

Local Vets Devise New Spraying Method To Wage War On Basin Ticks, Flies

Two enterprising ex-service men, Bruce Campbell of the Henley district and B. M. Driggs of 801 North 8th, brought nationwide attention to Klamath county in this month's edition of *Pie*, monthly publication for young men, when the magazine included coverage of their original business operations in an illustrated article entitled "Oregon." The subject deals with the ingenious ways that returned service men are working out employment problems.

Basin Men Eye Flax Planting

A number of Klamath growers are interested in growing flax seed this year. The government support price \$8.00 per bushel has interested many growers and as a result flax seed is hard to get. Portland companies, however, have been securing a few cars from the middle west and quite a number of local orders have been filled.

Considerable flax has been grown in the Klamath basin in times past in a more or less experimental way with reasonably good results. Yields of 30 to 40 bushels have been secured on the experimental station, and many yields as high as 30 bushels have been reported by growers.

Flax is quite resistant to cold after it passes the seedling stage and will stand considerable water without harm, usually making a heavy growth in the fall. Growers have found it difficult to thrash but good equipment can overcome this difficulty. It is sometimes used as a nurse crop for alfalfa clover as it does not leaf out like other grain crops and clover makes a better growth. Seeding in this area is generally at the rate of about 45 pounds per acre. The last quoted price from Portland indicated that seed flax is now selling at \$9.85 a bushel. It is believed that the demand for flax will remain good as linseed oil is required in paint and the country is behind in construction.

Two-In-One Lawn Treatment Used

To improve the growth of lawn grass and kill the weeds all in the same treatment is some achievement. Specialists in the Department of Agriculture have experimented with dry 2,4-D mixed with a complete fertilizer and broadcast on the lawn.

Preliminary indications are that just a little 2,4-D in the lawn mixture may kill most of the established weeds in the lawn. In the limited experiment so far carried out, 14 pounds of 2,4-D to the acre was enough to kill off practically all of the weeds and to make the grass a deeper and richer green.

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magazine appeared on the news stands, stated that the idea "just grew," after the partners returned from army camps where they observed the effectiveness of DDT in eradication of insect pests.

Campbell, who served in the navy during the last war and Driggs, both 33, an ex-marine, set up the Western Spraying company last spring when they decided to wage war on Klamath county's fly, lice and sage tick population.

Standard orchard spraying equipment was mounted on a pickup truck and a homemade trailer at an approximate cost of \$500 and the two set out for livestock ranches in this part of Oregon. Later two other pickup units were added.

The service provides a quick, efficient and more effective way of controlling insects that make life miserable for stock. Formerly cattle and sheep were driven into a tank full of disinfectant with occasional loss of stock through drowning or mutilation. The new system eliminates accidents since stock is herded into close quarters for the spraying operation. Hair and wool of the animals is wet thoroughly. Cost is estimated at 20 cents per head. Seven hundred animals can be handled a day.

Campbell also uses his apparatus for spraying dairy barns, corrals, packing houses and rendering plants for fly control. It is particularly effective after cattle have been deborned. To be consistently effective the operation should be repeated several times a season for complete eradication of flies. The spray is applied under 450 pounds of pressure for both animals and buildings.

10 Per Cent Of Soud Croon Removed

About 10 per cent of Oregon's record 13,000,000-bushel 1946 potato croon has been removed from regular commercial channels in the operation of government programs to support price to producers at 90 per cent of parity as required by law. E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, has announced.

Some 1500 carloads of potatoes, acquired from Oregon producers in loan and purchase price support programs, have been diverted into livestock feed, industrial and beverage alcohol, school lunch programs and state institutions.

Action has been taken to use price support programs in 1947 to assist growers in effecting needed adjustments in production. Farm potato goals have been established and only farmers planting within goals will be eligible for price support on their potato crops this year, Miller pointed out.

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Herald and News FARM PAGE Conservation Of Soil Resources Is Necessity

Shrinking cropland and increasing population in this country make conservation of soil resources of concern to both farmers and consumers alike. 1300 Oregon farmer AAA committee members have been informed by E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee. The harvested crop acreage in 1946 amounted to 2.4 acres for each man, woman and child in the United States, Miller reported. While this is the highest per capita cropland acreage of any nation in the world, it still represents a loss of almost one acre per person compared with 25 years ago.

Since the introduction of government-sponsored conservation programs 10 years ago, annual losses of plowland have been cut in half—from one million to a half million acres lost through erosion and depletion. Despite this progress, Miller pointed out, more cropland is being lost each year than is being brought into production through irrigation and reclamation.

"It's obvious why this situation of shrinking cropland and increasing population should be a matter of public concern," the PMA chairman declared. "It tells the story of why public funds are being spent for conservation work—of why the government, through the agricultural conservation program, is spending

Hannchen Barley Seed Said Bad

Hannchen barley held at Dallas by the Anheuser-Busch company for local growers for the growing of certified seed has been examined by representatives of the farm crops department of Oregon State college and has not been found satisfactory for the growing of certified Hannchen barley.

Samples of local barley taken by the county agent's office and forwarded to Corvallis indicate four lots of local seed of good quality that should be of particular help to local growers in producing certified seed. Information on these lots can be secured at the county agent's office. Some of these lots are quite clean but a small amount of roguing may be necessary to meet the certification requirements. Hannchen barley certified in the Klamath basin in 1947 by Oregon State college should bring a premium price in 1948 from the large barley growers of the basin.

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building measures under the 1947 agricultural conservation program, Miller said.

Flax Support To Be Dropped

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The price support program will not be extended to the 1947 flax crop, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has notified Sen. Cordon (R-Ore.).

In a letter to the senator Anderson said extension of the support program to cover the 1947 crop had been studied but "could not be justified." He added that loans are available until June 30, 1948, on the 1946 and prior crops.

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COLLEGE HEAD DIES
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