

County Agent's Office

Safflower Firm Sets Dec. 13 Production Meeting Date

By N. C. ANDERSON

Many ranchers have indicated an interest in growing safflower in 1963. Because of this interest, arrangements have been made for an educational meeting to discuss the safflower contract program with the contracting company, Pacific Oil Seeds, Inc. Their representative will show a film on the production of safflower, discuss the various requirements for safflower growing contracts at a meeting to be held at the fair annex building in Heppner at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, December 13. The firm is contracting now for the 1963 safflower crop at \$75 per ton delivered to designated local elevators. This is one of a series of meetings to be held in Eastern Oregon and Washington to give growers a chance to hear about production practices for growing safflower, from seedbed preparation to harvesting. Farmers will be able to sign production contracts at this meeting if they are definitely interested in the crop.

New Machine Used To Get Rid of Gophers

Gophers in the Cecil community on Willow creek are doomed. Several hundred acres of alfalfa land are now being baited with a new "burrow-builder" purchased jointly by Cecil ranchers, Krebs Brothers, Hynds Brothers, and Stanley Magill. The program all came about when Kick Krebs visited this office to discuss the success of "burrow-builders" in controlling gophers in alfalfa. Since Buttercreek ranchers had such good results with their "burrow-builder", Dick ordered a new type manufactured in Minneapolis, Minn. It arrived about a week ago and these ranchers have been busy since.

The "burrow-builder" is a simple machine that uses a torpedo-like "burrow" attached to 3-point hitch or pull machine when operated in a field infested with gophers intercepts burrows made by these pests. The new burrow is baited with strychnine oats which are metered into the burrow from a corn planter attachment with a disc which drops a small amount of bait about every six feet. The advantage of the machine is the ease, quickness and cheapness of baiting bottom land infested with these rodents. This is the second "burrow-builder" machine in use in the country that we know of. The Heppner Soil Conservation District supervisors are at this time investigating interest in the thought that they may purchase such a machine for rental to irrigation farmers. A rental which would maintain and replace the machine when it is worn out would be charged if such a machine is purchased by this group.

Weevils Control Puncture Vine

Recently we commented in our column about the new weevil which is being used for the control of puncture vine. Bob Every, OSU extension entomologist, has promised that Morrow county may get a batch of these weevils for releasing next June in some of our larger infestations of puncture vine. If weevils work out as the goat weed beetles did for us, we should have some cheap control of a hard-to-control weed.



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Girl Suffers Severe Burns

By DELPHA JONES
LEXINGTON—Kelly Kilkenny, seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Bob Kilkenny, is confined to her home in a wheel chair, suffering

from burns on her feet and legs. The Kilkenny's had recently burned an old building and the child ran through the hot ashes.

Mrs. Bob Kilkenny was a patient last week for a couple of days in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Armin Wihlon left by plane from Pendleton on Friday for Louisville, Ky. where he will visit his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wihlon.

The Lexington Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Dean Hunt for their regular meeting on Thursday night. Those present were Mrs. Bob Davidson, Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Mrs. Oliver Creswick, Mrs. Elsie Cole, Mrs. Fred Wilkenson, Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter, and the hostess, Mrs. Hunt. Mrs. Wilkinson won high, and Mrs. Hunt took second high.

The card party sponsored by the Holly Rebekah Lodge on Saturday night was well attended with eleven tables in play. Those winning bridge prizes were Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter and William J. Van Winkle, high; Mildred Davidson and Gene Cutsforth, low. Pinochle winners were Marilyn Bergstrom and Frank Robinson, high; Mrs. Lyle Cox and Roger Campbell, low. Refreshments were served later by the committee. The next party is

scheduled for Saturday, January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers were Portland visitors over the week-end.

Mrs. Roger Campbell and her mother, Mrs. Charles Bloodworth, Mrs. Wm. C. Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Mrs. W. E. McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones were among those attending to business matters in Pendleton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth are again at their ranch home after several weeks at the mountain home where they enjoyed deer and elk hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra spent Sunday at the L. I. O'Harra home in Weston where they attended an O'Harra reunion.

Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Mrs. C. C. Jones and Mrs. Joe Yocom motored to The Dalles on Wednesday. Enroute home they stopped to visit the Rebekah Lodge at Wasco where President Selma Watkins was paying her official visit. During the meeting Sam Brock, grandfather of Mr. Yocom, presented the lodge with a lovely Bible in memory of his wife, Lena, who was for many years a member of that lodge. The ladies returned home that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barnett of Los Angeles, Cal., and Birdie Barnett of Fresno, Calif., brother and sister of Mrs. Kenneth Klinger, were recent callers at Miss Carol Ann Palmer,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer, is now employed at Lois' Beauty shop in Heppner. Carol Ann recently finished her schooling at Phagan Beauty School in Pendleton.

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