

County Weed Department Unsung Fighter

Probably the most unsung department within the Klamath County system is that of weed control—a full time operation that receives little time, credit or publicity.

Hundreds of miles of county road are cleared of noxious weeds each year—weeds which could possibly be detrimental to nearby farming areas. Those weeds are often brought in from outside areas, and along the roadside is a common

spot for the weed seed to drop. For instance, this year Weed Control Supervisor Harold Schieferstein has been working on a weed that has developed but recently in impressive proportions here. Five-hooked bassia was unknown not long ago. Today it's found along several county roads, especially in the Lower Klamath Lake area.

In fact, there are several spots right in Klamath Falls not far from

the downtown area—where the weed has sprung up, in and around sites where industrial and farm equipment are parked. The bassia seed has five tiny hooks on it, and that's what it latches on with to gain transportation.

Klamath County itself is a weed control district, becoming such on April 27, 1929. And on order from the County Court Dec. 17, 1941, the following weeds were declared nox-



WENDELL GINTHER puts the kill to wild morning glory, one of the Klamath area's worst garden and field weeds. This is on the D. B. Murphy place where experiments are under way to control them. Gintner is using MCP—the British counterpart to our 2,4-D.



BULL THISTLE, one of the more uncomfortable of Klamath weeds, is examined by P. E. Stiles and C. B. Stiles, both weed control employees of the county. The two men are cousins.



5-HOOKED BASSIA, a noxious weed not heretofore common to the Klamath County, is examined by County Weed Control Supt. Harold Schieferstein. Found in many parts of the county, some of the weed has been introduced inside Klamath Falls city limits.

Joint Spud Meet Slated For Merrill

A basin-wide spud growers meeting has been set for Aug. 20 at Merrill, with both Klamath and Tulelake growers participating, it was announced today.

The meeting was called as a result of recommendations to that effect made at a joint meeting in Merrill last March.

This session will take up the problems and discussions of marketing agreement regulations for the 1952 potato crop. At the March meeting growers instructed the control committee to make no recommendations for regulation until after a general meeting not to be called later than Aug. 25.

Weed Angus Field Man

Arnold C. Weed, Gooding, Idaho, has been appointed fieldman and sales manager of the Inland Empire Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association in the state of Washington. He was also recently named sales manager of the Oregon Angus Association.

Weed who is a native of Iowa, has resided in Idaho for the past three years. In 1950 he was appointed secretary-treasurer and sales manager of the Idaho State Angus Association, which was organized at that time. He will continue to serve in this capacity.

The three-state Angus representative is married and has a young son.

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FARM NEWS

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Untapped Milk Source Under Study by OSC

Oregon has an untapped source of good clean milk that could be made available by changing dairy housing requirements in case of Grade A fluid milk shortage, according to Oregon State college dairy scientists.

A research team from the OSC experiment station has completed three and one-half years of tests on factors affecting quality of milk.

They reported that fully 50 per cent of the factory milk producers included in their tests throughout the state met grade A requirements except for housing. That is, much of the factory milk tested for bacterial count was within the 80,000 bacteria per milliliter upper limit set by Oregon law for grade A raw milk for pasteurization. A total of 171 Oregon farms were included in the test.

These statistics show that some dairymen are kept from producing grade A milk simply because of useless housing restrictions which call for expensive barns. Since there is some doubt as to where Oregon will get the fluid milk to supply its increasing population in future years, the OSC results may prove important to the dairy industry.

More production per cow is still regarded as the number one method of increasing the milk supply, but the scientists believe that more practical housing regulations compared with use of cheaper, more efficient types of housing for dairy herds also are important.

Agricultural engineers at OSC recommend a pole frame loading shed and a milk parlor as an efficient dairy housing setup. There is evidence that this type of construction can be had for less than half the cost of some of the large, modern barns.

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Turkeys Need Shade, Water

The recent hot spell has caused some heavy losses in turkeys, reports Noel Bennion, extension poultry specialist at Oregon State college. He blames the losses on lack of shade and water on the range, and has these suggestions for turkey raisers.

Turkeys need enough shade to protect them from the sun without crowding. If range shelters are used, enough for all the birds should be supplied. They should be close enough together to prevent the whole flock from trying to use one, especially during very hot weather. Some losses have resulted when a lot of birds crowded around little shade.

Water, one of the cheapest parts of a feeding program, is also one of the most neglected, Bennion says. Turkeys consume large

amounts of water, and supplying this item is especially important during hot weather. Drinking facilities should be located where all the birds can satisfy their needs at all times.

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