

### MEASURES TAKEN TO PREVENT SCABIES IN NORTH-EASTERN OREGON

Pendleton, Oregon, April 24, 1929.—During the recent general inspection in Oregon by officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry it was found that several bands of sheep in Wheeler county were diseased with scabies, and in a number of cases sheep from adjoining counties had been exposed to the disease. Owing to the danger of scabies spreading over all of north-eastern Oregon it is deemed necessary to permit on the stock driveways over the Umatilla National Forest the Forest Service is cooperating with the Bureau of Animal Industry and State officials by taking all possible precautions to prevent diseased sheep getting onto the Forest. As approximately 300,000 sheep graze on or are trailed across the Umatilla National Forest, the importance of preventing diseased sheep from using these Forest driveways can readily be seen.

Orders have been issued to Forest officials on the Umatilla National Forest to the effect that no sheep will be allowed to enter the Forest unless the owner can show that his sheep have been recently inspected by a Federal or State inspector and found to be free from any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. As the entire life cycle of the scab mite is completed within about fifteen days, Forest officials will require that inspections be of recent date, not more than thirty days before the time of entering the Forest. Also the owners should see to it that the sheep are not exposed to scabies after the time of inspection.

It is regretted that the stockmen must be put to this inconvenience, but some definite action is necessary to protect owners whose sheep are clean from any chance of contracting scabies in their bands while crossing the Forest. The best way to do this is to require that everyone using the Umatilla Forest driveways have his sheep inspected in order to prove that they are free from scabies.

Owing to the large number of sheep which must be inspected within the next two months it will be extremely difficult for federal inspectors to cover all of the territory involved owing to their limited force. However, Dr. Eklund, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, has agreed to handle the work in Wheeler county, where most of the known cases of scabies exist. Therefore, in order to prevent confusion and duplication of work, every Forest user in Wheeler county should make arrangements with officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry for a federal inspection prior to the time of entering the National Forest. Dr. W. B. Henneberger and Dr. G. F. Overhulse have been detailed to handle federal inspection and dipping in Wheeler county, beginning April 13 they will have headquarters in either Fossil or Mitchell. All sheep owners in the above county are urged to get in touch with these men and facilitate the work as much as possible. No charge will be made for federal inspection.

Certificates of health for stock outside of Wheeler county will be accepted when inspection is made by State officials or veterinarians approved by the State Veterinarian.

Men in charge of sheep must be prepared to show a certificate of inspection to Forest officers in charge of the driveways used by the stock in question. Anyone failing to comply with this rule will be denied the privilege of entering the Umatilla National Forest, and his stock are liable to be held up until an inspection can be made.

#### BOARDMAN NEWS.

Mrs. W. H. Stewart was elected social leader of the Bureau and the monthly meeting will in addition to the business session be assured of some social features regularly.

Water will begin to run in the irrigation ditches at once. The town and the school district are constructing a permanent water way from the S. E. corner of the school forty. R. Hands is doing the work.

A committee consisting of S. H. Boardman, A. L. Larsen, and W. H. Stewart was appointed to complete arrangements for a John Day Booster Barbecue to be held on the project some time in June, just before the first cutting of alfalfa.

Miss Bertha Davis of the Home Economics department of O. A. C. visited our schools and community last Thursday. She was very favorably impressed and compliments Eastern Oregon in general on its up-to-date buildings and progressive spirit.

Plans have been completed for cafeteria service in the school for the remaining weeks of the term. It is, however, to be considerable of a problem and it is rather amusing to look over the school menus of a few years back when quite an elaborate lunch might be served for three cents.

With the election of Maude E. Lamson, of Cove, Oregon as home economics teacher, the faculty of the Boardman schools is complete for the coming year. The other teachers are Naomi Runner and Blanche Sharmen of Falls City, C. C. Johnson, Pullman, Wash., Miss Daisy Lee of Milton, and Mrs. W. H. Stewart of Boardman. Miss Myrtle McNeil of Boardman. M. H. Signs is principal.

The Industrial Club work is progressing. There are standard clubs in sewing I and II, poultry I, cookery, pig I. Several individuals are also working on corn, sheep, pig II, etc. As soon as the seeds arrive garden work will be started. All this will lead to the local and county fairs next fall. The Grange has appointed a Fair Committee, the Farm Bureau will do so and in cooperation with

the school a fine showing will be made.

There was a lively meeting of the Boardman Farm Bureau on the evening of the 16th, at which time resolutions were passed favoring the appropriation of money from the district funds of district No. 2 for a reconnaissance survey of the Boardman-Irrigon-Lexington road. It was further resolved that the support of the organization be given the college millage tax bill, the public school millage tax bill, and the state road 4 per cent bond limit bill.

#### Round-Up at Lena.

The Lena Round-Up Association will stage the first round-up of the season at the Lena arena on Sunday, May 2.

Frank Swaggart of Lena was in town on business Monday. Mr. Swaggart says the Lena Round-Up Association has plans for the construction of a race track which will be used for the training of horses.

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