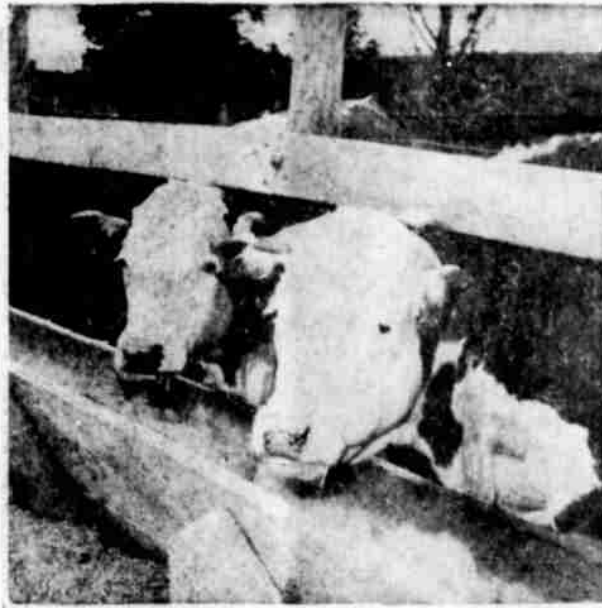




**CHECK APHID DAMAGE**—Ted Sidor, left, Ray Hartley, Cove, and Bob Every, extension service entomologist check aphid damage on cherry trees at the Frank Young Orchard. (Observer Photo)



**TONI TWINS**—This hefty pair are two of the more than 700 cattle now being fed at the Jim Wilson and Sons feed lot near North Powder. The lot is one of the oldest in eastern Oregon and will be included in the annual Farmer Merchant tour July 13. (Observer)



**CUT IT HERE**—Ilan MacSwan, left, extension service plant pathologist from Oregon State College watches while Frank Young, Rt. 1, La Grande, prunes one of his two year old cherry trees. The Young farm is located on the Island City highway. (Observer Photo)



**GOOD RESULTS**—Glenn Lester is checking on his new planting of cherry trees. He is displaying the black plastic mulch which he used around the trees. Black plastic acts as a suppressing agent on weeds and grass. (Observer Photo)

## Valley Farm-Ranch-Home

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### Governor Will Name Beef Group

An Oregon Beef Council, supported by voluntary fees and for promotion of beef on a statewide basis, was authorized by the 1959 legislature and will become effective October 1, this year.

The seven-man Council, composed of three cattlemen, two dairymen, one handler and one feeder, will be appointed by the governor from recommendations submitted by the various producer groups.

Backers of this legislation, now Chapter 685 Oregon Laws, were the Oregon Cattlemen's association, the Western Oregon Livestock association and the Oregon Dairymen's association.

In addition to statewide promotion in Oregon, the sponsors are hopeful that the Oregon group will be able to cooperate with other beef councils on a regional basis. The law also authorizes support of the National Beef Council and the National Livestock and Meat Marketing Board program.

"Support of this program will be absolutely voluntary, with no strings attached, but we hope for the support of the entire beef industry of the state," says Ted Hyde of Bly, chairman of the beef promotion committee of the Oregon Cattlemen's association.

He points out that the voluntary contributions will be made uniformly at the rate of 10 cents per head collected with the brand inspection fee through cooperation of the selling agencies and the state department of agriculture.

He also pointed out that re-recording procedures have been simplified as result of 1959 legislation. Principal change omits refiling of a blotter impression of the brand. Also under amendments to the brand law, the department is this year lowering the price of re-recording when an owner renews the same brand for both cattle and horses. This combination price is \$3 as compared with a straight \$5 for single brands.

Claims to brands for animals and poultry are waived if the recorded brand is not renewed within the six-month re-recording period beginning July 1, the department reminds owners.

Brand owners who have moved may not receive the department notifications which will be mailed to the last address on its records. Anyone who does not get a notice of re-recording during July should notify the State Department of Agriculture, 158 12th Street, N.E., Salem, early in August and a form will be mailed.

### Wheat Surplus Will Reach Record High

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States will have a record wheat surplus of 1,420,000,000 bushels by July 1, 1960, the Agriculture Department predicted today.

This would be about 135,000,000 bushels more than the estimated stocks in storehouses at the end of this month. The announcement came on the heels of President Eisenhower's veto Thursday of a bill designed to curb the wheat surplus by hiking price supports and cutting plantings.

### Annual Farmer-Merchant Tour Scheduled July 13

The third annual Chamber of Commerce Farmer-Merchant tour is scheduled this year for Monday, July 13.

W. C. "Jiggs" Laird is chairman for the event, and Ted Sidor will act as chairman for the agricultural end.

Leaving the Chamber of Commerce at 9 a.m. the tourists will visit the John Shaw ranch which is five miles north of North Powder on highway 30. Shaw was conservation man of the year in 1958.

The second place on their list is the Jim Wilson feed lot which is two miles south of North Powder. It is one of the oldest feed lots in Eastern Oregon.

Net they will go to the Burton and Ernie Davis ranch near Telocaset, where they will see experimental plots concerning the control of dog brush on range land.

At the Don Huffman ranch they will see a demonstration in the use of dip vats in the control of external parasites.

A final stop will be made at the Eastern Oregon Experimental station at Union where lunch will be served by the Women's club of Union. While there they will tour facilities and see research programs at the station.

### 4-H APPRECIATION PARTY HONORS SCHOOL SPONSORS

Over 150 people attended the 4-H Appreciation Party held at Riverside Park, June 30, to honor 4-H Summer School sponsors and Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Auction Sale buyers.

Club members entertained their guests with a potluck dinner and program. Auldin Prescott, Route 1, La Grande, and Mary Jane Conley, Cove, served as masters of ceremonies for the event. Terry Bowman and Mike Campbell, Route 2, thanked the sponsors and buyers and reports on Summer School were given by Larry Court-right, Route 2, Elizabeth Sanderson, La Grande, John La Verdure, Telocaset, Neva Elliott, Elgin, and Donna Hallgarth, Imbler. Chaperones Mrs. L. R. Hoxie, Mrs. Bruce Hoofnagle and Dolores Uria also reported on their Summer School activities.

Linda Standley and Beverly Hoxie presented a vocal duet and Donna Hallgarth entertained with a vocal selection. Martha Bergeron played the guitar and Marilyn Cheney gave a reading. Featured event of the program was a hog calling contest by James Huber, Charles Gavin, Virgil Weir and Buck Herrmann. Buck Herrmann won this contest.

H. E. Waddell of the Union Pacific Railroad presented the Carl Raymond Gray \$100 scholarship certificate to David Schaad, Route 1, La Grande.

Mrs. Tom Pipes was chairman

### Subterranean Termite Is Becoming Union County Pest

The western subterranean termite is becoming an increasing important insect pest in Union county.

During the spring when the winged forms are migrating, the presence of termites becomes evident.

Several serious infestations observed in recent years have been associated with slab-on-ground construction. Pre-construction soil treatment is particularly recommended when this type of building is used. It was once thought that the slab-on-ground construction was the answer to the termite problem. However experience has shown that the slab is not an effective barrier against termites.

They can penetrate the slab through cracks in the concrete or spots where the concrete has receded from around utility pipes.

After termites have become established it is much harder to locate the source of infestation in the slab than in conventional construction where crawl space is available. Likewise, control under slab is more difficult, more expensive, and less likely to be successful than in conventional construction. For these reasons it is particularly advisable to treat the soil with an approved insecticide before the concrete is poured.

Two good publications are available on subterranean termites and their control. These are the California Experiment Station and Extension Service Circular 469, **Prevention and Control of the Western Subterranean Termite**. The second is a USDA Leaflet 324, **Soil Treatment, An Aid in Termite Control**. Both publications can be obtained from the Union County Extension office.

Extra aisle shoots, left on the trunk of a newset tree will help protect the trunk the first season. This provides more leaf surface for better growth and food storage, as well as providing some shade to protect the trunk from the hot summer sun.

Newly-set shrubs and trees should be watered heavily during their first summer. Twice a week will be very helpful during dry summer months.

### Marking Signs Set By Farm Bureau

Twenty-seven crop marking signs have been erected in Union County recently by the Farm Bureau. These signs, part of the 500 placed along highways throughout the state by various county farm bureaus, are designed to show tourists what crops are being grown in each area.

The signs can be found on the highway right of way and were placed under the chairmanship of Preston Shaw, crops commodity chairman for the Union County Farm Bureau. He was assisted by Ted Sidor, county agent, and Farm Bureau members.

Posts for the project were donated by the Mount Emily Lumber Company.

### Brand Registration Underway On July 1

Owners of about 14,000 livestock brands recorded in Oregon will be called upon to renew their rights to the brand beginning July 1. Each five years brands must be re-recorded with the state department of agriculture at Salem to keep them current.

The re-recording period now coming up will last for six months and applications filed now will continue legal ownership through December 31, 1964.

"Every brand owner of record today will receive within the next few weeks an application form upon which to renew his brand," announces Fred Pope, animal division chief for the department. No renewal fees should be mailed until firm owners receive the official application blank from Salem.

He also pointed out that re-recording procedures have been simplified as result of 1959 legislation. Principal change omits refiling of a blotter impression of the brand. Also under amendments to the brand law, the department is this year lowering the price of re-recording when an owner renews the same brand for both cattle and horses. This combination price is \$3 as compared with a straight \$5 for single brands.

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### Car Inspections Ahead Of Last Year's Rates

With one month to go before close of the shipping year, 1958-59 inspections of fresh fruits and vegetables were almost 2000 carloads ahead of the full 1957-58 year, the state department of agriculture reports.

May inspections brought the season total to 41,000 cars of which 9,200 were diversion potatoes. Potatoes going into feed or starch channels under the federal program represented about one-third of the total potato crop.

Volumewise, May shipments were light, with 802 cars inspected for grade and condition. May movement under the federal-state inspection service was almost 90 percent potatoes.

"The oncoming crop in Malheur county looks fine and the stands seem to be practically perfect," Close declares. He reports acreage on round reds and long whites in that area has been reduced, with the crop running heavily to the so-called early gems and russets.

First fresh cherries shipped out of Oregon this year moved from The Dalles on June 17, a few days later than in 1958.

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