

AROUND THE FARM

By Don Coin Walrod



Casualty losses suffered to farm business property may result in permissible income tax deductions. While the subject of casualty losses is covered to some degree in the 1965 "Farmers Tax Guide," the subject is covered in considerably greater detail in Internal Revenue Service Document No. 5174. Both publications are available from county extension offices.

Medication alone apparently cannot replace good management of lambs for preventing losses from internal parasites. Recently completed experiments by USDA illustrated the fallacy of relying solely on drugs in the control of parasites.

Even though given free-choice and therapeutic medication with phenothiazine and dosing with thiabendazole, lambs grown on contaminated pastures developed clinical parasitism. At the same time, lambs in drylot or on newly renovated pastures remained essentially parasite free with phenothiazine.

It was noted in the trials that lambs on clean pastures gradually developed moderate parasitic infections during the latter part of the grazing season while lambs on contaminated pastures became severely parasitized.

In spite of scientific advances, trials of this nature point up the value of good management and appropriate use of all facilities in a farming operation. We suspect that this will hold equally well for most other types of enterprises, too.

A recent article in the "Oregon Farmer" has started interest in sainfoin as a forage crop in spite of the fact that the sub-heading of the article indicated the plant had not performed satisfactorily here in Oregon. OSU Range Management Specialist Dillard H. Gates says, "Despite what the plant may be doing in Montana or other northern plains states, it has not been found to be adapted to either eastern or western Oregon. Insofar as I know, there is no information available indicating that Sainfoin is comparable to alfalfa under any conditions that exist in Oregon."

A new approach to the control of predatory animals is being studied by wildlife research workers of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Laboratory tests are being made at the Denver headquarters, but field work is being conducted in northeastern New Mexico.

In this trial project control of predatory animals specifically coyotes in this case, is being attempted by interruption of their reproductive cycle. Researchers on the project believe it will be easier and more satisfactory, and less subject to public criticism, to prevent the birth of predatory animals rather than to utilize poisons, traps, and other means to kill live animals.

In laying out the field test, over 5,000 one-half ounce edible tallow baits were prepared, each containing a hormone and 10 percent crude bee's wax to raise the melting temperature of the tallow. In this way the melting temperature of the baits was adjusted so that ordinary ground temperatures would destroy the uneaten baits in early April.

Baits were placed in selected suitable places with the intent to make baits available to every coyote on an area of nearly 720 square miles. A control area was selected 25 miles away from the bait area from which to draw untreated animals for checking.

Preliminary data indicates the treatment may have resulted in an 80 percent reduction in the breeding success of females of the treated area compared with the control area. From this work, the researchers conclude that:

- (1) It may be more practical to prevent animals from being born than to reduce their numbers after they are partially or fully grown and established in a secure environment.
- (2) Effectiveness of some kinds of control programs can be reduced by a rebound in reproduction. The use of antifertility chemicals should prevent this compensating increase in production.
- (3) The use of poison frequently results in animals not taking the bait, but in this particular trial, bait was readily acceptable to all animals.
- (4) Anti-fertility agents are safe.

There is relatively little danger to other animals.

(5) Researchers concluded that a wild coyote population could be successfully treated and controlled with the use of anti-fertility agents.

Predatory control has always been a problem in the livestock industry, particularly in range areas. This technique of controlling fertility appears to have some real merit, but it will probably need further study before it can be put to extensive use. Of course, this will not completely solve the problem, and there probably will always be a need for destruction of some specific animals that are causing damage to a herd or flock.

Alaskans Visit Before Return

MIST — Mr. and Mrs. Bern Bliss and Charles Ray arrived Friday evening at the home of her folks, the Ray Garlocks to visit a while before returning to their home in Alaska. They had just returned from the east after visiting relatives during the holidays.

Alma and Mary Garlock and Dorothy Bliss were in Silverton, Sunday to visit Alma's sister, Mrs. Mildred O'Neal and in Salem to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Light and family and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Calaba. Saturday evening, Alma, Mary, Bernice and Lloyd Garlock and Dorothy Bliss attended the shower for the Jim Powells at the Natal Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Monaco and daughter of Portland were Sunday visitors with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford made two business trips to Hillsboro and Cornelius during the week.

Mrs. Edna Johnson visited with the Charles Sundlands during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbie of Portland spent the week end with the Sundlands.

Mist - Birkenfeld Extension Unit met in the home of Mrs. Charles Hansen Friday with nine present. The lesson, "When Death Comes," was given by Mrs. Howard Grimsbo and Mrs. Wayne Kyser. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at noon. The February 12 meeting will be held at the Birkenfeld Center with Mrs. Margaret Allyn giving the lesson, Living with Tensions. There will be potluck at noon. Everyone is welcome.

Potato Group Meets Monday

The Oregon Seed Potato Advisory Council is scheduled to meet at the county fairgrounds, Klamath Falls, Monday, January 18 starting at 1:30 p.m. A general meeting for all certified seed growers is scheduled for all day, Tuesday, January 19.

Some of the items to be considered in the advisory meeting will be certification acreage fees, tuber size for greenhouse samples, and the deletion of hill-united criterion for parent stock.

In the general certified growers meeting, disease limiting certification and comparison of seed sources from other states will be among the matters discussed.

All potato growers are invited to take part in either or both of the meetings, according to County Extension Agent Don Coin Walrod.

Naval Service Plan Offered

The department of the Navy recently announced a new program designed for anyone wishing to enlist in the Navy, but primarily for those individuals committed either to completing their education or continuing in their present job for a time prior to entering the Naval service.

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FARM CALENDAR

JANUARY 14
Delena Home Extension Unit Meeting, Nancy Knox - 10:30 a.m.

JANUARY 15
Applications for Oregon 4-H Club conference due at County Extension office, St. Helens.

JANUARY 19
Berry Growers Meeting - McBride Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 20, 21, 22
Annual 4-H Leaders Conference - OSU, Corvallis.

JANUARY 27
4-H Know Your County Government Conference, Columbia county courthouse

JANUARY 26-28
American National Cattlemen's Association Meeting - Hilton hotel, Portland

The open mind says: "Come on in — there's nobody home, anyway."

THE MIGHTY MIDWEST WANT ADS WORK

Friends Visit Strongs Sunday

RIVERVIEW — Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Strong were Mrs. Agnes Peachey of Portland, L. H. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tillery and daughter of St. Helens and Miss Grace Peachey.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wantland were Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Peters of Portland.

Week end visitors at the home of Mrs. Maude Wells and the Botkin family were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holmes and two children of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kruger and son of Tacoma.

Mrs. Glenn Mitchell spent her holiday vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Throop at Cloverdale. They enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Rose and family of Forest Grove spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cline visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cline at Vancouver, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Wiisanen of Marshland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen Sunday.

Former Residents Visit Schlehbers Last Week

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson of Warren were visitors at the Al Schlehber home during the week. Mrs. Schlehber was an overnight visitor with Mrs. Vivian Karvonen at Clatskanie last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burnham and family of Portland visited with the Shalmon Libels Sunday. The Bud He-meons visited them Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Robert Mathews and Mrs. George Mathews visited Mrs. Sam Devine in Vernonia Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hansen and Randy were in Astoria Saturday.

Daughter Safe During Flood

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kyser visited with the Robert Kysers Sunday. Mrs. Kyser received word during the week that her daughter Esther and husband, the Joe Odstr-cils of Eureka, were not harmed by the recent floods.

Mrs. Wayne Kyser and boys were in Delena Sunday to visit her folks, the Harold Sparks.

H. M. Reynolds has been making frequent trips to Portland to see Mrs. Reynolds. She is slightly improved at this time.

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