



FARM NEWS



TWO LITTLE Charlais-Herford cross calves are shown with their Hereford mother on the Dick Wilkinson ranch a few days after their birth. They are the product of artificial insemination with their father being a Charlais bull, "Maestro" of Tyler, Texas. (G-T Photo)

Twin Charlais Arrive at Ranch

A Charlais bull by the name of "Maestro" which weighs just under 3,000 pounds, is the father of twin Charlais-Herford calves born on the Wilkinson ranch on Willow Creek last week.

Born in Tyler, Texas, the bull is a member of a battery of progeny tested beef bulls in the mid-west.

The twins, each larger than the average single calf, were doing quite well when visited last Friday morning at the age of 26 hours. The result of artificial insemination, they are a part of a large group of calves at the Wilkinson ranch that were conceived by this method.

Dick Payne, son-in-law of the Wilkinsons, was the inseminator, and evidently has the technique down quite "pat" from the percentage of calves that are

being born this spring. While semen from Hereford sires at the beef battery of American Breeders Service was used, a Charlais-Herford cross shows up quite distinctively with the white faced "yellow" calves.

Many have seen this peculiar color from these same cross breeding at the Orville Cutsforth ranch for the past several years. Even more striking is a cross between the Charlais and Angus cows, which gives a peculiar "dirty white" color.

There is much interest shown locally in improvement of beef herds by the use of artificial insemination which provides for the use of progeny tested sires to be used on cows that otherwise could not share in such beef improvement when used the conventional way.

Home Extension Unit To Sponsor Food Sale

A food sale will be sponsored by the Heppner Extension Unit on Friday, February 21. It will be held at Red and White Grocery, starting at 1:00 p.m., according to leaders of the unit.

The sale is one of the unit's money-making projects scheduled for the year. The unit helps support Azalea house at Oregon State University, sponsors the Homemaker's Spring Festival, contributes 4-H awards in knitting and other local projects.

Busy Needles Meet

Meeting of the Busy Needles 4-H Knitting club was January 21 at 4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Spohn. We knitted on our potholders and caps. We had a visitor, Tanya Tucker, who is joining the club. The next meeting will be February 18 at the home of Mrs. Spohn.

Christine McCabe, reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sherman were week-end visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman and family. The couple lives in Salem, where Mrs. Sherman is home economics teacher in Parrish Junior High and from where Dick commutes to Corvallis to complete his college major in mathematics at Oregon State University.

Plaques Awarded At District Meet

By N. C. ANDERSON
Morrow County Agent

Two new supervisors were welcomed and two were retired after their long and faithful service to the district at the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District's annual meeting in the Lexington Grange hall last Tuesday evening.

Chairman Raymond French thanked Raymond Lundell, retiring director who had served 12 years, and Bob Jepsen, who had served four years. Vernon Munkers, Lexington, and Roger Palmer, Heppner, are the new directors chosen for four-year terms, and W. C. Rosewall, Heppner, was elected to fill out a one-year term.

Gar Swanson and French narrated their presentation of colored slides on their trip to Good-year Farms at Litchfield Park, Ariz., in mid-December. They represented the district as state winners of the nation-wide Good-year Soil Conservation awards contest. Some 40 persons were present to enjoy the report of the trip.

George Bonbrite, Goodyear field representative of Pendleton, awarded plaques to Gar Swanson, Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year, and each supervisor in the district. He complimented the supervisors on their unique position as being a part of the only district in the state to have won the state Good-year award twice in the past 10 years, as well as being second place winner in 1958.

William Cochran, assistant administrative officer, State Soil Conservation committee, also complimented the supervisors and said that he wondered if the people in the Heppner district realized "the nice job their supervisors are doing." He suggested cooperators go out of their way to give these supervisors a pat on the back for their intense interest in conservation of resources of the county.

A long list of achievements of the district which appeared in the special Soil and Water Conservation district page in last week's Gazette-Times, was reviewed.

Bill Coffield, watershed planning leader of the conservation service, explained Public Law 566 in a talk. It provides for Federal cost sharing in developing watersheds, such as the Rhea Creek and Rock Creek projects now under study in this area. He pointed out that most developments now are multipurpose, which includes flood prevention, recreation, irrigation and drainage and detention reservoirs back in the watershed before it gets out of control. He said there are 39 applications

for watershed developments in Oregon with 14 authorized and six in the planning stage with some construction underway. He pointed out that developments of such small watersheds move along in relation to the leadership given in the community and announced that a reconnaissance of the Rhea Creek watershed will be made in late February. The sponsorship, development and maintenance of these projects are left up to the local people.

Ken Keudell, speaking for Farmers Home Administration, pointed out that many of the small watershed projects are financed through FHA loans. These loans are available for two important parts of the project, the watershed development project where the water is retained and loans for irrigation development on the individual ranch as well as group irrigation projects. This takes care of the expenses of organizational right-of-ways, attorney fees, as included in a watershed plan with terms up to 50 years to pay.

25 Persons Attend Weed Shortcourse

Excellent weather and conflicts in community activities kept many people at home, but more than 25 persons attended the weed control shortcourse last week. The shortcourse took its enrollees back to the fundamentals of plant growth in explaining how weed chemicals kill and then carried through with the latest research and recommendations.

Dr. Bill Furtick told of three relatively new chemicals, Tordon, Banvel D, and Bentrol, which look especially good on Canadian thistle, morning glory, as well as the hard-to-kill annuals.

He told of the cooperative projects that OSU has with Chile where weed control work can be carried on for the whole year. Chile has the same weather with opposite seasons as Oregon so fits in perfectly as an opportunity to speed up weed research activities which is being done.

Claron Hesp, Farm Chemicals, Athena, did a fine job in pointing out the importance of having good spray equipment for

70 Head Offered At Angus Sale

The "Angus Capital of the West" has attracted consignments of 70 head of all black bulls for the twelfth anniversary sale at Baker, Saturday, February 22 at 12 noon.

This report of consignments by 13 Northwest Angus breeders of registered Angus bulls comes from Sale Manager Joe Freeman, Baker.

The consignments will come from Oregon, Idaho and Washington and sale is sponsored by Oregon Angus association.

The Baker sale will be one of the few big Angus sales in the region. It is offering a wide variety of the breeding selections as well as fine bulls for the commercial herds looking for outstanding quality.

Sale catalogs may be obtained by writing Mr. Freeman.

A show will be held at 1 p.m. Friday with J. D. Mankin of Payette as judge.

an efficient, effective job. He explained the various spray nozzles and equipment which are necessary for modern chemicals. He demonstrated one model of spray boom which is being used very effectively by many wheat growers in the area.

The group asked that a handy reference book of weeds common to Morrow county be assembled to all growers to facilitate control methods. This will be available within the near future for distribution from this office.

Tad Miller Plans Four-Row Windbreak

Tad Miller, North Lexington rancher, is the latest to plan a farmstead windbreak. Last week we assisted Tad in planning a four-row windbreak which will give protection to his home. Something different from the usual is being added to this windbreak where Tad will plant a number of dwarf fruit trees interspersed among the inside pine row. Caragana and two rows of black locust will make up the planting.

The William Dohertys last month set out a two-row windbreak of black locust and pine. Others interested can order trees from the state nursery before the end of the spring planting season which is April 1. Order blanks are available from this office.

Fred Ball of Hermiston arrived in Heppner Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week visiting friends and relatives here. Mr. Ball is staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wavel Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevener and their infant son, Brian, returned to their home in Cornelius last Thursday, after spending three days visiting friends and relatives in Heppner. They were house guests of Mrs. Hevener's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Salting.

Week-end visitors in Heppner were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lindberg, Mrs. Marjorie Puckett and her son Doug, all of Spokane. Mrs. Lindberg is a sister to Mrs. Ella Bleakman, who is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

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Miss Joyce Peck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peck, is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Emma Breshears, who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital, is now at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leyva and children of Hood River spent the week-end in Lexington at the C. C. Jones ranch.

Keith Peck who is employed in Portland spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peck.

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Signup Starts For 1964 Feed Grain Program

Oregon barley and corn producers are now signing up for the 1964 feed grain program.

Those who wish to participate must file with their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) office by March 27, advises M. D. Thomas, Oregon State University extension economist.

Producers of feed or malting barley, field corn and grain sorghum who sign now and make required acreage reductions later will be eligible for program benefits, he said. These include price supports and payments for diverting feed grain acres to conservation uses. No diversions are required to qualify for price-supporting loans on oats and rye, Thomas added.

The program, authorized by Congress in 1963, aims to keep national feed grain production within needs, protect farm income and reduce government costs.

On farms with feed grain bases of more than 50 acres, the maximum acreage that may be diverted to conserving use for payment has been increased to 50 percent of the base. Last year, the maximum was 40 per cent. The payment rate per acre for diverting 40 percent or more will be higher than in 1963.

The entire base may be diverted for payment at the higher rate on farms where the total is less than 25 acres. On farms with bases from 25 to 50 acres, a total of 25 acres may be diverted.

As in the past, the smallest acreage that can be diverted for payment is 20 per cent of the base. No payments or price-supporting loans on feed grains other than oats and rye will be available to growers who do not divert at least 20 per cent of their base, Thomas said.

Growers who wish to participate must first file reports with the county ASC office, if they are not already on record, and then file an intention-to-participate form at the county office as soon as possible, the economist added. Further details on the 1964 feed grain program may be obtained from county ASC or extension offices.

Rhea Creek 4-H Club Hears Sheep Reports

February meeting of the Rhea Creek Livestock 4-H club was called to order by John Harris, temporary chairman. We discussed the sheep reports, in the absence of some of the reporting members. We talked over our projects.

After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served by Mrs. Darrel Harris and Mrs. Harold Wright.

John Harris, reporter

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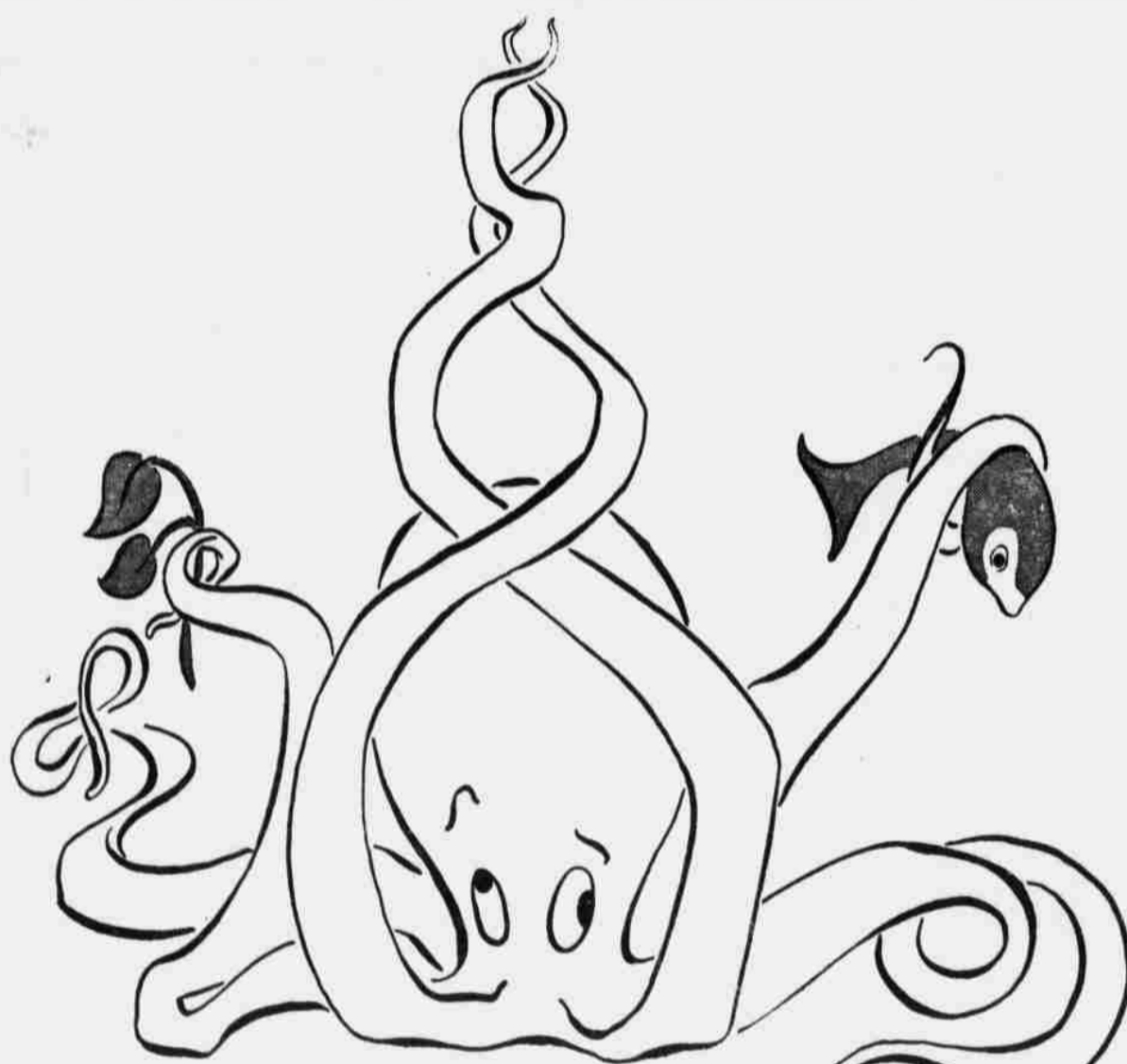


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