

Stock Convention Pass Resolutions; Study Problems

The number of sheep and beef cattle in four coast counties in Oregon including Coos and Curry where land classification has been developed most has nearly doubled since this work started a few years ago, according to J. C. Moore, assistant extension specialist in marketing and formerly land use specialist, speaking before the annual meeting of the Western Oregon Livestock Association held in Coquille on February 14 and 15. Credit for this increased production of livestock in these counties was attributed to the better use of range land stimulated by land classification which was sponsored by the livestock association.

Most western Oregon counties were well represented at the meeting, which was the largest ever held by the organization. R. C. Burkhardt of Lebanon and Fred Knox of Eugene were re-elected to serve as president and secretary during 1946. The presidents of each county association make up the board of directors. These include M. G. Arnold, Coos; J. H. Turner, Curry; Paul Nelson, Benton; Robert Reed, Clatsop; T. B. Bousenbark, Douglas; Charles Evans, Polk; Elmer Lorence, Marion; J. C. Moran, Columbia; Albert Julian, Linn, and Knox, Linn. Harry Lindgren of Corvallis was re-elected by the new board to serve the organization as secretary-treasurer during 1946.

Speaking before the banquet on Thursday evening, Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, stressed the importance of efficient production and of co-operation between business, management, and labor, during the post-war period.

150 Attend Banquet

Approximately 150 attended the banquet. The program for which included group singing, musical numbers by the high school trio composed of Roberta Mason, Geraldine Oerding and Laura Swanson, led by Mrs. Thora Watson, instructor; Ken Talley; cowboy quartet, featuring E. E. Leslie, Dr. R. N. Crawford, Al Geiss and J. L. Smith. Smith presided as master of ceremonies.

Resolutions were passed by the livestock association favoring location of a wool grading laboratory at Oregon State college, lowering wool freight rates, more experimental work on the development of forage crops for hill land, opposing reduction in tariff rates on commodities produced here in adequate amounts, opposing a change in the method of appointment of members of the State Board of Forestry, directing attention to unequal tax situation on forest land, and recommending that the base be value rather than acreage, administration of predatory animal control be centralized in one agency and that bounty on coyote and bobcats be increased to \$5.00 each, favoring payment from the federal government in lieu of taxes on federal land, and opposing further acquisition of lands by the federal government, favoring the continuation of experimental work at Northup Creek, favoring more careful regulation of animals passing through sales rings to prevent spread of disease, favoring re-instatement states jurisdiction and control over importation of viruses and livestock organisms used in livestock disease control, favoring increased appropriation for predatory animal control, and a number of others.

Charles Evans, president of the Polk county livestock association, invited the Western Oregon group to hold its annual meeting in Salem next year.

Credit Bureau Reports Growth

The Coquille Credit association reports a gain in number of members in this section with 86 members now signed up, and a total of 190 members in the entire district.

The steady growth has been a feature of the Association, according to Mr. N. P. McDonald, head of the group.

Margerie Ashton of Ashland is now visiting her mother, Mrs. Rose Ashton, of Coquille.

Netabelle Hendrix, senior at Coquille high school, is now working at the Coquille Studio after school and on Saturdays.

Max Britton was in town Tuesday, February 19th, visiting with his mother, Amy Britton. He was on a return trip from Myrtle Point where he had been on a business deal.

Wayne Chezem and Walter McKinney, two seniors of Coquille high school, have received their call to enter the armed services. They will leave Tuesday.

Myrtle Park Letters

Mr. Ross A. Youngblood
Post Office Building
Coos Bay, Oregon

Dear Mr. Youngblood: I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the Coos County School Superintendent regarding a movement in getting the school children of Coos county interested in the protection of the myrtle trees of the county.

What about a movement in getting the Boy Scouts interested in the same thing. Are the boys big enough where they could be trained by your organization and by Mr. Tis Jensen where they could prune the trees? Sucker pruning mostly. Here and there throughout the county—single trees or small groups where sucker pruning from the ground up fashion. It would give the boys a creative objective in the beautifying of their homeland. It would awaken the interest of myrtle property owners to the general preservation of the myrtle of the valley. It would be hard for a myrtle property owner to deny the request of a Boy Scout representative to enhance the value of his property through proper caring for his myrtle trees. The owner, the boys, the county, would all be benefitted.

Let me know what you think of the plan.

Sincerely yours,
S. H. Boardman,
State Parks Superintendent

Martha Mulkey Purdy
Coos County School Superintendent
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Madam: A movement is under way for the preservation of the myrtle trees of Coos county. No other county in the state has been landscaped by the Creator with myrtle trees as Coos county has been. If you are a traveler, turn to the Nation and try to recall where you ever have seen myrtle trees as they are to be seen in Coos county. A common sight to Coos county people, a miracle of beauty and inspiration to those who pass by from the hinterland.

A foundation of preservation and perpetuation of your priceless myrtle can be built today in your school children. Taught to care for the myrtle in the front lawn, the hillside, the highway and county road. To plant in some barren place. The basic intent of life is creation. The perpetuation of beauty is a part of the soul. The child's hand in the fathering of a tree is a creative impulse that still lives when his hands are stilled. Have you ever witnessed the return of the patriarch to the sturdy oak that was started by his hand through the planting of a slip of life to live when his body is gone. What are we, we create between two periods. Nothing is taken at the finish. A creative opportunity rests in the hands of Coos county people, especially its children, in the building of a myrtle paradise that the Creator has given you and found no other place in the world. You have the gems—string them into a necklace that will dazzle the eyes of a passing world. Let a gem necklace be the creative soul of every child in Coos county. The Creator has given you the trees, will your hands care for His creation.

Sincerely yours,
S. H. Boardman,
State Parks Superintendent

Mrs. Daniel Heffner, President
Oregon Roadside Council
2537 N. E. 50th, Portland, Ore.

Dear Mrs. Heffner: Permit me to extend to you my sincerest congratulations on your elevation to the Presidency of the Council. I know you will carry on the work in the same fine manner that Mother Honeyman did.

We have a beautiful state. The problem before us is to retain that beauty. Your organization is one of the strongest factors in the retention of the fine things the Creator en-

dowed us with. I would like to call to your attention a myrtle project I have been working on the past year in Coos county. I started with a myrtle lane between Coquille and Myrtle Point. Brush had obscured the myrtle. This brush has been cut and there is a fine myrtle lane to drive over now.

From the lane I have evolved into a myrtle valley. There are two myrtle ends to this valley, Coquille and Myrtle Point. Both towns are festooned with beautiful myrtle trees. They are not conscious of the myrtle gems that necklace their abodes. If only the women's organizations could be made conscious of their myrtle trees, the necessity of caring for them, their perpetuation, it would aid wonderfully in the furtherance of the general myrtle preservation I am trying to establish for Coos county. I am enclosing a copy of a letter written in 1943 on the subject and copies of two letters just written involving the school children and the Boy Scouts. Why couldn't the Camp Fire girls come into this movement. If you plan on any inspection trips taking you to Coos county, let me know and I will meet you in Coquille and show you on the grounds the plans that I have mapped out.

Sincerely yours,
S. H. Boardman,
State Parks Superintendent

Riverton News

The Riverton grade basketball team has been invited to play in the tournament to be held at Coquille, Saturday, February 23rd. Their first game will be played with Bunker Hill beginning at 10:00 a. m. The parents and friends in the community wish them success.

Mrs. Cecilia Van Winkle, home demonstration agent and 4-H club leader for Coos county, was present at the Riverton school Monday, February 18, organizing and helping with the various 4-H clubs.

Mrs. Wm. Church was a visitor at the school on Friday, February 15th.

Mrs. Lester Clausen visited at the Riverton school Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Conn, residents of Richmond, California, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Russell of Riverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Vauble, formerly of Coquille, have moved to the Nilsen ranch above Riverton.

The Riverton Extension unit will meet at the Riverton school house Friday, March 1st, at 10:30 a. m. The demonstration of the day, "Charm of Good Manners," will be given by Miss Frances Clinton from the Oregon State college extension department.

The Bullards Extension unit is especially invited to attend and anyone else who is interested. A special program for entertainment will be given by several of the Riverton school children and a musical selection is to be sung by Mrs. Robert McCue, accompanied by Mrs. Lester Clausen on the piano. The menu will be baked beans, jello, coffee, and each lady is asked to bring her own sandwiches and table service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Britton from the North Bank Page and Woomer place were in Coquille Tuesday, February 19th, on a business trip and stopped in at the Blanket Shop to visit with Harold's mother, Amy Britton.

IF YOUR LIGHTS GO OUT!

The Mountain States Power Company recognizes its obligation to the people of Coos County in the furnishing of electric service. While at the present time very few of the company's patrons are seriously affected by the strike of the outside workmen, now existing, yet conditions may change at any time causing serious inconvenience.

In view of this situation, Mountain States Power Company feels that an explanation of the present unsatisfactory operating conditions is required.

On September 10, 1945, this company and Local Union No. 197 of the Utility Workers Organizing Committee, entered into a contract which, among other things, provided for a wage schedule for all of these employees which by that agreement was to remain in effect until and including March 31, 1946, and providing that the employees should give diligent and continuous service. Also this contract provided that in event that the company and the union should have a disagreement regarding any question or controversy arising under the contract which could not be settled by negotiation, then both parties were required by the contract to appoint representatives to act on an arbitration committee; also that contract provided that if the arbitration representatives so appointed could not agree and settle the dispute by arbitration, that they should then appoint an umpire arbitrator; and if they were unable to agree upon an umpire arbitrator or if either party refused to submit to arbitration, then either party could apply to the Director of Conciliation for the appointment of such umpire to determine the question at issue.

About December 1, 1945, the company voluntarily proposed to the union that the wages of some of the employees involved in this contract be increased to conform to the wages paid by the company to employees of similar classification in other parts of Oregon.

The union refused to accept that voluntary offer.

The union thereupon insisted that the company's voluntary offer, as above stated, was a violation of the contract on the part of the company and that the contract was thereby nullified. The company contends that its action did not in any way nullify the contract. That, basically is the dispute between the union and the company.

The union now demands a substantial increase in wage for all employees within the union, without regard to the contract, and base that demand upon their claims that the contract is out of existence.

After the union had made these demands, the company and the union committee met on numerous occasions for the purpose of negotiation, but failed to agree.

On February 14, 1946, the company addressed a letter to the union asking that they proceed under the terms of the contract to arbitrate the dispute, and advised the union that the company had appointed its arbitration representatives, and was willing and ready to arbitrate in accordance with the contract.

However, on the morning of the 15th of February, the union called its members out on strike.

On February 16th, the company again sent written notice to the union that, in view of the mutual obligation of the company and union, to give continuous electrical service, that the union should return to work and proceed with arbitration under the contract.

On February 18th, the company again notified the union that since by the terms of the contract several days would be required to reach final arbitration of the dispute, that the company would at the time provided by the contract apply to the Director of Conciliation at Washington, D. C., for the appointment of an umpire in accordance with the contract. In the same letter the company advised the union of the names of its arbitration committee.

The strike continues!

Mountain States Power Company
C. H. COE, Divisional Manager

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