



FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Workshop To Hold Farm Wives' Interest

By N. C. ANDERSON

Interest is high in the Farm Management Workshop, scheduled for December 10-11, 17 and 18 as pre-enrollment forms are returned to the office. A letter mailed to all of our farm families, announcing the workshop, went out last week. While not much encouragement was given the farm wife in attending the farm management short-course held three years ago, special emphasis is being placed in her attendance for this session.

Manning Becker, farm management specialist, who will assist with the workshop, pointed out in recent correspondence that Morrow county has been the only county where farm management workshops have been held in the past that women did not attend. In other counties, women have made up 20 to 30% of the attendance and in most cases, were most interested in the course. Manning Becker stated, "I personally feel that it is a good idea to ask the wives to participate. (You may find that in some cases the wife will attend by herself). Since many of the wives do keep the records these are the people we should be reaching." As a result of this interest by the women, we spend most of the first day on income tax management.

The second day will be a review of decision making and economic principles and improving farm accounts. During the last two days, time will be spent on analyzing farm records, computing efficiency factors, using farm records, including budgeting and adjustments. Some time will be spent on enterprise accounting and machinery cost analysis. Many who attended the workshop in 1960 indicated that they thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. We feel that this one will be even better.

We urge those who have not sent in their pre-enrollment forms, to get them in soon in order that we can plan accordingly. The sessions are scheduled from 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00 each day.

Medusahead Bulletins Available

A new Oregon State bulletin, Special Report 149, "Medusahead A Threat to Oregon Range Land," is fresh off the press. The bulletin gives the geographic distribution of the infestation of Medusahead, a description of this weedy grass, which is designated as one of the primary range weed problems in Oregon. It discusses its environment impact on range land economy and gives control methods and management.

The bulletin, among other things, points out that first concern should be the recognition of the weed so that spot infestations may be reliably identified. A program of early treatment of these spots may mean the difference between a full scale invasion of Medusahead into virtually all ranges presently dominated by cheatgrass or other annuals and successfully living with this weedy grass. It further points out that a well-planned system of proper range use and management is an essential part of a success program to combat Medusahead.

Medusahead, while only identified a few years ago in Morrow county, we believe has been with us on ranges in the foothills of the Hardman country for many years. It will spread quite rapidly where poor range management conditions are found. Since everyone should recognize the potential of Medusahead, we suggest that they call for a copy of the new bulletin here at our office.

New Rodent Bait Available

Fall is here and cooler weather always drives rats and mice indoors. These rodents are seeking shelter in the houses, barns, machinery sheds, feed rooms, and other buildings. This is the time of year to give consideration to a baiting program before numbers build up and these rats

and mice become a big problem for you.

Research has done much in the way of developing new baits that are relatively safe for use around the premises without being harmed. Several years ago, a new anti-coagulant bait, warafarin, was developed. Within the past year, this has been improved upon and most all of this type bait now being sold is of this new improved material. There are many trade names by which it is sold. It comes in the concentrated form for mixing yourself, or can be bought mixed with oatmeal, cornmeal or other grain. There is even a variety of flavors now as manufacturers use both grain and meat so rats don't become tired of eating one menu! All feed stores, hardware, and drug stores carry one or more brands of these baits. They are easy to use by following instructions.

Stored Wheat Rates High

Some interesting information reached my desk recently relative to the mothball fleet where wheat has been stored over 10 years. We thank Cliff Carlson of Archer-Daniels for supplying this information. In comparing loaded and unloaded grades, the report had to say, "None of the stored wheat was down graded due to change in condition or deterioration." This program extended from the loading of the first vessel on March 11, 1954 at Seattle, Washington until the last vessel was unloaded on October 2, 1963 at Vancouver, Washington."

Of the total amount in fleet at Olympia and Astoria, slightly over 39 million bushels carried the same grade throughout the storage. Almost 1 1/2 million bushels increased one numeric grade and the same amount decreased one numeric grade. The increase in unloading over loading grade was due to increase in test weight while in storage while the loss in grade was due to change in standards during the storage, rather than in the condition of the wheat. The grain standards were changed on June 15, 1957. Each state grade certificate showing a down grading contained the following statement, "These meet the United States grade specifications which will be in effect on June 14, 1957 for number 1 Western White."

Contrary to much public opinion concerning the storage of this fleet in mothball ships, it eventually worked out very satisfactorily. Of the almost 42 million bushels loaded there was a total shortage of for the fleet storage program of 6,230 bushels or a percentage of 0.015%.

County 2nd in Bee Inspecting

While bee keeping is not an important industry in Morrow county, it was interesting to see the State Department of Agriculture report on apary inspections made the past year. Out of the 36 counties, two counties, Gilliam and Sherman had no bees inspected. In the other 34 counties, Morrow was among six where there were no infected apiaries. I was surprised to see that there were 16 different apiaries inspected in the county with 213 colonies. Union had the largest number of colonies inspected with no infection, Morrow county was second. Inspections, which are to prevent the spread of bee diseases mainly American Foul brood and European Foul brood are financed by licensed fees paid by the bee keepers.

Tree Order Blanks Arrive

We have just received a supply of order blanks for forest trees for farm and woodland windbreak planting for the 1964 season. Seedlings available for Eastern Oregon plantings are Douglas Fir, Ponderosa, Scotch, Lodgepole, Monterey, Austrian, Knobcone, and Sugar Pine; Grand, White, and Shasta Fir; Port Orford and Incense Cedar.

D. Van Blokland Has Top Score In 4-H Judging

Dale Van Blokland took top honors at the 4-H livestock judging day held at Pine City on Saturday, November 16. He was closely followed by Maureen Doherty and Tom Rawlins, reports Joe Hay, county extension agent.

Van Blokland scored 546 points out of a possible 600; Maureen Doherty scored 537 points and Rawlins, 436.

Other top scoring judges were David Hall, 532; Carol Rawlins, 487; Mike Partlow, 455; Sherri O'Brien, 450; Teresa Harshman, 436; Franell Walker, 433; and Patti Healy, 415.

In addition to the judging, 4-H members were given experience in selecting livestock for their projects. They were asked to select the top four steers out of a group and give reasons for their selections.

"Scores from two of three 4-H livestock judging events to be held in Morrow county this year will be used for selecting state fair and Pacific International Livestock Exposition judging teams," Hay said.

Livestock Club Plans Goals at Meetings

A reorganization meeting for the Butter Creek Junction 4-H Livestock club was held October 22 at the Pine City schoolhouse. The meeting was called to order by outgoing president Mitch Ashbeck. Nominations were open for new officers. Those elected were Patti Healy, president; Mitch Ashbeck, vice president; Sarah Witherite, secretary; Melvin Ashbeck, treasurer; Melvin Ashbeck, song and game leader, and Calvin Ashbeck, club reporter.

Coming events for the year were discussed. Guests were Joe Hay, Charlie Daly, Bill Healy, Mrs. Carl Rhea and her daughter, Lori. We had our second meeting November 5. Melvin Ashbeck led the pledge to the flag and Sheila Luciani led the 4-H pledge. We checked our goals for the coming year. Melvin Ashbeck led us in a song, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Weldon Witherite.

Sewing-8 4-H Club Has Two Meetings

The Sewing-8 4-H club met October 28. We elected our officers. They are Nancy Campbell, president; June Ledbetter, vice president; Glenda Kay Van Winkle, secretary; Mary Kay Hughes, news reporter, and Carol Hughes, song and game leader. We filled out our record books with our names, age, date of birth and years in sewing. We met again November 2, and named our club the Sewing-8. We talked about making favors for the hospital and the kind we would make. We meet the first Saturday of every month in the lunchroom.

3 Knitting Groups Make Up 4-H Club

A meeting was held at the elementary school Tuesday, November 12, to organize a 4-H knitting club, under the leadership of Mrs. Bill Gentry. The meeting was opened with the club pledge. We selected the name Blue Mountain Knitters for our club name. Our officers are Judy Gentry, president; Becky Fulleton, secretary and treasurer, Carolyn Bookman, reporter, and Lynn Key, song leader.

The club is divided into three groups. Mrs. Elsie Gibson will teach phase two of knitting; Mrs. Rachel Harnet and Mrs. Opal Cook will teach a beginner's class, or phase one.

Sierra Redwood, Chinese Arborvitae, Norway Spruce and Rocky Mt. Juniper in the Conifers, with Black Locust, Caragana, Chinese Elm, Russian Olive, and Honey Locust as Broadleaves. Anyone interested should check at this office. Trees will not be shipped prior to December 1.

We recommend February 1 shipment as spring planted trees have been most successful in Morrow county. We would be glad to work with anyone planning a windbreak or woodland planting.

Schedule Received For WSU Shortcourse

A few days ago we received a copy of the program for the 12th Washington State University Stockmen's Shortcourse. It will be held at Pullman this year on December 9, 10, 11, and 12.

The program this year will cover beef cattle nutrition, evaluation, management, and marketing. Those attending can select from three different programs which will be carried on simultaneously.

Professors, teachers, or lecturers will be from various departments of Washington State University, including the Department of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine, Experiment Station, as well as from commercial livestock industries and Universities in other states and Canada.

For those who are interested in further information, contact Leland C. Strait, Conference Coordinator, Room 102, Wilson Hall, Washington State University, Pullman. Livestock growers who have attended this shortcourse in the past have been very complimentary of this event.

Chats From Your Home Agent

Thoughts Given to Turkey Dinner as Holiday Nears

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Thanksgiving plans are in the air. Let's visit about the traditional turkey and cranberries this week.

You can buy frozen turkey already stuffed—or without stuffing, but there's a difference in the way you handle it.

Virginia Weiser, OSU Nutritionist, tells you how. If you buy a frozen turkey, already stuffed, cook it without thawing. Before cooking, it's all right to let it stand overnight in the refrigerator, but not at room temperature. Once you do start roasting the turkey, continue until it is finished. Do not start it one day and finish it the next.

If the frozen turkey is not stuffed, thaw it in its own wrapper, in the refrigerator. The thawing is more uniform than when thawed at room temperature. A turkey of 10 to 20 pounds will take about two days to thaw in the refrigerator.

Boneless Turkey Rolls

When Charlie Fisher, OSU Poultryman, visited us last spring for chicken barbecuing, he told us about boneless turkey rolls which are taking new shape in Oregon. They are molded to resemble a whole turkey, and the dark and light meat tied separately. The dark meat is placed so that it resembles the turkey's legs and thighs.

This year more than half million pounds of boneless turkeys will go on sale in the Pacific Northwest. The Extension Service consumer tested the boneless turkey and helped the processor keep records and yield weights and aided in solving other marketing problems.

The USDA bulletin, "Turkey on the table the year round" is available from the County Agent's office for ways to prepare the bird.

Cranberry Harvest

Oregon homemakers will have plenty of fresh, plump cranberries this season as more Oregon berries are coming to market this year than last. The crop is forecast at 45,000 barrels (100 pounds per barrel) which is considerably greater than average.

Cranberry harvest in the east starts shortly after Labor Day, and the first berries reaching the west coast come from Massachusetts. Harvesting in Oregon and Washington gets under way in late September or early October and may run through November, assuring fresh berries in good supply through December.

Most Oregon berries come from Coos county; but Clatsop, Curry, Tillamook, and Lane also have small acreages.

Cranberries Year Around

It is possible that fresh market sales of cranberries may be extended to an entire year. This could be the results of some

experiments now being done in Massachusetts by the Ocean Spray Cranberry Association. In this experiment cranberries are immersed in a water bath of 125 degrees F. for a short time. The idea is to wash away fungus that could develop and cause the fruit to rot. The fruit is then air cooled to 75 degrees F.

It is planned to put some of the berries through the heat treatment again in February and March for shipment through Easter. About 1% of the season's harvest will be involved in the test. Results could mean fresh cranberries will be on the market nearly all year long.

Selection

Be sure to select plump, shiny smooth skinned berries, size, color, and shape will vary with variety, but if berries are plump and firm, bright colored and shiny, you'll know they are truly fresh.

Processing

In addition to fresh cranberries now in season, shoppers find processed cranberry products on supermarket shelves the year around. Most popular items are canned whole and jellied cranberry sauce. Many enjoy bottled cranberry juice, a blend of cranberry juice, sugar, and water. Mixed with other juices or gingerale, this makes a refreshing drink. Served hot or cold, its ruby red color is particularly appropriate to the holiday season. Apple-cranberry sauce is an interesting combination usually found in the canned goods section of your supermarket. Shoppers may also find cranberry-orange relish in some frozen food department.

Cranberries Have Many Uses

Growing in popularity—cranberries are a wonderful accompaniment for all meats and poultry. The versatile, tangy cranberry adds color and flavor to dishes served at breakfast, lunch or dinner—in muffins and breads, molded salads, pies and cakes, sherbets, jams and jellies, refreshing fruit drinks, and, of course, an infinite variety of relishes and sauces.

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Mary Kay Hughes, reporter

ASCS Deadline Near on Naming Committeemen

Farmers in Morrow county now have their annual opportunity to choose the best men available to serve as ASC committeemen. The elections of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) community and county committees are held once a year throughout the country, sometime between early September and December. In Morrow county, the community elections will be held by mail and ballots must be posted not later than November 29.

By helping select the most able, energetic, and forward-looking farmers for committeemen, farmers themselves take a major step to assure good service to themselves and their neighbors, and sound administration of ASC farm programs in the community and county.

All farmers who either participate or are eligible to participate in any of the programs administered by the farmer-committeemen are eligible to cast ballots in the community elections.

After the community farmer-committeemen are elected, their chairmen serve as delegates to a county convention, where the ASC county committee of three regular members is chosen on December 9.

Since the county and community committees are responsible for the local administration of many national farm programs, it's important that capable men be selected. The committees make local program decisions, and county office staff do the necessary detailed administrative work. The offices maintained by the county committees are the farmers' local contact for business connected with program participation.

Woodworkers Meet

"Boardman Builders" 4-H club answered roll call at its last meeting by giving a name of one part of the saw or hammer. We studied about different kinds of nails and saws, then worked on sawing a board in a straight line. We will cut out bread boards this week and bring them to our next meeting. The only tools we will use are a saw and square. Ronald Banzer joined our club.

Ronald Baker, reporter

Club Makes Halters

On November 12 the Ione Livestock club met at the home of Herbert Ekstrom, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. We decided on goals we were to have for the year. Our leader, Herbert Ekstrom, showed us how to make a rope halter. Each member made a rope halter. Ronnie Palmateer joined our club. Visitors were Ted Palmateer, Don Peterson, Art Warren, Michael and Marilyn Warren, and John Proudfoot.

Earl Pettyjohn, reporter

See Demonstration

On November 5 the Ruralettes 4-H club met at the home of Julie Zinter. Roll call was answered by each one telling something we had learned about buying cotton material. We each gave a short demonstration, then our leader, Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, and Shauna Bergstrom gave a team demonstration on shrinking material. For refreshments, Julie served chocolate ice cream and cookies, then we played games.

Mary McElligott and Julie Zinter, reporters

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