

Extension Notes

Sidwalter Grazing Association Accepting Applications For Membership

Roscoe Smith chairman of the Sidwalter Grazing Association has announced that applications are still being accepted for Sidwalter residents interested in grazing livestock in the Sidwalter range unit. March 7 is the cut off date of accepting

those applications. Applications title "Applications for Grazing Privileges" can be obtained from Roscoe Smith, Earl Squemphen, Land Operations or Extension. All applications should be turned over to Roscoe or Extension by March 7.

Beef Cattle Class—A Success

The Winter term Beef Cattle Class sponsored by COCC and Extension has been successful both in terms of good instructors and number of Warm Springs livestockmen attending. Sixteen livestockmen enrolled in the course and have listened to Jay Binder and Dr. Jay Bettensworth talk on feeds, feeding and

livestock health.

There will be three more 2 hour sessions before the class ends on March 7. The topic still to be covered by Clint Jacks and Ron Mobley will be herd management.

It's hoped that if enough livestockmen want this session again it can be repeated.

Beef Cattle Producer-Feeder Meeting

A special one-day beef cattle program designed to bring together the producer and the feeder has been announced for March 2 at Prineville, Ore.

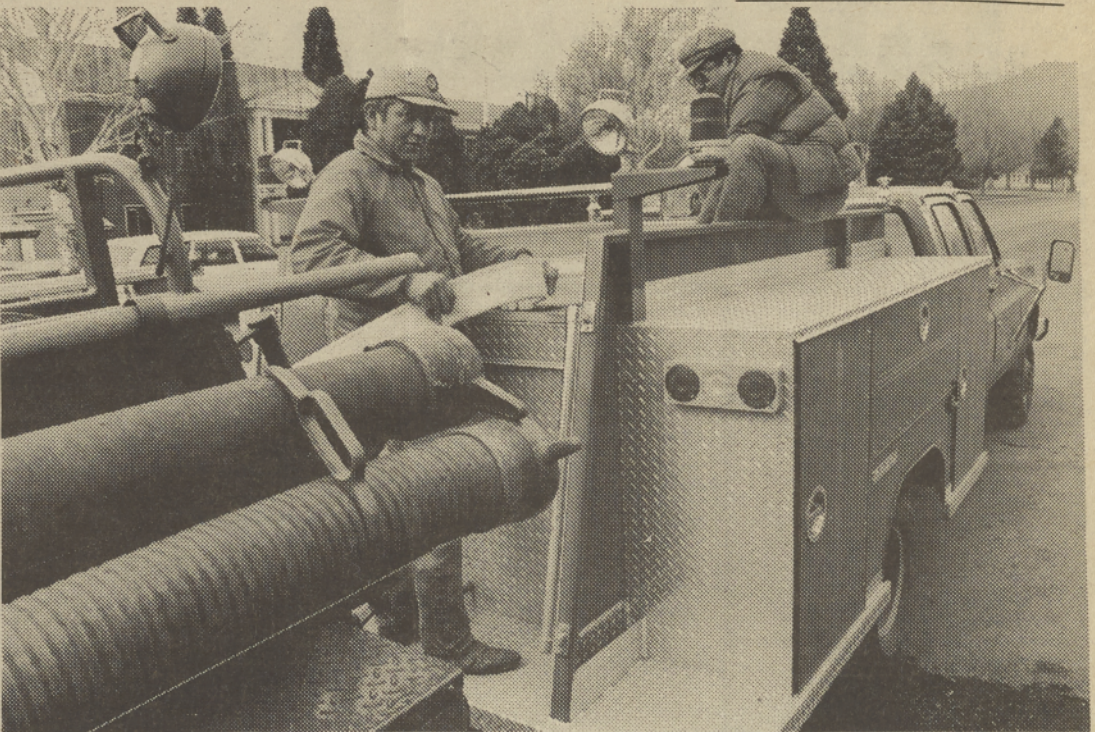
The Northwest Producer-Feeder meeting is being sponsored by the Oregon-Washington-Northern Idaho Hereford Association and the Beef Cattle Improvement Committee of the Washington Cattlemen's Association.

Dennis Hoffman, Baker, Ore., chairman for the program says appearing on the program will be three nationally known and recognized authorities who will discuss separate segments of the industry, and their over-

lapping effects.

H.H. (Hop) Dickenson, Kansas City, Executive Vice-President of the American Hereford Association, will discuss several aspects of AHA programs dealing with identifying and perpetuating cattle with known superior qualities to better meet the desires of the feeder, packer, and consumer.

Dr. J.C. Hillier, retired Head of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University, who is serving as a consultant to study the industry's needs as to the types of cattle most economically suited for all segments of the industry will report on his findings and will discuss the most



Two-and-a-half inch hose was transferred from the Warm Springs Fire Department's vintage fire truck to the brand new rural truck by Tom Begay and Wilfred Jim this week. Purchased back east for \$24,000, the new truck was road tested in the mid-states blizzards. The 1978 Chevrolet will have fire-fighting and rescue capabilities and is equipped with four-wheel drive for rough terrain. The old truck will go to Kah-Nee-Ta, and Kah-Nee-Ta's to Burns, leaving the central department with two modern engines.

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Club Activities

NAIWA Making Plans

NAIWA's next scheduled meeting is March 2 at Kah-Nee-Ta, along with a luncheon. Discussion is going to be on

the state-wide meeting, which Warm Springs is hosting on March 25. All members are urged to attend.

Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Assoc.

Kah-Nee-Ta Men's Golf Association is beginning a new year and they welcome anyone interested in becoming a member to join them.

Tournament coming up on February 25 and 26. The entry fee is \$35.00 for the Pro-Am Tournament.

Any further questions can be answered by president Mike Clements, Vice President Cecil Conner, Secretary-Treasurer, Benny Heath, Tournament Chairman Satch Miller or Golf Pro Jim Wilkinson.

Their meeting was combined with a workday on Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m. The next was a fun day - sort of a warm-up session for the Pro-Am

W.S.I.R.A. Notice

Western States Indian Rodeo Association Treasurer is awaiting your \$35 dues for the '78 rodeo season which should be paid before March 1, to avoid a fine. Make checks and money orders payable to W.S.I.R.A. and mail to: Jeanette Herrera, Treasurer, Western States Indian Rodeo Association, Post Office Box 114, White Swan, WA. 98952.

Also required to accompany payment is a certification of tribal enrollment or proof of 1/4 North American Indian Blood quantum if you are not enrolled in a Federally-recognized tribe through termination of your reservation; this is the reason we need proof of at least 1/4 Indian blood.

Below are some important rule changes:

1978 WSIRA RULEBOOK CHANGES

(Changes in Boldface Type)
Page 3, No. 7 - Under Association Bylaws - Officers

ADD: The Secretary shall be paid \$25 per day while at rodeo to perform the following duties:

(a) Permit and membership control.

(b) Obtain results, turnouts, blacklist and three percent form and check.

(c) Render assistance upon request to sponsoring Association or members.

Page 4, No. (3) Under MEMBERSHIP AND DUES - Final sentence of paragraph.

ADD: Members must pay entry fees, dues or any transactions involving currency in United States currency only.

Page 5, No. (5) Under WEST-

ERN STATES INDIAN RODEO ASSOCIATION RULES

(5) If a WSIRA member phones in his entry and fails to appear or does not call in or present a doctor's release to the Association or Committee prior to the first performance to let them know that he will not be present, the WSIRA will pay his entry fee and he must reimburse the WSIRA before he can enter another WSIRA rodeo. This is just cause to be placed on the suspended list.

Page 5, Sec. 8, Under MEMBERSHIP AND DUES - After final sentence of paragraph ADD:

Permits are limited to two (2) a year.

Page 16, Paragraph 3, Under SADDLE BRONC RIDING to read as follows:

Saddle bronc contest is to be timed. Horses to be ridden eight (8) seconds, time to start when horse makes his first move out of the chute.

DELETIONS: or ten (10) seconds.

rider's body crosses the imaginary gate line, after the score line, or when the horse passes the end of the gate.

Page 19, Under DALLY TEAM ROPING - Under LEGAL CATCHES, delete:

4. One foot with any of the above catches receives a five second fine.

Under ILLEGAL CATCHES, No. (6) (which will become No. (5) in the new book) ADD:

6. One hind foot with any of the above catches

7. Crossfiring

Loss From Drought In Eastern Oregon Set At \$70 Million

Agricultural production in eastern Oregon counties suffered about \$70 million in losses, as a result of last year's drought, reports an Oregon State University Extension Service economist.

"Crops, especially wheat and hay, account for an estimated \$64 million, while livestock losses amounted to \$5-\$6 million," said Stanley Miles, OSU Extension economist.

Miles' figures are based on reports from county extension agents and represent a comparison of actual yields this year with average yields in years of adequate moisture. The amounts do not represent losses in sales, but are losses in production only. The value of production, for example, includes hay and barley grown for on-farm consumption.

Dryland wheat production, primarily in the Columbia Basin counties, incurred the biggest loss, an estimated \$36 million. Umatilla County lost \$15.5 million in wheat production. Other counties with substantial declines in wheat production were: Morrow, \$6.7 million; Gilliam, \$4 million; Wasco, \$4 million; and Sherman, \$2.5 million.

Although cattle losses do not appear to be as heavy as anticipated, the effects of the drought have not yet been fully felt, Miles noted. For instance, he

reports that calves and yearlings are 25 to 75 pounds lighter than normal in most eastern Oregon counties.

Moreover, many cattlemen sold more beef cows than they normally would have, which will affect beef production in the long run. In Harney County, where cattle losses amounted to \$1.6 million, 25 to 30 percent of the beef herd has been sold. Malheur County also suffered significant losses in cattle production.

In addition, cattlemen face higher than usual expenses for hauling stockwater and feeding more hay to take up the slack left by poor range grazing conditions, Miles said.

Malheur, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Umatilla and Wasco counties had large losses in hay production. In addition, green pea production in Umatilla County was severely crippled.

In some areas, crops which use a great deal of water were not planted. In Malheur County, for example, planting of potatoes, sugar beets and mint was limited because of lack of water.

Miles pointed out that there is much concern about next year. Reservoirs in central Oregon are very low, whereas last summer there was enough water to meet agricultural needs. And, although the winter wheat in the Columbia Basin has germinated well this fall, necessary subsoil

moisture for growth next spring and summer is lacking.

"Without heavy rain and a large snowpack this winter, production losses in eastern Oregon could be even worse next year," Miles said.

Statistics for western Oregon are not complete. However, a preliminary analysis of several counties in the northern Willamette Valley indicates that the drought did not have a significant effect on agricultural production.

Warm Springs Rodeo Association

At a meeting held on February 6, the rodeo association elected officers to serve two year terms. Those elected were: for President, Jazzie Wewa; Vice President, Lee Tom; Secretary, Ellen Thompson; Treasurer, Maxine Clements; Advertising Manager, Sid Miller; Club Advisor, Jacob Frank.

For the first meeting this year there was a good turn-out. The evening started with a pot luck supper with the meeting following.