



## FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

### Weed Agent Proposed To Aid In Program

By N. C. ANDERSON

From the number of calls received at the office this week, recommendations on mixing 2,4-D weed control is foremost in the minds of many. It is that time of the year that weeds must be killed and every opportunity must be taken for spraying when weather permits. With legislation that banned ester type 2,4-D last year, most everyone is using 6 pound Butyl. In making application the main thing to keep in mind is that the 6 pound Butyl contains almost twice as much acid as the 3.34 pound isopropyl ester and should be mixed accordingly. A pint of this material contains 3 quarters of a pound of acid which is generally adequate for most all weeds with the exception of heavy infestations of tar weed. Of course, the earlier weeds are sprayed, the better the kill. Some easy to kill weeds such as the mustards, chickweeds and filaree can be killed with 1/2 to 3/4 of a pint.

Speaking of weeds, we are still attempting to find an effective method of controlling bulbous bluegrass which is a problem in some wheat fields especially in the higher rainfall areas. Last

Friday we established a trial at the Andy Van Scholack ranch where this grass is a real problem in wheat production. We used 2 gallons per acre Des-I-Cate, a foliage knockdown many times used on legumes to dry it up for seed harvest in an attempt to control bulbous blue in fallow before seeding. We also used 1 1/2 pounds of 80% Atrazine and 1/2 pound actual Amtrone in stubble in an attempt to control this weed.

Realizing that weeds are one of our real important problems in crop production, the Extension Advisory Committee last Monday evening, agreed that they would request funds from the budget committee for a 1/4 time weed agent, working jointly with Gilliam and Sherman counties. This jointly sponsored weed agent would work directly with ranchers in weed control problems, establish demonstrations, using new promising chemicals as well as those that are recommended, and attempt to develop an efficient weed spray program with the County Weed sprayer operator. This program is being offered through Oregon State University as a joint venture sharing agents that at one time were hired full time by counties, lost as a result of tax reductions.

#### County Livestock Growers Discuss Variety of Problems

The Executive Committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association met last week with many items on their agenda for the evening. Chairman Dick Wilkinson reported on a meeting of representatives of Umatilla and Morrow County Livestock Growers Association with the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in Pendleton early this year who discussed important projects including a proposed combination of state and county dues. He also reported on a meeting held in early March to discuss fire patrol tax and plans for better organization of fire control by local, state and federal agencies.

Livestock Growers who have had heavy financial losses were happy to hear of a disease meet-

ing held in Baker recently which resulted in a research project with participation from the National Animal Disease Laboratory, Ames, Iowa, and hitting at the problem of the complex calfhood diseases that have taken a great loss during the past several years. A soil scientist, pathologist and virologist are working in the field at this time to determine causative agents of the disease.

The executive committee agreed to co-sponsor the Portland 8th grade tour that will be held here late in April and authorized Chairman Wilkinson to represent the Association in the activities for these boys and girls. Concerned with the effect of foreign meat imports on the price of cattle, the group drafted a letter addressed to congressmen and others concerned favoring legislative reducing foreign import quotas, and went on record favoring wheat legislation based on the voluntary certificate plan as a means of protecting income to wheat and cattle growers. They also wrote the White House to ask the President for his personal stand on meat import quota legislation. It was pointed out that preliminary work done by Oregon State University indicated that the price of beef has been reduced almost \$3.50 a hundred due to foreign meat imports.

The group studied the proposed sales tax constitutional amendment filed by the Oregon Agricultural Tax Association and authorized Larry Lindsay, chairman, Taxation and Legislation, to further investigate the proposal as to when sales taxes would be imposed on various raw products. They also asked for a clarification of the Oregon Fence Law to clear up some problems evident in the present law. They authorized a \$30 scholarship for the 1964 Youth Range Camp delegate and set the date for their annual meeting for November 6 and 7. They asked the secretary to contact State and Federal veterinarians for a progress report on the calfhood disease research and proposed a livestock nutrition symposium as a part of the program. Membership chairman, Raymond French, reported 85 paid up members to date, with memberships still coming in.

#### New Barley Seed Varieties Tested on County Farms

1963 Hudson barley growers, Frank Anderson, Kenneth Peck, McElligott Brothers and Lloyd Howton report sales to 34 ranchers in Morrow county that should provide good sources of seed in every community, should this new variety prove out as well this year as it has for the three years it has been grown in the county. In addition, McElligott Brothers provided substantial quantities of seed to seven growers in Umatilla county and the State of Washington. Lloyd Howton who was well pleased with the performance of Hudson grown at his ranch last year with a yield of 2500 pounds per acre of 52 pound test weight barley, reports that he had observed recently his own and Walter Jacobs fall seedings and found the same vigorous appearance as last year. It will be interesting to check performance of this variety under the many different conditions it is being grown in 1964.

The variety Unitan grown last year by the few in the Columbia Basin with Max Barclay being sale producer to our knowledge here, it has been distributed quite widely in the Columbia Basin. Pendleton Grain Growers report they have sold 170 tons of this new variety that also made a good yield of high test weight barley a year ago. It, however, is a spring variety and many growers are looking for a winter hardy, fall variety that have the characteristics of high yield and test weight.

#### Fire Program Laid for Year

At the Morrow County Volunteer Farm Fire Control Committee meeting recently, plans were laid for the 1964 fire program. They were happy that ranchers are more fire conscious than for many years and were pleased with the great amount of fire control equipment that is being developed on many ranches over the past few years. They made plans to put county owned equipment located in various areas throughout the county in top operating condition for this fire season.

Equipment is located at the Walter Jacobs ranch, Don Helmers and Bob Rietmann, Ione, Roy Martin and Kenneth Peck, Lexington, Harold Wright, Jerry Brosnan and Andy Van Scholack, Heppner. They authorized their secretary to get a general fire letter out to all farmers encouraging them to have their fire fighting equipment in shape ready to fight fires when and if they occur.

#### 'Oregon Desert' Book Out

We had a pleasant surprise Friday evening when the two "sages" of Oregon, Rube Long, Fort Rock and E. R. Jackman, Corvallis, called on us for a short visit. We found they were in the interest of their book which they have jointly authored, "The Oregon Desert" that will be out next month. Many who know these "characters" have been waiting for the book for many months.

E. R. "Jack" Jackman gave us a preview and I am sure that it will bring back many of the incidents Jack has been known for in his many visits here over the years as Range Management Specialist with the OSU Extension Service. He has many friends in Morrow county.

See us for envelopes of all kinds. The Gazette-Times.

### Chats With Your Home Agent

#### Leaders to Hold Study on Judging, Clinic Date Set

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Pointers will be given to 4-H leaders in the activities of 4-H demonstrations and judging on April 16 and 17 at Heppner and Irrigon, respectively.

Demonstrations and judging techniques, two forms of 4-H teaching, will be passed on to each leaders club as they prepare for the Morrow County Fair, August 25-28.

We've obtained reprints from the National 4-H News on "The Winning Demonstration" and have scheduled the film, "Marie Demonstrates the 4-H Way" to aid the leaders in learning about demonstrations. The OSU bulletin, "Let's Teach 4-H Club members How to Make Decisions Through Judging," will be used for the judging training.

We will run a morning session and repeat again in the afternoon for the convenience of the leaders to attend either one.

Here are the dates again: April 16, at county agent's conference room in Heppner. Morning session, 10:00 a.m., and afternoon session, 1:30 p.m.

April 17, at old Irrigon school cafeteria, morning session—10:00 a.m., and afternoon session at 1:30 p.m.

"A 4-H'er And His Money" Speaking of 4-H, we held our first "4-H'er and His Money" meeting on April 4 at the Heppner elementary school. Twenty-five boys and girls attended this special program which was designed to help members understand just what money is, how it is handled, and where it goes. It was also aimed to give 4-H'ers some guides to help them plan their spending.

We've still one meeting to go for north Morrow county 4-H'ers on the evening of April 16 when we meet with the Irrigon Community clubs.

Assisting the agent in Heppner were Mrs. Wallace Wolf, Mrs. Larry Cook, Bob Booth, and N. C. Anderson.

In Irrigon we will have Mrs. Richard Ryan, Mrs. Max Jones, and Mrs. Andrew Skiles, assisting.

4-H Notebooks For Sale—We now have six dozen 4-H note-

books for sale in the office at 50c.

#### Progress of Laundry Clinic April 23

Conferences with Ron Daniels, principal of Riverside High School, and Mrs. Della Lindsay, Home Economics instructor of the Boardman school, have verified the use of the Riverside gym for our special Laundry Clinic, scheduled for April 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Home Economics girls of the Riverside school will model washable styles in modern fabrics shown by Mary Behrens, home economics for a well-known washer company. Bernice Strawn, OSU Home Management specialist, will also be there to talk on modern day laundry problems.

Herb Ekstrom Jr., Ione, will be present to show how water softener can give you a clean wash and save on your soap bills.

So everything points to "Go." Why don't you and your friends plan on a careful coming up to Boardman that day? The county committee is sponsoring free baby sitting for the small fry.

#### Changeable Dates

Because of this "Laundry Clinic" the training meeting for project leaders for "Adventures in Salad Making" had to be changed to the following dates—

April 29, Boardman and Irrigon leaders will train at the home of Mrs. Harold Walker, Boardman. April 30—The rest of the unit's leaders will train at the Heppner Fair Annex building.

Both meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. We have a filmstrip, "Songs of Salads" which we plan to use at this training. These filmstrips will be available for your May Extension Unit meetings.

#### May 5-7: State Homemakers Council Dates

The annual Oregon Home Economics Extension Council will be held at the OSU campus in Corvallis, May 5-7. The theme of this year is "Better Homes Through Research." Here's a brief program:

Tours—May 5 (Your Choice), William Jasper Kerr Library, OSU Food Technology Department or Oceanography and Forest Research.

Workshops—May 6, Leadership for County Committee and Unit Chairmen, Project Leaders, ACWW, Health and Safety, Careers and Youth, Plus—Dinner, Banquet and Luncheon.

Plan To Go To State Council

Send in your reservation along

with \$6.50 to the county agent's office, Heppner, Oregon, by April 25. We've made reservations for six at the Country Kitchens Motel in Corvallis for our delegation.

#### Alumni Entertaining—May 20

Alumni County Committee women will be entertained at the home of Mrs. John Graves, Hardman, May 20.

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#### Son Born Tuesday To Jack Lovgrens

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lovgren, Corvallis, are parents of an 8 1/2 lb. baby boy, born Tuesday, April 7, in a Corvallis hospital, according to word received by relatives here this week. A name had not yet been chosen for the little man, who joins two brothers and one sister at home.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Helen Cox and Ivan Cox and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cal Lovgren. Mrs. Lovgren is spending the week at the home of her son and family in Corvallis.

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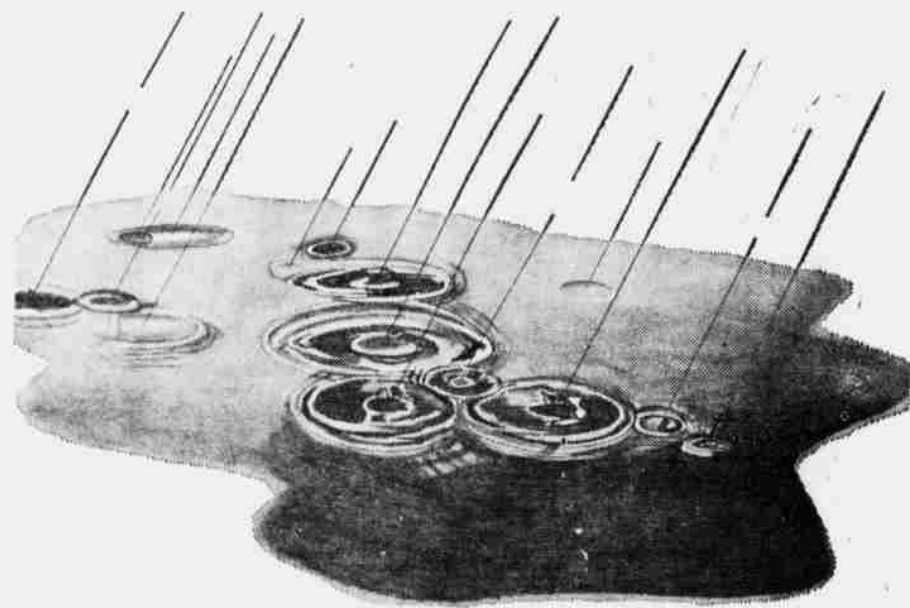
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