

Department of Agriculture Reveals Method of Oregon's Ragweed Control

It's a rare sneeze in Oregon that can be attributed to ragweed pollen, thanks to the state's ragweed control program administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Before the plant can develop far enough to irritate noses of hay fever sufferers the department's ragweed control men are after it with their spray equipment.

But, they are finding the fight a never-ending one. Seeds of the weed can lay dormant for years and then germinate to produce a new crop.

Control measures for this year started May 20 in Josephine county with the pre-emergence spraying of corn fields.

This week Max Brown, field representative in charge of ragweed control for the department, and the five men working with him on the program are all in the fields carrying on a full-fledged spray battle against the weed that not only is a source of irritation to hay fever victims, but can also push out agricultural crops on land it infests.

7,000 to 10,000 Acres Sprayed
During the spray season, which lasts most of the summer, the crews will use three jeep-mounted sprayers and one mounted on a four-wheel drive truck. Before they have completed their work they will have covered from 7,000 to 10,000 acres.

The control area covers all of the 18 counties west of the Cascades and is carried on at no expense to the private land owner. However, all public bodies are responsible for keeping it under control on their land.

Heaviest infestations of the weed and the highest seed count are found in Marion county, but Josephine county has the largest area of infestation.

Ragweed, Brown points out, should not be confused with tansy ragwort, which is under county control in some areas and is distinguished by a bright yellow cluster of blossoms.

Ragweed Described
The ragweed has no typical flower, but heavy pollen-producing blooms cluster along a long spike-like stem.

Leaves of the ragweed are fine and have deep tooth-shaped cuts, while the ragwort has a broader leaf.

A ragweed plant can vary from six inches to six feet in height. Most county agents have a mount of ragweed for identification purposes. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is urging all persons finding plants they think might be ragweed to contact the department or their county agent, so it can be sprayed before its reaching pollen-producing period or developing to the seed stage.

Adrian News

By Mrs. G. E. Mackey

Mrs. Walter Markham and Wilma of Stamford, Neb., arrived last Thursday to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson. They were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Hutchinson and Karen of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kygar visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey and Mrs. Florence Gowey.

Visitors in Spelman Home
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lance and family of Seattle were June 19 overnight guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Spelman. They were enroute to Missouri to visit his parents.

Laura Mackey returned home Sunday morning from a trip to Portland where she attended grand session of Job's Daughters. While there she was an overnight guest of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Helton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gage of Boise were Sunday dinner guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mackey.

Mrs. Marguerite Scott and Donal visited June 18 with Mrs. Maude Case of Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan and family recently returned from a two-week vacation to Oklahoma and St. Louis, Mo., where they visited friends and relatives.

Californians Visit
Mrs. C. R. Purdy of Redding, Calif., and Mrs. Robert Fink and children of Covina, Calif., visited their sister-in-law and aunt, Mrs. Marguerite Scott, the past week.

Mrs. Stanley Mills and daughter called Friday on Mrs. C. R. Mills. Mrs. George Schiemer and Mrs. Lydia Worden visited Saturday with Mrs. Mills and picked up some carpet rags which Mrs. Mills had sewn. They will be used to make a crocheted rug for the church sale next fall.

John Hamilton of Boise was a Saturday overnight guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ashcraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiggins and family of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deffer and family were Sunday visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Deffer.

Mrs. Lois Durocher and family, Earl Sneathens and family of Boise visited Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey. They took a sightseeing trip to Owyhee resort. Gene Mackey returned home with the Durochers for a week's visit.

Visits Grandmother
Wayne Sparks was a Sunday visitor of his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Sparks of Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney and Mary had Sunday dinner at Owyhee resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith and Randolph of Parma visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Martin and sons.

Bob Parker of La Grande visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Parker, over the weekend and Marilyn returned home with him for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Turpin returned Saturday to Aberdeen after visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson and family. Lois Patterson accompanied her grandparents for a 10-day visit.

Bob Patterson and Marvin Bowers took the Boy Scout troop on a fishing and camping trip to Owyhee reservoir last Wednesday and Thursday.

VISIT NYSSA PARENTS
Recent weekend guests in the Lester Oden home were their daughter, Mrs. Satis (Marilyn) Indrakamhoeng of Portland; their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Oden and daughter of Corvallis. On Friday the Odens and their guests went to Enterprise to visit another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Carolyn) Mitchell and family. Mrs. Indrakamhoeng is a laboratory technician at the University hospital in Portland. She plans to join her husband in September in Bangkok, Thailand, where he is employed as a journalist on a newspaper staff in his native country.

BLACKBURNS HAVE GUESTS
James Howard Jones and Peggy Eden of Salt Lake and Dorian Jones Fehiman of Tacoma were weekend guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Blackburn. Sunday visitors in the Blackburn home were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Loise Boren and Leonard of Durkee. James Jones remained to visit this week with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pulsipher visited Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elie Radcliff in Payette. The Radcliffs are former residents of Nu Acres.

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Nyssa Births . . .

June 19—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rowe of Payette, a 4-pound, 14-ounce son, Robert Ivan.

June 20—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Garza of Nyssa, a daughter, Eliana.

June 21—To Dr. and Mrs. Robert Keveren of Vale, a 7-pound, 12 1/2-ounce son, David Paul.

June 21—To Mr. and Mrs. Art Creson of Vale, an 8-pound, 11-ounce daughter, Julia Margaret.

June 22—To Mr. and Mrs. Doran Portener of Parma, a 7-pound, 10-ounce daughter, Loral Lee.

June 22—To Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Beus of Vale, an 8-pound, 1-ounce daughter, unnamed.

June 26—To Mr. and Mrs. Willard Willis of Nyssa, a 5-pound, 7-ounce son, Steve Edward.

AMITY CLUB MEMBERS PLAN SUMMER PARTY IN JULY

Mrs. W. O. Peterson entertained last Friday evening for members of the Amity club. The group played Scrabble with Mrs. Taft Pett as prize winner.

Mrs. Solon Lewis, president, announced that the summer party for members and their guests would be held the latter part of July under direction of Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Dorothea Lewis Mitchell and Mrs. Pett, entertainment committee members.

Next meeting will be July 5 at the home of Mrs. Ray Kynaston in Nu Acres.

There's only a slight difference between keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out, but it's worth knowing.

Latest Volumes at Malheur Library Consider Travel in Italy and India

New books going into circulation Saturday, June 29, at Malheur county library include the following:

"All the Best in Italy" by Sydney Clark. A revised edition of a popular travel guide.

"Fodor's Guide to India" by Eugene Fodor. An accurate, up-to-date guide.

"New Mexico, a History of Four Centuries" by Warren A. Beck. A brief, comprehensive account of the development of the state of New Mexico.

"The Greatness That Was Babylon" by H. W. F. Saggs. Based on recent archaeological scholarship, this is a thorough history of Babylon and Assyria.

"Terrible Swift Sword" by Bruce Catton. The second volume in the Centennial History of the Civil War. In it the Pulitzer Prize winning historian describes the Union and Confederacy as they come to grips with the realization that this was an all-out war.

"Latin America Between the Eagle and the Bear" by Salvador De Modariaga. This book explains the causes of the instabilities that have made Latin America ripe for foreign exploitation.

"Christ's Witchdoctor" by Homer E. Dowdy. A first-hand account of the dramatic conversion of a notorious Amazon witchdoctor, now a jungle missionary.

"Gomillion Versus Lightfoot" by Bernard Taper. Reports on a Supreme court case dealing with the denial of Negro voting rights in Tuskegee, Ala.

"Journalist Eyewitness to History" by Herbert Brucker. The author shows an average day at a newspaper office and includes advice on how to become a journalist.

"Interior Art and Decoration" by Sunset magazine. Craft projects and decorating ideas to beautify your home.

"Devil's Yard" by Ivo Andric. A novel by the 1961 Nobel Prize winner that is a discourse on tyranny.

"Seen Dimly Before Dawn" by Nigel Balchin. A perceptive, interesting British novel of adolescence.

"Revolt in Aspromonte" by Corrado Alvaro. A novel of peasant life in Southern Italy.

"How Like an Angel" by Margaret Millar. A novel of suspense.

"After the Banquet" by Yukio Mishima. A story that reveals the relationship between a Japanese man and woman that is marked by conflicts growing out of their widely different outlook on life.

"The Living Sea" by Jacques Yves Cousteau. An account of the progress made in underwater exploration by Cousteau and his diving team, including the experiences of two men who lived and worked continuously underwater for a week.

"The Webfoot Warriors" by Herbert Best. The story of the U.S. Navy's underwater demolition team.

"By Sea and By River" by Bern Anderson. The naval history of the Civil war.

"Nomads and Commissars" by Owen Lattimore. After a return trip, a qualified observer offers fresh views of a re-emerging land which may be a pivot point in any future struggle between Red China and Russia.

"My Sister, My Spouse" by H. F. Peters. The biography of Lou Andreas-Salome, the Russian woman who was Nietzsche's intimate companion, Rilke's mistress and Freud's follower and friend.

"An Introduction to Robert Frost" by Elizabeth Isaacs. This book discusses the biography of the poet, examines his poetic philosophy and practice and includes detailed explications of some of his poems.

"Dolls of the World" by Gwen White. A history of dolls illustrated with many pictures.

"Call to Commitment" by Elizabeth O'Connor. An account of how the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D. C., makes the Christian life a vital experience for its members and its community.

"How to Run a Small Business" by J. K. Lasser. A new, revised edition of a practical guide for the small businessman.

Work Smarter . . . Not Harder

By BERNICE STRAWN, Extension Home Management Specialist

PICNIC FOODS must be handled right if the occasion is to have a happy ending.

Virginia Weiser, OSU extension nutritionist, lists some foods which might cause food poisoning if not kept chilled. These are potato salad, salad dressing, meats, fish, poultry, pies, cream sauces, custards, milk and milk products.

Don't allow these out of the refrigerator any longer than necessary. Certainly no more than two hours, warns Miss Weiser.

VACATIONING SOON? Don't forget to check your personal property insurance policy to see if it includes a floater clause, advises Mrs. Alberta Johnston, OSU family finance specialist for the extension service.

It's well to have your clothing, camera and other belongings covered wherever you are. You can take out insurance by the day for the time you'll be gone. Be sure to tell the insurance agent if these items are likely to be in an unattended car at any time.

Mrs. Johnston also suggests that you check costs of adding a floater clause to your regular insurance policy so you'll be covered all year.

WORKING WIVES . . . What kind of homemaker are you? Have to have everything shining? Long to be perfect but lack the time? Or are you one who dislikes housekeeping?

To each his own! There isn't any one way to do the job so don't apologize. Accept yourself, but look about for ways to have more time.

For example, while pinching pennies, remember time is money. Traveling five miles out of the way to save a few cents isn't real economy.

Save minutes here and there by minding your motions for such simple jobs as bedmaking, table setting or ironing.

Use the best tool for the job. Maybe some of the money you earn could be used for an appliance which saves time, such as a

Smart Homemakers Tell Us . . . To "cure" a squeaky bed, pour melted paraffin or candle wax into the joints of the bedstead. (Melt paraffin over hot water because it's inflammable.) For metal beds, add a few drops of oil.

"CAN-CAN" NET PETTICOATS need starch. Here's an easy way to keep them crisp and fresh. Hang the washed petticoat on a clothes line to drip dry. When just slightly damp, spray completely with spray starch and allow to dry. Touch up the bottom edge with a steam iron.

If you like a stiff petticoat, prepare a recipe of heavy starch using the lump or cube type. The package directions will tell you how. Put the washed petticoat in the pan of hot starch, saturate thoroughly and hang to dry without wringing.

For less stiffness at the waist or neckline, wring these areas by hand. When dry, touch up inside and edges of ruffles with a steam iron to avoid scratchiness.

For trade names of the different kinds of starch, write for our free Extension Service Bulletin, "Be a Better Buyer of Starches."

BRIDES . . . If your new cast iron skillet doesn't cook like mother's did, maybe it needs seasoning.

Swab the inside with melted vegetable fat or vegetable oil. Place in a warm oven (250 F.) for three hours or more. Apply more oil after the first hour. Let cool, wipe off excess grease with paper toweling. Then repeat the entire process before using.

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