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**Situation critical**

**Shortage of livestock drugs listed**

Stockmen and officials of the state Department of Agriculture are concerned about sudden shortages of some essential drugs commonly used in the livestock industry.

Agriculture Director Leonard Kunzman told members of the state Board of Agriculture in Bend this week that the department staff has confirmed the sudden shortages of penicillin and sulfa compounds, which are deemed essential in treatment of

certain livestock problems. "We just became aware of the situation this week, and we have several members of our staff trying to determine the extent of the shortage and the causes," he told members of the board.

The situation has caused alarm among stockmen who rely on the drugs to treat infections and diseases in their livestock, including pneumonia, foot rot and many bacteria-related disorders.

Martin Howard, chairman

of the state Livestock and Marketing Board, told members of the agriculture board that he and his fellow ranchers have been told that the drugs are not available through most conventional veterinary supply sources and are now on back order.

"If I have a herd that is sick, primarily calves, those drugs have to be immediately available," he said.

"Calves can't wait two or three days when they're sick. They'll die," he said.

State Veterinarian Dr. Glenn Rea and his staff have polled the major sources of supply for the compounds in

Oregon and have reported that the materials either are not in stock or are in limited supply.

"At this point, we can't determine the real reasons for the shortages," Rea said. "There is a definite problem from the animal health standpoint if a producer can't obtain a supply of a compound that may be essential to take care of a health problem in his herd," he said.

Some existing supplies of the drugs are reported to be soaring in price.

Howard said that one California firm recently has been selling the drugs at four times the normal price.

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**Zoo slates annual children's free day**

Washington Park Zoo will hold its annual Children's Holiday Free Day Dec. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children 11 and under will receive free admission to the zoo and free animal crackers. Also featured at the event will be Cinnamon Bear, Rudolph the red-legged dragon and clowns Smilin' Ely and Bingo.

Kay Lee's Playbox Players will perform at the Ladybug Theater at 11 a.m., noon, 1 and 2 p.m.

Volunteer zoo guides will be available for information.

**Hoodland Happenings**

by CAROL THURLKILL  
 Post Correspondent  
 Thursday, Dec. 21 — Welches School is having its Christmas Music Program at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22 — Hoodland Preschool mothers will sell home baked goodies at U.S. National and Clackamas banks starting at 9:30 a.m.

The Hoodland Senior Citizens wish to thank everyone on the mountain for making their Christmas party on Dec. 12 a success. Special thanks go to: Salazar's Restaurant for cooking the turkey and dressing, Food King for helping provide the turkey, and other local merchants for donating prizes: Thriftway, Hoodland Women's Club, Irish Deli, Alice Studkey, Vera Bittman, The Book Place, The House of Beauty, Hoodland Rexall Drug Store, Louise O'Dea's Gift Shop, and the Lion's Club.

The Hoodland Fire Department had two automobile accidents, five first aid walk-ins, and one car fire. There are still plenty of smoke detectors for sale at the department.

Editor's note: Due to other work commitments, Hoodland Happenings correspondent Rene Jenkins will be un-

able to continue the weekly column. She established a good working relationship with the mountain community and we at The Post commend her and thank her for a job well done.

Mrs. Jenkins will continue to supply us with leads on stories as they develop in the mountain area and will serve as liaison between the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce and The Post.

Carol Thurlkill will continue the mountain column. People with news items may contact her at 622-4760.

**Farmers complain**

Trespassing hunters caught in the act by owners of posted land are becoming violent, the state Board of Agriculture was told last week.

Representative of several county livestock associations said the present farmer-hunter situation is potentially explosive and reported an increase in violence or threats of violence by hunters and others who have been caught trespassing.

Board members agreed to examine all issues related to damage and trespass on agricultural lands when the panel meets again this spring.

Martin Howard, a livestock producer in Prineville and chairman of the state Livestock and Marketing Board, said that stockman associations are proposing new legislation which would require the surrender of a hunting license for five years by any hunter convicted of criminal trespass.

"Some people think that just because they have a license and tag that they can hunt absolutely anywhere," he said.

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