

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Weather Meet Postponed; Youth Are Commended

By N. C. ANDERSON
The weather meeting with Dr. Fred Decker scheduled for November 16 has been postponed. Dr. Decker called telling us that the Signal Corps had requested him to come to Washington D. C. to consult on weather and defense matters. A new meeting date will be announced as soon as Dr. Decker returns.

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New Projects, Greater Enrollment Shown in 4-H

It was an enjoyable experience to sit back and watch the annual 4-H Achievement Party held at one last Saturday night. The awards program went off in a nice manner. This was the first time that I had no responsibilities in the party and so was really able to enjoy the affair. Maybe this is not the right kind of a statement to make because I have always enjoyed 4-H Achievement Parties, however, with responsibility it is not quite so enjoyable as Saturday night's affair. It was good to see the older boys and girls who I worked closely with getting national recognition and ten year pins and it was rewarding to see a number of leaders who were at one time 4-H members doing a nice job with their organized clubs. A lot of new projects have been added in recent years, many of which have done much to increase the enrollment which is now over twice the enrollment at the time that I came to the county.

Seed Weevil Pest Increases in County

The release of a seed weevil to control puncture vine has been announced by the New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture. This is a cooperative effort by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, to control a weed that is not only costly to farmers but is a pest to city folks as well.

Releases were made close to the vicinity of New Mexico State University so that the weevil activity could be continually observed. The weevils were obtained from established colonies in California.

These weevils are now being released in several western states, and established colonies have given good control of this weed in both California and Arizona.

The native home of the puncture vine weevil is Italy. Prior to allowing the entry of this insect into the United States, extensive tests were made in Italy to determine what plants it would feed upon and if it would injure ornamentals or cultivated plants. Puncture vine is a weed that is becoming more of a pest from one year to the next in Morrow county. While our county spray program has concentrated on infestations of this weed it continues to increase because of the many waste areas where it is left to multiply. If this new seed weevil is effective as the goat weed beetle that was used to control goat weed or St. Johns Wort in this county and other areas of the Pacific Northwest it will be a Godsend. We are checking into the possibility of obtaining weevils as soon as they are available for general distribution.

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Generalists Find Much Bread Used in Europe

I had a short visit with May Doherty who, with Bill, has just returned from a trip visiting their son Billy in Germany and other European countries. Mary made an interesting comment regarding the amount of bread and rolls consumed in some European countries. It was her observation that if our country served as many breads and rolls comparatively as in Germany and Ireland that we would not have a surplus of wheat. We have heard this same comment from a number of people who have traveled in foreign countries and are reminded of a statisticians estimate of the tremendous amount of wheat that could be used by each person eating only one more slice of bread per day.

Early Wheat Seeding Shows Some Stripe Rust

Kenneth Peck, Lexington farmer, brought in some August seeded Omar wheat last week that was infected with stripe rust. We were not too surprised since we have had ideal weather since fall for rust infections, especially in the early seeded wheat that was put in as a result of early August rains. While the field that this infected sample was taken from is not heavily infected it is quite probable that it will become quite heavily infected with normal spring conditions, getting an early start this fall. While much of our Gaines was seeded quite early with weather conditions quite suitable for seeding infection, the only stage that Gaines is susceptible, it will be interesting to see just what develops in this new variety. With much of our early seeding put into Gaines if a slight stripe rust infection occurs we can be quite well assured that this variety will be relatively safe from the diseases in future years.

Nothing Quite Like The Hood River Apple

Armin Withon and Mel Boyer who purchased Car Aviation, Lexington, last winter, are pushing for an early Christmas. Last Wednesday while taking advantage of the good weather to get out some weed plots and make some field visits I was always one "jump" behind Armin as he delivered boxes of Hood River apple throughout the county. I was pleasantly surprised, however, when I reached home late

Wheat Growers State Meeting November 26-28

Oldest wheat grower association in the United States, the Oregon Wheat Growers League, will conduct its 35th annual state meeting in Portland on November 26, 27 and 28.

John Welbes, executive vice president, has completed pre-session arrangements for the three-day session, which will be held at the Multnomah Hotel.

While actual business sessions are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1962 meeting will, in actuality, get under way the afternoon of Sunday, November 25, as the executive committee of the OWGL will convene at 3 p.m. that day and the quarterly meeting of the Oregon Wheat Commission is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Both sessions will be at the Multnomah Hotel.

A no-host luncheon meeting with the Portland Chamber of Commerce will be a highlight of the first day's activities on Monday, November 26. Guest speaker will be Gary Gange, Visalia, Calif., a well known olive and orange grower.

Father Alcuin Heibel, pastor, St. Joseph's Catholic church, Portland, will be guest speaker for a general luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 27. His subject will be: "Farmers, God's Stewards of the Land."

Wheat officials, school faculty members and soil scientists are billed for talks at the annual conclave. Annual banquet and presentation of awards is scheduled for November 27 at 7 p.m. and last-day sessions will be devoted to reports of chairmen of various committees which make up the structure of the OWGL.

Wednesday afternoon to find that he was still ahead of me but had left a box of Golden Delicious apples and a rain gauge. We don't know of a better remembrance than a box of delicious apples at this time of the year, Armin and Mel!

Interesting Program Slated For Wheat League Meeting

I suppose everyone has received a copy of the program for the 35th annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League which came to my desk late last week. If you haven't taken time to look at the program schedule I believe that it would be worth your time to row county should be well make plans to attend. More represented this year since we are host this year even though it is to be held at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland. There are interesting speeches scheduled to be given by Maureen Neuberger, U. S. Senator; Margaret Copeland from the Flour Institute; a public relations discussion at a joint luncheon with the Portland Chamber of Commerce with a prominent California business man and farmer as speaker; a report on white wheat prices and why they are as they are from Clancy Jean of the Western Wheat Associates. Also on the program is Father Alcuin Heibel who we have asked to be our speaker at our Farm-City Banquet on December 11; a report on the 2-4-D research in the Milton-Freewater area and many other top discussions as well as committee meetings, the working session where recommendations and policies are developed by wheat ranchers.

Bulletin For Amateur Meat Cutter Out Now

A new thirty-two page illustrated bulletin, "Let's Cut Meat" just published by the OSU Extension Service is now available. This is an excellent bulletin and as I have looked it over I think it could improve any amateur meat curer's methods. The instructions for cutting beef would apply very well to those who have been lucky enough to have an elk to cut up. There are nearly 100 easy-to-follow illustrations showing how to cut up a carcass, how to bone, roll and tie a cut of meat and how to cut roasts, steaks, and special meat cuts. There is also discussions on chilling, aging and care of meat; necessary tools and equipment and their proper care also illustrated. You may get a copy from this office.

Club Sets Up Goals

The Butter Creek Junction met for its second scheduled meeting of the year. Joe Hay, the county agent, was present and helped the club members plan their calendar of events. He also helped them decide which goals they would try to make in the coming year. Ed French, news reporter

Wheat Grower Committee Reports are Concluded

(Continued from last week)

The Youth Activities Committee was concerned with the best possible improvements for the Oregon Wheat Growers League sponsored Jr. Livestock Show and Sale held annually at The Dalles. This show, established to demonstrate the value of wheat as a livestock feed, discontinued the requirement for a percentage of wheat in the ration a few years ago. Last year this requirement was again instituted with 30% of the ration to be wheat. The group this year, asked a further increase to 40%. They recommended that the dates for The Dalles Show be June 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1963 and that the State 4-H Club office be asked to remove 4-H Summer School to the third week in June so that the 1964 show could be held the second week in June as it is now conflicting with some schools that are not dismissed. They asked that written reasons be required in the livestock judging contest and that the weight limit for lambs be changed to 75 minimum and 120 maximum. They further asked that the carcass show, held for the first time in 1962, include hogs in addition to beef if possible. They asked that the Oregon Wheat Growers League continue their support of \$3,000 to this show feeling that this is an excellent public relations activity.

The Federal Agriculture Programs Committee was mainly concerned with farm programs and their effect on Columbia Basin Wheatgrowers. They asked that since we are in a summerfallow area that the Secretary of Agriculture proclaim marketing quotas for 3 year period in order that farming operations can be planned accordingly. They recommended a system of deferred grazing be allowed on land retired under the 1964 wheat program and that a substitution clause be made

whereby wheat can be grown on feed grain acreages. They asked that under the new wheat program average yields be determined on a moving ten year average. They felt that P. L. 480 purchase authorizations should be made to include more soft white wheat in line with foreign market demands, and that the U. S. should be more aggressive in their wheat export program. They ask for closer relationships with the Federal Crop Insurance Program personnel and that Paul Tews, Ione, be appointed as Morrow Counties representative to assist in developing Federal Crop Insurance programs of more value to our farm people. The Production and Land Use Committee asked that more research go into control possibilities for cheatgrass and rye; that a winter hardy barley with heavier test weight be developed by plant breeders as well as a good winter wheat that has fast growing ability to compete with cheat in early winter and spring. They asked that farmers consider a program of rye control in fence rows and ditches as well as roguing of fields.

They asked that the Oregon Wheat Growers League keep on top of the situation whereby some interests are trying to eliminate the use of 2-4-D for selective weed control in wheat and the group favored work being done by Stanford Research determining if wheat foods might reduce the cholesterol problem. They asked for information on the use of soft white wheat for livestock feed.

Club Selects Name

Our knitting club held its regular business meeting November 7 at the home of our leader, Mrs. Larry Cook. The club was organized in October with Judy Gentry, president; Sheila Healy, vice-president; Linda Ekman, secretary; Carolyn Bookman, treasurer; Theresa Moore and Alene Boylajan, song leaders. After the meeting was called to order by the president we voted on a name for our club. "Sit and Nit" was selected. One visitor was present, Rickey Wadholm, a brother to one of our members. The next meeting will be December 4. Sue Griffith, news reporter

Rhea Creek Extension Has Rug Care Lesson

Members of the Rhea Creek Extension unit assembled at the Grange hall on Wednesday, November 7, for a lesson on the latest methods of caring for rugs and upholstery. The project leaders, Mrs. Oren Wright and Mrs. Ray Wright, demonstrated several pieces of cleaning equipment and different types of cleaning products. The potluck luncheon was followed by a short business meeting.

Your Home Agent Homemaking Time Saving Hints Get Attention

By ESTHER KIRMIS

If you are a typical homemaker, you spend one year of your life talking on the telephone, according to recent market research. This may be the time-saving . . . or not.

To work smarter, you might try this idea from a young Lane county mother. A long cord on her telephone lets her work around the kitchen while she talks.

Two others that we know have a telephone coffee break every morning at 10:00 a.m. Each sips coffee by her phone and catches up on the latest happenings. Time limit—15 minutes. A lot less than a neighborhood coffee clatch.

Cleaning floors is voted an unpopular job by all of us. Here are some of the questions we get.

"Why is my light gray vinyl turning yellow? Maybe you're using the wrong wax. Try one of the colorless self-polishing waxes made especially for light floors, and remove it before re-waxing to prevent a buildup of old wax."

"Why is my asphalt tile floor smeary looking? Are you using solvent base wax which has to be polished—either a liquid or a paste? The solvent in these waxes softens asphalt. A water-base, self-polishing wax is the right one for asphalt tile. Check the label on the can."

"My floors are always slippery. What's wrong?" Chances are you use too much wax. Two thick coats put on a few hours apart are better than one heavy one, and if you use wax which needs to be polished, give it a good buffing. It may surprise you to know the more it's buffed, the harder the finish and the less slippery it will be. Don't use an oil mop on a waxed floor. Oil softens the wax, makes the floor "tacky."

Don't work too hard when you wash plastic light fixtures. It's smart to let them air dry. The reason: rubbing creates static electricity which acts like a magnet to attract dust from the air.

It takes time to scoop out hard

Martha Doherty Top Soil Judge

Martha Doherty, Heppner high school senior, was first in 4-H individual competition in the sixth annual Oregon soil judging contest at Coburg last Wednesday.

The event opened the 14th annual meeting of the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts which continues through Friday in Eugene.

Teams from Lincoln county swept top honors in both 4-H and FFA divisions. In addition, Mrs. Leona Kasner, Burnt Woods, also in Lincoln county, was named the top winner among adult women in the contest. Other adult winners will be announced Thursday afternoon.

The Lincoln county 4-H team of Jim Kasner and Gene Rhoades, both of Burnt Woods, and Rosemary Brown, Agate Beach, was first in their division. In FFA team judging, the Eddyville high school team of Mike Oliver, Dave Nichols and Terry Rhoades was first.

In FFA individual judging, winners, in order, were Paul Thayer, St. Helens; Ben Thompson, Roseburg, and Dennis Ray, Crater high of Central Point.

Other top FFA team efforts were St. Helens, second; Sherman county, third; Siletz, fourth, and Roseburg, fifth.

Randall Grimes, Harrisburg, chairman of the state soil conservation committee, was in charge of the contest and presented the awards.

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