



County Agent's Office

## Weed Problems Face Discussion at Meeting

By N. C. ANDERSON

The annual weed control meeting has been set for Thursday, February 14. This annual event is aimed at bringing ranchers up-to-date on the newest weed control practices, to review progress of weed control in the county, to report research in promising new chemicals and techniques being carried on state-wide and to answer any questions which farmers might have in the use of not only new chemicals but commonly used ones as well.

Again, this year Rex Warren, Farm Crops Specialist, OSU, and Arnold Appleby, weed research man from the Pendleton Branch Experiment Station will appear on the program to discuss these various phases.

The meeting will be held at the fair annex building at 1:15 and will be completed by 4:00 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend and discuss annual and perennial weed control problems and recommendations.

**Ekstroms Make Good Showing at Hereford Sale**  
Last Wednesday morning Dean Frischnecht, extension animal husbandman, OSU, and I graded and weighed Herb and May Ekstrom's 1962 bull calves. The Ek-

stroms are participating in Performance Registry International, as one of many beef breeders in the United States and Canada who participate in this beef improvement project. Weight and quality of the 14 bulls were excellent with four grading 1+; eight 2 plus; and two with a 2 grade.

Herb, who is just back from the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford Show and Sale held the week before in Walla Walla, made an excellent showing with the several head exhibited. He exhibited a first place heifer, second and fifth place bulls in large classes against some of the best known Polled Hereford herds in the Pacific Northwest. He sold a bull which he had raised and used in his own herd last breeding season for \$1300 and another for \$685.

Kirk & Robinson, Heppner, were also exhibiting at this show and sale, however, I have not visited with Don on how his cattle showed and sold.

**Regional Wheat Meeting Discusses Referendum Program**  
An excellent presentation of the provisions of the 1964 wheat program was presented by representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture at a

Regional Wheat Meeting held in Portland on February 1. Attending were about 150 officers of organizations, wheat industry leaders, representatives of the press and television, as well as selected representatives of USDA from Idaho, Washington, Utah, Oregon and California. Federal Extension and ASCS representatives outlined the provisions of the program so that everyone might understand their function in educating all farmers as to the alternative choice when they go the referendum to vote yes or no for this new program for 1964.

Representatives for ASCS said that the referendum would be held in late May or early June and could be held as late as June 13. Educational meetings will be held beginning as soon as the 1963 feed grain program sign-up is completed. Nationally the tentative schedule calls for district meetings of county ASC committees between April 1 and 10 and county meetings to inform producers of the program between April 10 and 20. At these meetings an attempt will be made to answer all questions so that wheat producers can determine the consequences of a yes or a no vote as they chose.

This wheat program is a part of the Agricultural Act of 1962, providing a long-range program beginning with the 1964 crop. The program is designed to bring production into balance with needs, reduce the surpluses built up in the 1950's to prudent reserves, support wheat farmers incomes at favorable levels and reduce program costs to American taxpayers. Wheat growers themselves, will determine whether or not the program goes into effect. It is hoped that we can provide growers with the accurate factual information in order to make an informed decision.

**Change of Annual Meeting Theft Program Considered**  
Officers of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association for 1963 were elected in an executive committee meeting held last week. Heading up the organization this year is Floyd Jones, president; with Dick Wilkinson elected as vice president; Gerald Swaggert as treasurer; and this agent as secretary. Committee appointments have not yet been made, however Floyd Jones will be the county representative to the Oregon Cattleman's Association; Orville Cutsforth will again chair the taxation and legislation committee; while Bob Peterson will head the production and marketing committee.

Dick Wilkinson is chairman of the annual meeting committee and consideration will be given this year in changing the dates from the mid-January to a November or early December date. There were two reasons prompting this change. One is that the January dates always "flirt" with adverse weather conditions and because of the conflict with calving. When these dates were selected several years ago most growers were starting their calving on January 20 or later.

Considerable discussion came up on the livestock theft program sponsored by the Association. In checking it was found that a very small percentage of the present membership are participating in the theft program and that all members should become aware of the program so that they might be covered if they so choose. This program, initiated in 1953 as a result of heavy theft and trespass cases, provides a reward up to \$500 for the information leading to the arrest and conviction for cattle theft and \$50 in the case of trespass.

Funds for this program are raised by a 10c per head voluntary contribution with only those who have contributed being protected in this program. In order to be effective the livestock man must also be a member of the Association. It was agreed by the Association several years ago that additional assessments would be made from contributors only when funds for paying rewards were depleted. At the present time almost \$600 remains in a special theft fund held by the Association. Anyone interested in participating in the program may do so by contacting either Gerald Swaggert, treasurer or this office.



## Extension Now Under Secretary; No Changes Seen

Fears by some Oregon agricultural leaders that Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service will become a "salesman" for USDA farm programs are unfounded, it was stated here today.

Administrators of OSU Extension Service see no changes in programs as the result of recent assignment of Federal Extension Service to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture John P. Duncan, Jr., who also administers the Federal agricultural adjustment programs.

Secretary Duncan has administrative responsibility for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Agricultural Marketing Service, Commodity Exchange Authority, and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Some news analysts in the nation's capital have predicted repercussions in Congress and among certain farm groups as a result of Extension Service's assignment to Secretary Duncan. F. E. Price, director of OSU extension service, and Gene M. Lear, associate director, say conduct of the local extension program will continue in the same high degree of independence as in the past in "serving as educators and not as farm program salesmen or opponents."

This view was also stressed by Secretary Duncan in accepting responsibility of the extension service, stating that, "Extension cannot and must not serve as salesman for administrative programs." Extension must do its job "with complete objectivity," Secretary Duncan said.

Oregon Extension Administrators said it is not new for the Federal Extension Service to be assigned administratively to one of the assistants in the Secretary of Agriculture's staff.

Federal Extension Service and the cooperating state extension services have been the education and information arm of the USDA and the State Agricultural Experiment Stations for nearly 50 years.

OSU Extension Service has worked closely with state and county committees as different Federal farm programs have been established by Congress and administered by organizations of USDA, Lear said.

"In all those years, there has been no federal interference with administration of the state extension program here in Oregon, and we have every assurance that our program will continue to operate with this freedom," Price explained.

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## Chats With Your Home Agent

### Tempting Recipes Add to Usability Of Surplus Foods

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Rolled wheat and quick-cooking oats, which are given out under the Surplus Food Program, are cereal grains that are rich in natural B Vitamins. They are also good sources of iron and other minerals, as well as food energy. The nutty taste of the wheat provides a new and interesting flavor.

It's the flavor that people like about rolled wheat and quick-cooking oats. So, here are some recipes you and your family may enjoy at regular meals or when you want to entertain friends at mealtime.

#### MEAT PATTIES

**3/4** pound ground beef  
**1/3** cup milk (or **1 1/2** tablespoons nonfat dry milk mixed with **1/3** cup water)  
**1/3** cup rolled wheat (or quick-cooking oats)  
salt and pepper  
**2** tablespoons fat or oil  
**1** cup water  
**1/4** cup chopped celery, if desired  
**1/4** cup chopped green pepper (not really necessary)  
**1/4** cup chopped onion  
**1** tablespoon flour  
Combine meat, milk, wheat (or oats), 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper. Make very thick patties; brown on both sides in the fat or oil in a frying pan. Add water and vegetables; season with salt and pepper. Cook covered over low heat for 30 minutes. Blend flour with a little cold water, add slowly to the mixture and cook until thickened, stirring occasionally.  
Along with these patties serve

potatoes, cooked carrots and an apple salad. Have a glass of water and a glass of milk for each person.

#### ROLLED WHEAT COOKIES

**1/2** cup sifted flour  
**1/3** cup sugar  
**1/2** teaspoon salt  
**1** teaspoon baking powder  
**1/4** teaspoon cinnamon  
**1 1/2** cups rolled wheat (or quick-cooking oats)  
**1/2** cup raisins  
**1** egg, slightly beaten (or **2 1/2** tablespoons sifted dry egg mixed with **2 1/2** tbs. water)  
**1/2** cup milk (or **2** tablespoons nonfat dry milk mixed with **1/2** cup water)  
**1/2** teaspoon vanilla  
**1/4** cup melted fat or oil  
Sift together flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and cinnamon. Mix in rolled wheat (or oats) and raisins. Combine egg, milk, flavoring, and fat and add to first mixture. Stir only until ingredients are moistened. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake at **375** degrees F. (moderate oven) about **20** minutes. (Makes about **2** dozen cookies).

A recipe sheet on rolled wheat and quick-oats will go out with each order from the Surplus Food Store in Heppner, states Mrs. Betty McDonald, storekeeper. Other recipes on the sheet include Rolled Wheat Pancakes and Rolled Wheat Muffins and hot breakfast cereal. These sheets are obtainable at the county agent's office.

Eligibility for surplus foods (not to be confused with Welfare) is determined on family size, monthly income and cash reserve as follows: one person—\$102; two persons—\$147; three persons—\$186; four persons—\$223; five persons—\$269; seven to nine persons—\$360; and ten persons—\$383. See Mrs. McDonald to be certified for this good food.

## Stronger White Wheat Market Said Developing

Officers of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, an organization of wheat growers in eight wheat growing counties in the state, are confident a stronger white wheat market is developing due to a recent USDA decision to increase white wheat exports under Public Law 480, according to Clancy Jean, Washington, D. C., representative of Western Wheat Associates.

The forecast is based on statements in a letter received Monday from Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman in which he stated:

"We concur with your recommendation (Oregon Wheat Growers League and Western Wheat Associates) that the maximum emphasis be given to early P. L. 480 programming of additional quantity of white wheat and specific steps have been taken in this direction.

"All efforts will be made to maximize the controls for white wheat prior to March 31, 1963. Based on past experiences, if the market price increases even a few additional cents, this will attract wheat from under loan and minimize CCC's takeover of this wheat on March 31, 1963."

The department's decision comes as a result of a re-evaluation of the Pacific Northwest wheat situation which included an analysis and recommendation by Western Wheat Associates.

Western Wheat Associates is a regional market development organization composed of the wheat commissions and wheat grower associations of Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

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# ANNUAL MEETING

## Tuesday, Feb. 12

BEGINNING AT 10:30 A.M.

LEXINGTON GRANGE HALL

- Election of Officers
- Co-op Biddies Homecraft and Art Demonstration and Exhibit
- Door Prizes
- Free Dinner at Noon Prepared by Lexington H.E.C.

### All members urged to attend!

#### Vitamin Supplement Proves Aid to Faster Calf Growth

Results of Arizona ranch tests indicate injectable vitamin A will improve winter gains on cured range grass. Calves in this test were divided into two groups and fed supplement on winter range. The control group received no additional vitamin A and the other group was injected with 200,000 units of the vitamin.

The results were significantly in favor of the calves injected with vitamin A. After 120 days the injected calves had gained a 9% faster clip. Cost per cwt. of gain averaged \$2 less than non-treated calves. In areas where wheat pasture or other green feed is available to calves, vitamin A additions will likely not give this kind of response.

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# MORROW COUNTY WEED CONTROL MEETING

## FAIR PAVILION ANNEX, HEPPNER Thursday, February 14

1:15 P. M. TO 4:00 P. M.

PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

Up to Date Recommendations For Control of Annual and Perennial Weeds.

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