvin Moyer with a 96% germination, Kenneth Peck with 95%, and Alvin Bunch with 93%. These are some good lots for persons desiring seed to purchase from. By the way, interest in Gaines seed wheat has stepped up considerably the past week with several inquiries every day from both local and out-of-county ranchers.

Controls Under Study For Pond Infestations

This past week we established a weed control plot on Marcel Jones' farm pond. Many farm pond owners have complained of the heavy algae infestations in their ponds. While there are chemicals recommended for the control of various weeds we have not found a good safe chemical to use for allage, our most troublesome weed. The new chemical we used has not yet been released but is simple to apply and is not harmful to fish or livestock. We will report our results as we observe control.

Weed Control Salesmen Give Misleading Information

From time to time, door-to-door salesmen give us much concern. These traveling salesmen from out-of-county and many times out-of-state have all the answers to every problem. As a result of one giving recommendations on weed control this week we had several inquiries from farmers. I hope there were not too many more who are following his recommendations or I am sure that they will be disappointed and out some money. The recommendation was for the use of one gallon of pentachlorophenol per acre for the complete control of Morning Glory. Pentachlorophenol is used on for a number of years as a defoliant and as a pre-emergent in some experimental research has never been recommended highly for anything other than as a wood preservative. The salesman's recommendation for the use of this chemical was based on research being done at the University of Idaho. We called the weed department at the University of Idaho and found that they knew nothing of the recommendation and indicated that this would be the last recommendation they would think of making. As Lambert Erickson, their head weed man at the University indicated, "the salesman should have used some college or university in the midwest or east so that it wouldn't be quite so easy to trace this recommendation down." We suggest that those who might believe that Morning Glory can be controlled for \$3.00 per acre consider that if such is the case OSU and our experimental stations would surely be making this recommendation themselves.

Calf To Be Given At Production Sale

Word comes from Larry Williams of the A Bar L Ranch at Canyon City that a free Here-

County 4-H Youth Place Well In State Fair Meet

Early returns from the Oregon State fair in Salem this week show three local girls placing in the blue ribbon class on their 4-H clothing, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

Jill Padberg and Leora Van Winkle, Lexington; and Carol Rawlins, Ione received a blue award in clothing, phase 2, phase 5 and phase 3, respectively.

Jill's exhibit was a light blue cotton skirt with a flower applique. Leora's jumper was a dark blue plaid, while Carol Rawlins school dress was of an olive green print trimmed with black rick rack.

Two girls from Irrigon placed in the intermediate knitting class. Jeniece McElroy prized a blue and Shirley Jackson a red on pastel sweaters showing a buttonhole or eyelets, pickup stitches, and crochet stitches for finishes.

Two Irrigon boys also did honors for their woodworking club when Byron Hobbs garnered a blue in junior woodworking using hand tools; while Tom Olin placed in the red. Both are members of a woodworking club led by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Skiles, Irrigon.

Scott Barratt, Heppner, won blue in the intermediate horse showmanship and western horsemanship. Verina French and Dick Struckmeier obtained red in horse showmanship.

State Slates Annual Vehicle Auction Sale

The State of Oregon will hold its third annual vehicle auction of used cars and trucks at Pendleton, Saturday, September 15. The sale will commence at 10 a.m. P.S.T. on the premises of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, and will consist of two station wagons, 18 passenger cars, five pickups, six trucks including dumps and flat beds and two sedan deliveries. The vehicles will range from 1952 to 1961 models and will include several four wheel drive units.

Inspection of the vehicles may be made between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. P.S.T., September 13 and 14 and from 8 a.m. September 15 until sale time. It is anticipated that these vehicles will be sold in approximately one and one-half hours.

Complete information and a listing of all vehicles being offered will be available at the site, Eastern Oregon State Hospital, during the hours of inspection. Bid Security deposit will be required only from successful bidders who have until September 18, 1962 to complete payment for any item purchased. Final payments for any vehicle purchased shall be in the form of a cashier's or certified check, cash or money order.

Hudspeth Dispersion Sale Set Sept. 17-19

One of the largest Purebred Hereford Dispersion sales on record will take place September 17, through 19, when Hudspeth Land and Livestock Company in Prineville disperses their purebred herd of 1300 herefords.

The sale will be held at the Hudspeth Purebred Division on Minson Road between Prineville and Redmond near Powell Butte. A huge tent will be erected and bleacher seats will be made available for the large crowd that is anticipated from all points of the nation and Canada.

The Hudspeth Purebred Herefords have won top honors at all the major cattle shows in the United States. The Hudspeth Purebred Hereford Herd originated from the J. P. McNatt herd in Greenville, Texas, which had a history of the two top money production sales ever held in the state of Texas.

A pre-sale buffet will be held in the Ochoco Inn the evening of Sunday, September 16. A four-month-old Hereford-helmer calf will be given as a door prize at their annual production sale, Saturday, September 15 to a lucky child. He suggests that anyone interested in participating for the door prize attend their sale and get their name in the hat. Some of our 4-H members might be interested in this.

Fair Booth Winners, Busy Bees 4-H Club, Donate to IFYE Fund

Five Busy Bees, a 4-H club of Ione, have a noble feeling these days. They decided to give the \$25 they won at the Morrow County Fair for their booth to the IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange Fund) program which furthers world peace, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county agent.

The girls, and Mrs. Bryce Keene, their leader, originated the display of a beehive with the five bees working for National 4-H Club Week in March of this year. Friends thought it so well depicted the name of the 4-H clothing club that they urged them to enter it in the Morrow county fair, August 21-24. A picture of each girl was mounted on the head of each bee to give it that personal touch. The booth won first prize in the "Youth" division at the fair.

"The girls felt that they wanted to give the money for some worthwhile cause, instead of throwing a big party," confided their leader. "When I told them about the 4-H sponsored IFYE exchange program, they agreed that was it."

The IFYE exchange is a project for selected farm youth from the United States to live and work with farm families in other countries for four to six months, and for farm youths from cooperating countries to come to the United States, to live and work on farms. Begun in 1948, over 60 countries have participated in this "Grassroots ambassador" exchange between the United States, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific.

This October 8, 9, and 10, Louis Pratt, Oregon's IFYE to Costa Rica, will be in Morrow county to tell of his experiences, informs the agent.

The five Busy Bees include Maureen McElligott, Janice Snider, Kathy Keene, Betty Hausler and Terry O'Connor, all of Ione.

Sponsoring Groups Announce Winning Fair Contest Entries

Several local organizations have given their stamp of approval on 4-H work by sponsoring special awards in the demonstration and contest fields of the Morrow County Fair held August 21-24, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

Extension units, CowBelles, PTA, and the Morrow County Creamery are among the sponsors. These groups will present winners with a gift, plaque, monies, or produce at their annual achievement night program in November.

Sponsors and winners are as follows: 1. Rhea Creek extension unit—Mary Alice Bauer Heppner (best individual foods demonstrator); Sandra Carlson, Ione (outstanding first time demonstrator); 2. Ione Extension Unit—Libby Van Schoick (best individual clothing demonstrator); Judy Smith and Lynn Burkenbine, Heppner (best team clothing demonstrators); 3. Heppner Extension Unit—Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington (high in knitting judging contest); Anita Bauer, Heppner (second high in knitting judging contest); 4. Pine City Extension Unit—Jill Padberg, Lexington (best clothing demonstrator, junior); Jean Siewert, Heppner (best clothing construction, senior); 5. Boardman Extension Unit—Dewena West, Boardman, style revue winner (intermediate); 6. Irrigon Extension Unit—Penny Jones, Irrigon, style revue winner (senior); 7. Morrow County CowBelles—No takers this year; 8. Morrow County Creamery—Joyce Peck, Lexington (best dairy demonstration); 9. Lexington PTA—Judy Smith, Heppner (high clothing judge) senior; Molly Becket, Heppner (high clothing judge) senior; 10. Lexington Extension Unit—Sue Townsend, Ione, best bread maker.

27 Children Have Part in Pet Show

Everything from crowdads to green sheep was presented in the annual pet show at the Morrow county fair August 23, Mrs. Bill Weatherford, superintendent, said.

Twenty-seven youngsters brought their pets to the show, which was held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and a parade around the arena was at 11:30 a.m. Each child introduced himself and told about his pet. Martha Doherty was master of ceremonies.

The green sheep was dyed that color with food coloring by Scott McDaniel. Crowdads were the pets of three from Pine City, Mike Smith, Calvin Ashbeck, and Richard Witherrite.

Other participants and their pets were: Dogs—Constance Papineau, LaVerne Van Marter, Rebecca Fulleton, Paula Siewert, Jim Healy, Shelia Healy, Candace Papineau, Lisa Collins, Ruby Fulleton, Libby Abrams, Richard McDaniel, Sue Griffith.

Cats—Denise Bloodsworth, Debbie Campbell, Dava Bower, Susan Jepsen, Dorrene Campbell, Kirk Robinson and John Meyers.

White rat—Becky Doherty. Turtle—Bill Jepsen. Birds—Kay Van Winkle and Mary Alice Bowers.

Each of the youngsters received an exhibitors' ribbon. The show was for children 5 to 14 years of age.

Influenza Epidemic Forecast for Winter

Morrow County Health Department has received a warning from the U. S. Department of Health Education and Welfare that a major flu epidemic will probably strike this winter.

While accurate predictions are difficult, recent and past patterns of influenza A and B indicate that widespread outbreaks of influenza A2 (Asian) will occur in the United States during the 1962-63 winter season. Since polyvalent influenza A2 virus vaccine has been repeatedly shown to be of definite

Chats With Your Home Agent

Homemaking Tips, Shared By Agent, Prove Helpful

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Hard work in itself, will win you no prizes or praises. If you feel you're an overworked homemaker, take a long look at your standards. Maybe you've set them too high, considering all you have to do. After all, what is most important to your family? In a day's work there are many unexpected situations that knock a perfectionist housekeeper right off her well-dusted pedestal.

"Yellowed" or "Grayed" cloths that are supposed to be white are definitely an undesirable standard. What's wrong? There are several possible causes.

Iron in the water may be one of the problems and it might come from the water heater, pipes or the source of water. If this cause seems likely, use a packaged water conditioner—the type that does not leave a scum. Don't use liquid bleach in water containing iron. This intensifies the yellow or sometimes leaves brown specks unless you use a water conditioner. Of course, an automatic water softening system is a good solution, too.

value in preventing influenza, annual immunization is stressed—particularly for persons over 45 years of age. Other groups who are urged to be immunized yearly are persons with heart, lung and kidney diseases, those with diabetes, asthma, tuberculosis, etc., as well as all expectant mothers.

Your family doctor can tell you who should be immunized, how many "shots" are needed and the kinds of vaccine you need.

The Health Department strongly urges all persons to see their family physicians as soon as practicable after September so that the course of immunization can be completed by mid-December.

Other causes of dinginess are often too little detergent, or lack of hot water. Sheets, underwear, shirts, and other clothes soiled with natural body oils need hot water and sufficient soap or detergent. Otherwise, oils are left in the fabric and turn yellow when clothes are exposed to the heat of a dryer or iron.

Sometimes too much detergent causes yellowness. This is because it isn't all rinsed out and discolors with heat. The moral is: Measure detergent according to your washer's instructions.

If you'd like more information about new washing products write or call the county agent's office for your free copy of our bulletin, "Today's Soaps and Detergents."

Smart Homemakers Tell Us: Washing walls will be easier if you wash from the bottom up. The reason if this. If water drips down on the cleaned portion, it won't stain. But if you start at the top, the drip causes streaks on the dirty wall which are practically impossible to remove except with hard rubbing.

Save time in picking up after other members of your family. Out-smart them by putting one or more waste baskets in every room and hallway. It isn't necessary to buy these; just collect some deep boxes and invite the children to help cover them with pretty wall paper or shelf paper when they need some busy work. They'll take more interest in using them for their intended purpose.

If they empty their pockets in an unsightly heap, give each person a special box for his personal clutter. This will help keep it in one place.

For youngsters just learning to eat at the table, use small terry cloth hand towels for place mats. The towels absorb spills, wash easily and need no ironing.

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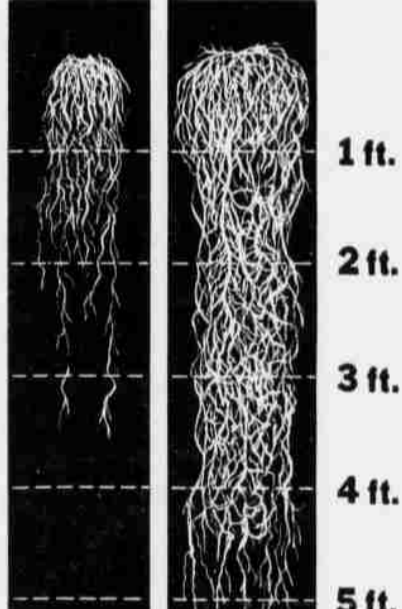
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