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Cattle Up, Sheep Down in County, Summary Discloses

Same Results Seen In Oregon and National Checks

Cattle are definitely on the upgrade while sheep are showing a falling off in Morrow county, in Oregon and over the nation. Authority for this statement is found in a tabulation compiled by Harry Anderson, livestock inspector on the staff of the First National Bank of Portland who based his report on figures obtained from the tax records of the 36 counties of the state.

Beginning with 1918, and including 1943, the report shows that cattle have increased from 9,433 to 15,483 head, while sheep have decreased from 154,257 to 69,908. In detail the figures beginning with 1928 run as follows: Cattle—4,952, down 47 percent; 1938, 6,627, up 33 percent; 1941, 9,101, up 37 percent; 1942, 12,838, up 41 percent and 1943, 15,483, up 20 percent. Sheep—1928, 129,799, a drop of 16 percent; 1938, 96,749, down 26 percent; 1941, 80,106, off 17 percent; 1942, 85,723, up 7 percent, and 69,908 in 1943, a slump of 18 percent.

It is noticeable that while over the same period the national increase in cattle was 16 percent, Oregon's increase was 36.6 percent. The steer crop is sold annually, so this increase consists principally of cows and heifers, which continue to multiply. During the same five years the number of sheep in Oregon decreased 210,809, or 15.6 percent.

In the first 10 months of 1943 the figures show 60,000 less cattle slaughtered in government licensed packing plants in Portland than for the same period in 1942 and this decline no doubt will continue until the grass fattened cattle reach the market in July, the report states.

Court of Honor Held Monday Night

Heppner Boy Scouts held a court of honor Monday evening at the high school. Mr. Higginbottom, field executive from Walla Walla, was present and assisted with the work.

Second class badges were presented to Don Rippee, Carl Gabler, Bob Bennett, Don DuBois, Roy McFerrin and Francis Plumendore. Lauren Corwin and Tom Hughes were awarded first class badges.

Demonstrations in signalling were given by Lauren Corwin and Carter House while Corwin also demonstrated personal first aid.

Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served. (Our notes say each lad got three dips of ice cream, which makes scouting worth while.)

WOMEN'S CHORUS PREPARING FOR MUSIC WEEK CONCERT

Looking to the presentation of a public concert the evening of May 9, the women's chorus of the Heppner Music Study club will put in extra time at rehearsal next Tuesday evening. For that reason, the director has asked that complete attendance be counted at each rehearsal.

There are about 25 women in the chorus which took up the work at the resumption of club activities last September. The concert will be a feature of National Music week, May 7 to 13, inclusive, and will be presented at the high school gymnasium.

DRIVE TO THE DALLES

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McMurtrey drove to The Dalles Tuesday on business.

Mustangs Ousted From Tourney by One-point Margin

A miss is as good as a mile, but when a basketball team gets all steamed up the way Heppner's Mustangs did last Thursday night and plays an even-Steven game with one of the rangiest high school quints seen in many a day and loses the contest by a one-point margin—it's just too bad. That's what happened to the Mustangs in their try for the state tournament against the Parkdale team at the district tournament in Arlington. Score, 29-28.

Helix, Echo, Parkdale and Arlington stayed in for the second night play, with Helix eliminating Echo after a hard fought game and Parkdale taking Arlington in stride. Anyone seeing the teams play would have laid his money on Parkdale, a team resembling in size the big college quints of the northwest, while the Helix boys were just average, young looking kids. Yet, when the final gun was fired Saturday evening, the boys from the Umatilla wheat lands had subdued the rugged Mountaineers from the foothill slopes of Mount Hood. Helix plays a close-in, short shot game while the Parkdale lads like to make their shots from the middle of the floor. Helix was clicking, the big lads were off form.

Dog Licenses Now On Doubled Basis

If you want to save your dog from the executioner you will have to pay a license fee. The only thing is that since the first of the month the fee has been doubled. This will make it tough on Fido unless you are fond enough of him to pay the extra charge, for county and city authorities are obliged to blot out the canines who have not been protected with a license.

A few strays have been picked up and eliminated this week and there will be others in due time. It is an unpleasant task for the authorities and one they will be obliged to perform. Sheriff John Fuiten says he hopes more licenses will be bought as money does seem to be more plentiful than ammunition. He also admonishes owners of licensed dogs to keep them under control—not to run in the neighbor's garden, go astray at night or any other practice that characterizes them as nuisances.

RECREATION PARK GIVEN FLOOR AT WEEKLY FEED

Chairman Frank Turner of the park committee submitted his report on the committee's findings at Monday's chamber of commerce luncheon. The committee has settled on improving the city property adjoining the Morrow County Creamery company plant and will seek consent and cooperation of the city.

C. W. Barlow gave a report of a vacation trip taken by himself, Mrs. Barlow and their daughter, Mrs. Robert Walker. They spent most of two weeks in Salt Lake City and things to be seen there.

Barlow told of many interesting things. Dr. L. D. Tibbles was chairman of the meeting.

RETURN HOME

Mrs. Marvin Wightman and Marvin Jr. returned home Sunday from Portland, where they spent a month while the little boy was under medical observation. He was compelled to be in bed but four days and is much improved.

GO TO SAN FRANCISCO

O. Wendell Herbison and family left the first of the week for San Francisco to visit his brother who is home from the South Seas after two years in the service. Returning the Herbisons will visit his mother in Marshfield.

Your RED CROSS is at his side

1944 WAR FUND

WE SHOULD GIVE MORE IN '44

Because the war has spread to many lands, all far distant, and our armed forces are far from their native land, and because the war effort is speeding up, with increased numbers of casualties and fewer leaves for the fighting men, calling for extensions of service beyond anything ever experienced, because of these factors and countless others—we will have to give more to the Red Cross in 1944. If not solicited, send your contributions to the First National Bank of Portland, Heppner branch. Send them now and help close the Morrow county campaign in short order.

How Students Sold 4th War Loan Bonds Told in Report

How the student-sponsored bond sale campaign was handled is told in a report of final returns released this week from the office of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent.

Bonds purchased by pupils and teachers from school committee in charge: Heppner, \$2,150; Ione \$693.75; Lexington, \$1,593.75; Irrigon, \$1,368.75; Boardman, \$450, for a total of \$5,256.25.

Bonds purchased by pupils and teachers from sources other than the school committee: Heppner, \$825; Ione \$2,250; Lexington, \$618.75; Irrigon, \$425.50; total \$4,119.25.

Bonds sold by school committee to persons outside of school: Heppner, \$2,800; Ione, 18,093.75; Lexington, \$2,925.75; Irrigon, \$93.75; total, \$23,913.75.

Bond sold by elementary school pupils: Heppner, \$2,800. Grand total, \$37,088.75.

Committees: Heppner — Carter House, chairman; Shirley Wilkinson, Carolyn Bauman, Marion Miller, Eugenia Biddle, Glenn Coxen, Kenneth Schunk and Joe French; Mrs. Marie Clary, supervisor.

Elementary school: Maylis Johnson, chairman; Karl Gabler, Bobby Gennet and Beverley Yocum; Everett Smith, supervisor.

Ione: Miss Helen Lindsay, primary teacher, assisted by other teachers on the staff.

Lexington: Lorine Van Winkle, chairman; E. B. Jensen, supervisor. Irrigon: Jeanne Brown and Delpha Markham; Mrs. Edith Mathews, supervisor.

Boardman: F. W. Harter.

Eight Mile school did not sell bonds but the pupils bought \$93.75 worth.

SELLS FARM

Lawrence Redding, in town today from his Eight Mile wheat farm, announced he has sold the place to Marion Palmer. Redding will hold a sale shortly and make his home elsewhere.

Dr. Chick Passes at Hood River Home

Services were held Tuesday from the Anderson Funeral chapel in Hood River for Dr. C. C. Chick, 70, who passed away at his home in that city Sunday. The Masonic lodge was in charge of the services and the minister of the Hood River Christian church officiated. The body was taken to a crematorium in Portland.

The body was found when his brother, up from Portland to spend the day and unable to enter the home got Dr. Chick's nurse to unlock the door for him. He had apparently died of a heart attack shortly after dressing in the morning.

Although a resident of Hood River for many years, Dr. Chick formerly resided at Ione and Heppner. He had many friends in this county, some of whom continued to seek his services after he settled at Hood River. He is survived by one son, Charles, of Vancouver.

Anglers Promised Ample Trout Supply

Anglers who perennially worry about the spring fishing have the assurance that Morrow county's streams will be amply stocked, according to information received by Blaine Isom, acting president of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club. Isom has been informed that trucks from the hatchery at Maupin will begin delivery of angling sized trout the middle of this month, which insures good casting for the local Izaak Walton's when the season opens.

Isom has called a meeting for 7:30 o'clock this evening to discuss matters of importance to the club and has asked that there be a good attendance. Election of officers also is on the bill of fare.

P-TA MEETING

Regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association for March will be held at 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, March 8, in the music room at the high school.

Combination 4-H Fair and Rodeo Planned for Fall

Revival of Show Meets With Favor At Director Meet

A rodeo combined with a strong 4-H club fair is the proposal of the Heppner Rodeo association as the offering for the fall of 1944. This decision was reached at a meeting held in the office of F. W. Turner Saturday evening and presided over by Lee Beckner of Ione, president of the association, and attended by several directors and some visitors.

A discussion of the rodeo brought to light the fact that there are performers and stock both available. Several bucking strings are in the field and plenty of cowhands can be drawn from the shippards, it was revealed. Steers for riding and calves for roping generally are local products found in abundance on nearby ranches.

At the suggestion of Edwin Hughes, the association readily accepted a share of the responsibility in putting more glamor into the 4-H club fair. Hughes proposed that the two shows be combined into one worthwhile production, the rodeo association lending every possible assistance in getting the club's exhibits before the people. Not only will the stock be seen in the annual parade but time will be granted prior to the program in the arena each afternoon for the youngsters to exhibit their stock in front of the grandstand. This is the association's proposal and will be carried through if agreeable to those in charge of the fair.

No definite date was set at Saturday's meeting, although it was settled that the Heppner show will come no closer to the Pendleton show than two weeks either way. The tendency here is toward two weeks before the Pendleton show but much depends upon ability to line up talent and stock at the proper time. A meeting will be held March 11 to settle the date and selection of a bucking string, feelers for which have been mailed out this week.

Valuable advice and assistance in formulating show plans was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nutting, veteran rodeo people, now residents of Heppner. The Nuttings not only gave freely of their experience but generously offered to assist in staging the show.

Directors attending the meeting were Buzz Fisk, Cliff Doherty, Edwin Hughes and Ivan Applegate. F. W. Turner was re-elected secretary of the organization.

HARNESS SHOP UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND REARRANGING

You can't keep a good man down and that pertains to an old man as much as a young man these days. Evidence of this is seen in the rearrangement of the Noble Harness Shop, where E. G. Noble, veteran saddler and harness maker a few years ago veered away from the regular line and installed shoe repairing equipment. Recently he disposed of the shoe outfit and now one looks in upon a genuine saddle and harness shop once more.

The interior of the building has been given a coat of paint, display racks for saddles have been moved forward and there is ample room for counters and showcases holding cowboy accessories. In the meantime, Gene is trying to gain on saddle and repair orders without too much success.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Percy Hughes returned Friday from Milton where she spent two weeks.