

# Jackson County Weed Control Supervisor Sets Theme for Oregon Conference Here

Ray Hubbell, Medford, immediate past president of the Oregon Weed Conference, set the theme for the two-day meeting here Thursday and Friday.

Addressing the conference Thursday morning, Hubbell, Jackson county weed control supervisor, said two needs are important to weed control. Research is needed for better methods and chemicals for weed control and more education so those research results can be used in the field.

Phil Beilke, Brooks, is the new president. Raymond Crabtree is vice president. Relected were Rex Warren, Corvallis, secretary, and Ray Kelso, Salem, treasurer. Warren is Oregon State college farm crops specialist and Kelso is weed control supervisor for the state department of agriculture.

## Bohnert Tells Control

Speaking Thursday morning on "How I Control Weeds on My Farm," Otto Bohnert, Central Point farmer, told how he uses three pounds of Karmex per acre early in the fall before the weeds start. He explained that deep-rooted plants can't be killed once they are established. Some small weeds are controlled in the seeding stage, he said.

Bohnert has 175 irrigated acres and 140 acres in crops, most of it planted to grass seed.

Bohnert said he also uses control measures for weeds in his head ditch. For bodily control in blue grass he said he uses 2-4D. Two to 2½ pounds of Karmex DW per acre is used in his seed crops in spring and summer after harvest is over.

Five to seven pounds of Karmex and Simozin is used on flat ditches and on fence rows.

## Aquatic Weed Control

Dean Boyle, bureau of reclamation, Boise, Idaho, spoke on ditchbank and aquatic weed control. For irrigation ditch banks best grasses to prevent encroachment of weeds are red creeping fescue, blue grass and crested wheat grass for dryer sites. The latter grass is a good drought resistant grass, Boyle pointed out.

Nothing much has been done with sorghum alium in Oregon, Warren, SOC extension crops specialist, told the audience. (A number of Jackson county stockmen this

year were exploring the possibilities of sorghum alium as a forage crop.)

OSC has cautioned about its use since it may have noxious characteristics. It is a fair forage crop. Quite a bit has been grown in central Oregon and in the Willamette valley, the crops specialist said. Some has been grown in southern Oregon, also.

Possibilities of it containing prussic acid, which is dangerous to livestock, is higher than in Sudan grass, Warren noted.

Sorghum alium has been declared a noxious weed in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Washington and Colorado. In New Mexico an individual selling the plant has been charged with 57 counts of fraud.

## Sterilants Explained

Dr. Dave Bayer, extension weed specialist, Davis, Calif., speaking on getting the most out of soil sterilants, explained that temporary soil sterilants have effects of two weeks to one year; permanent sterilants are effective in the soil for a year or longer.

The first year soil sterilants have good control, then less and less effect. Six categories which must be considered in applying sterilants are decomposition, absorption, leaching rate, other soil factors, inheritance toxicity, and weed species susceptible to soil sterilants.

Also, to get the most out of soil sterilants a person should know the general group, Dr. Bayer said. A weed control man should know whether he wants long, intermediate, or a short type of effect.

Hubbell participated in a panel discussion of various weed district supervisors. Warren acted as moderator. Hubbell said Jackson county has three power-spray units. The district employs two full-time men and one to three summer personnel. Weed infestations on county property are sprayed and those off county property which can be controlled economically. Results have been "pretty satisfying," Hubbell noted. The district does considerable brush work and drainage ditch work, he added.

## Highway Weed Control

Mark H. Astrup, landscape engineer, state highway department, Salem, told of weed control and plantings on Oregon highways. Policy of the highway department is to leave the desired plants and



**DISCUSS PAPERS** — Raymond Crabtree, Maupin, newly elected vice president of the Oregon Weed Control Conference, left, discusses reports with the newly elected president, Phil Beilke, Brooks. The two men were elected at the conclusion of Thursday's session. Rex Warren, Corvallis, OSC farm crops specialist, and Ray Kelso, Salem, weed control supervisor, state department of agriculture, were reelected Friday as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

## State Agriculture Man To Attend Parley

Salem — (UP) Hugh Taylor, chief of the plant division of the State Agriculture Department, will leave today for Minneapolis to attend the biennial meeting of the Association of American Seed Control officials.

He is a member of the executive committee. The sessions close Nov. 20.

## not spraying anything over 3 feet high.

The taller weeds and undesirable grasses are cut and stump-treated, he said.

Dr. W. R. Furtick, OSC, told of some of the future uses of weed control chemicals and the work being done at OSC in evaluating chemicals for farm use. It's difficult to get definite recommendations on their operation, he said.

Dr. Garvin Crabtree, OSC, told of chemical and experimental work being done.

Dr. Virgil Freed spoke on "From the Test Tube," telling what researchers are attempting to do, such as finding the spreader to give the best means of applying the chemical. He told how researchers are studying the chemicals' effects on plants by use of radioactive isotopes. This way, they are learning how the chemicals affect the plants organs, he explained.

Speaking on turf weed control, Dr. Norman Goetz, OSC, suggested the home-owner follow exactly the manufacturer's directions for safe and simple application of lawn weed eliminators.

Augusta, Ga. — (UP) — President Eisenhower, pleased at the 70-degree weather, planned another round of golf today.

## Preferred Gifts For Servicemen

A list of preferred Christmas gifts by servicemen has been received by the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross, county chairman Manville Heisel, has announced.

The list includes cookies, fruit cake and other homemade edibles topping the most wanted list, he said. The list was compiled from a poll of servicemen taken by the Red Cross field directors stationed with military units around the world.

The poll showed that homemade food, money, subscriptions to home town newspapers and family photographs were Christmas presents most likely to be most appreciated by servicemen, he said.

Servicemen stressed that food be packaged for mailing correctly. Money, servicemen said, should be sent in the form of a money order, since personal checks are almost impossible to cash.

The Red Cross suggested that Christmas gifts to servicemen be mailed early. The post office department suggests that gifts be mailed between Nov. 1 and Nov. 20 for delivery to servicemen overseas.

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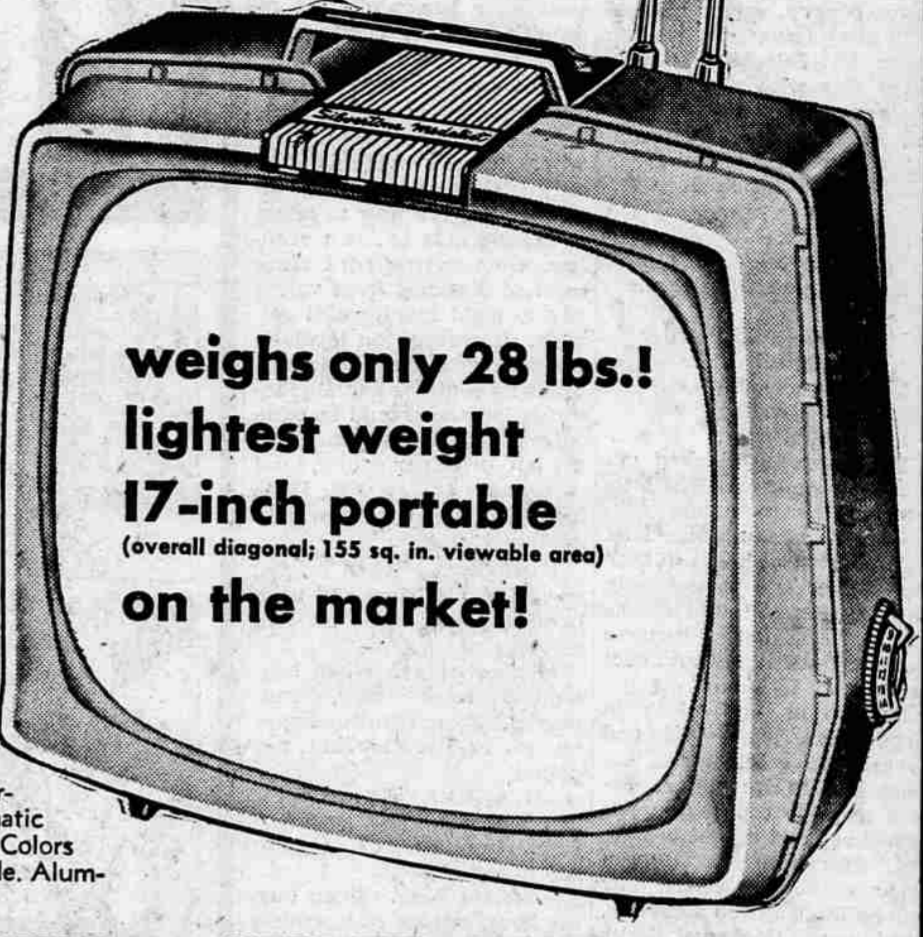
London (UP) — The Daily Mail reported that the Anglican vicar of Watford Friday placed a wheelbarrow full of apples outside his door with a sign reading: "Help yourself." Today the vicar was looking for his wheelbarrow.



**LEAVES COURTROOM**—Donald M. Thompson, 36, of Klamath Falls, is shown leaving the district courtroom here Friday morning with a sheriff's deputy following his preliminary hearing. Thompson, who is charged with armed robbery of the Safeway store in the Medford Shopping center Sept. 7, was bound over to the grand jury with bail continued at \$15,000. He is being held in the Jackson county jail. Escorting him from the courtroom is Joseph Walsh, sheriff's deputy assigned to the jail division.

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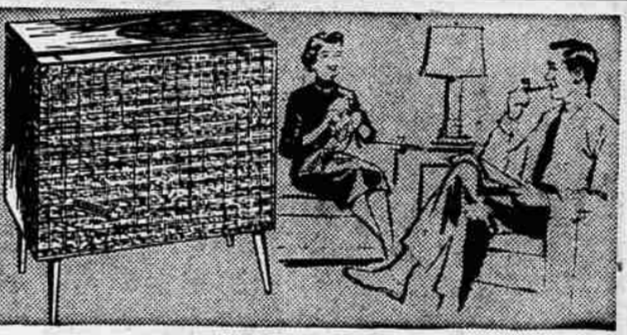
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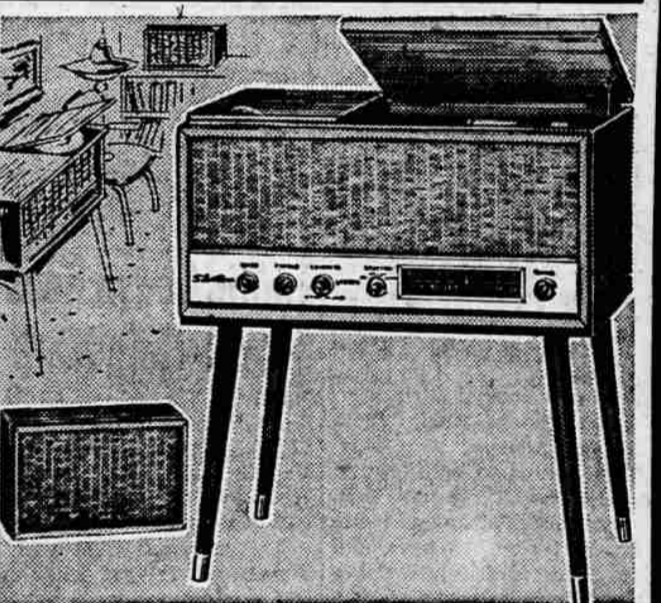
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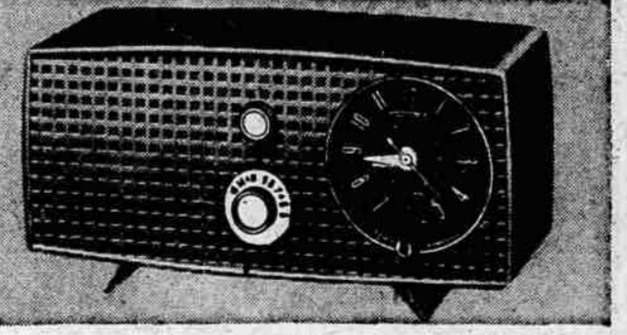


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