

Stockmen Plan Insect Control

Meeting Monday evening, the insect control committee of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association, laid plans for an active grub control program this year. Plans call for attempts to organize at least three areas where all cattle numbers can be treated as an isolated control. As these areas progress, others would in future years be organized.

Realizing that Morrow County ranchers are losing their share of the \$100,000,000 loss through grubs to beef and dairy industries of the nation, the committee asked that a letter be sent to each Morrow County cattleman, calling to their attention this loss and the need for a control program. Questionnaires to determine the interest in organized grub control districts will be enclosed with the hope that enough interest will be shown to organize more isolated control areas. Areas where control will be attempted this year will be upper Rhea Creek-Eightmile; Upper Buttercreek to Hinton Creek; and Sandhollow. A control area constitutes spraying all cattle that comes within a mile contact of neighboring herds during the time grubs fall from the cattle's back, till heel flies are through laying eggs. This normally is from February till June 15.

Spraying for grub control should start as soon as they have made a breathing hole through the hide of the cow. Time of spraying varies with the weather, grubs coming out early when the weather is warm. Indications are that grubs will emerge early this year. If weather remains as the past few weeks, spraying should start within the latter part of this month.

The committee pointed out that rotonone is the only insecticide recommended for the control of cattle grub. This may be applied in the form of powder or sprays. For spraying use 7½ pounds of 5% rotonone per 100 gallons of water. It will take about 3 quarts per mature animal. A thorough dusting, rubbing it into the hair on the backs, will control grubs just as well as spraying. This is convenient for small herds where a sprayer is not available. A 2½% rotonone will suffice for dusting. Applications should be made every four weeks until all grubs are controlled.

Local Bank Figures Released in Statement

Year-end statement of condition figures reported by the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on December 31, 1952, deposits at the branch were \$6,174,220 and loans were \$1,571,343.

In releasing the figures Jack Bedford, manager of the branch, also reported comparable figures at the branch a year ago. On December 31, 1951, deposits were \$6,187,278 and loans were \$1,108,485.

At the same time, the First National Bank of Portland and its 48 state-wide banking offices reported that total deposits as of December 31, 1952 climbed to a new high to establish an all-time record of \$591,795,622. Loans at First National on that date were \$208,814,677, and total resources were \$646,993,394. Comparing latest figures with December 31, 1951, First National deposits increased \$34,406,905, loans increased \$24,443,437, and total resources increased \$45,753,172.

Figures were also reported for the First National Bank of Portland group, consisting of the First National Bank of Portland and its 48 state-wide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 offices. On December 31, 1952, deposits were \$729,924,388, loans were \$355,945,791 and total resources were \$797,324,175.

Over December 31, 1951, First National Bank group deposits increased \$44,832,840, loans increased \$35,792,282, and total resources increased \$58,715,134.

The committee also discussed lice and fly control, feeling that ranchers were doing a good job controlling these pests. Consideration was given to sponsoring some demonstrations on proper sprays and applications, if needed.

The Insect Control Committee consists of Frank Anderson, Chairman; Paul Webb, Don Greenup and Floyd Worden. N. C. Anderson acts as secretary.

Mrs. Jim Sumner spent the weekend at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hiler. Mrs. Sumner who teaches in Hood River, spent the holiday vacation in California with her husband who is stationed at San Luis Obispo, Army Signal Corps training station.

John Parker of Pendleton was a visitor in Heppner on Tuesday.

Town Basketball Open League Play With Two Victories

The Heppner Shamrocks, town basketball team, started off its league season last week by winning its first two games from Stanfield 74 to 38 and from Lexington, 75 to 34. Four other non-league games have been played with the locals winning all but one, that against Condon.

The Shamrocks play in a league which includes Lone, Lexington, Boardman, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo. Their next game is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at Hermiston.

Manager La Verne Van Marter said that his is trying to arrange a special March of Dimes benefit game to be played here with the league leading Pendleton team. No date has yet been set, but he hopes to announce it shortly.

Regular players include Stan Kemp, Leroy Springer, Bill Scribner, Bill Barratt, Bob Peterson, Don Rippee, Jim Prock and Melvin Piper.

Local Cattle Are Consigned To Sale

Two Morrow county bulls are among the 150 head of quality range sires that have been consigned to the Oregon Cattleman's Ass'n. graded range bull sale at Condon on February 13 and 14 according to Frank Anderson of the Oregon Cattleman's Association. Local consignors include O. W. Cutsforth of Lexington.

"These Association sponsored bull sales are run by commercial cattlemen for commercial stockmen," stated Anderson and provide the type of market where any buyer can purchase with confidence. Every animal that is entered is graded for quality by competent stockmen and are checked from health standpoint by a veterinarian," Anderson concluded.

Ellis White of Ontario will be the auctioneer. Judge Tippet of Enterprise, William K. Farrell, of John Day and Mrs. Minnie May of Pendleton will grade.

Lexington Five Wins Over Irrigon 47-40

Lexington's basketball squad Saturday night took the measure of Irrigon on the local floor 47 to 40. Throughout the entire game it was nip and tuck with Lexington holding a slim 18 to 15 lead at half time. However, with three minutes left to go at the end they built up a reasonably safe seven point lead.

Top point-getters for Lexington were Asa May with 15, Bob Steagall, 14, Richard Peck, 7, L. Groves 6, and Bill Steagall, 5. Irrigon used two substitutes during the game, but Lexington's five starters went all the way.

Contest Winners

Continued from Page One Eugene Lesser, Melvin Piper, Delbert Piper, A. Osmin, Gale Cox, Mike Belinger, Alvin McCabe, and Denny Swanson.

Bill Labhardt was in charge of refreshments and served the crowd hot dogs, ice cream, and soft drinks. Paul Brown showed 2 very educational movies "Clean Camping", secured from the Forest Service and "Shooting Safety" from the Game Commission.

Some 50 members paid their yearly \$1.00 dues and Hynd Brothers started the Crow, Raven and Magpie Contest for 1953 rolling with their usual donation of \$25.00.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Organized and now functioning for the new club year, the Lone Poultry Club is being led by Mrs. Lewis Ball, lone. Leaders of this club the past two years has been Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McCabe.

Officers are Gary White, president; Johnny Swanson, vice-president; Joe Allen, secretary; Wayne Ball, news reporter; and Ellis Ball, song leader. There is one more member, Kenneth Nelson, besides these officers.

There are several new additions in 4-H livestock projects since the last report in this column. Tillamook dairy calves continue to be received with Janet and Patsy Wright getting Guernsey heifers the past two weeks. Jack Struthers, new member of the Sandhollow-Buttercreek Livestock Club has a shorthorn steer on feed. The steer was purchased from the John Graves herd. Kenney Linn Smouse is the newest owner of sheep, purchasing two this past Saturday. They are purebred Southdowns from the Gardner 4-H flock near Canyon City in Grant County. They will lamb late in February and early March.

HUGHES ARE GRANDPARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes of Fall City are the parents of a 7 lb. 13 oz. son born January 11. He has been named Brian Thomas. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes of Heppner. Mrs. Dorothy Stearns of Newberg and Lloyd Stearns of Tacoma, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly spent several days last week in Portland and Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly will leave the first of the week for Washington D. C. where he will enter Georgetown University.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sneed have returned to their home in Portland after spending several days in Heppner visiting with Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. William R. Scott, Jr., Heppner, a 9 lb. 8 oz. girl born Jan. 11, named Jana Lee. To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hinton, Heppner, a 6 lb. 11 oz. girl born Jan. 12, named Shirley Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Asher, Spray, a 7 lb. 5 oz. girl born Jan. 13, named Valerie Kay. To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tomblason, Condon, a 7 lb. 11 oz. boy born Jan. 14, named Rodney John.

Medical—Homer Putman, Condon, dismissed; Moses Duran, Heppner; Eugene G. Noble, Heppner; Ronald McCabe, lone, dismissed; L. T. Coffman, Cecil; Marlene Bergstrom, Heppner; Mrs. Martha Flett, Condon; Mrs. Rita Worden, Heppner; Mrs. Dolores Barnett, lone.

Minor Surgery—George Hermann, lone, dismissed; Ronald Eugene Peterson, Heppner, dismissed; David Allen, Heppner, dismissed; Jimmy Lindsay, Kinzua, dismissed; Allen Ray Merritt, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Barbara Stone Lexington, dismissed; Robert Lee DeSpain, lone, dismissed; Mrs. Juanita Shearer, Condon, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Mrs. Eleanor Van Noy, Boardman; Mrs. Frances Smouse, lone.

Out-patients—Bonnie Kincaid, lone; Robert Ferrel, Kinzua; Buck Williams, Fossil; Mrs. Sara Adkins, Heppner.

IN THE DALLES HOSPITAL

Mrs. Alvin Wagonblast of Lexington entered the Mid-Columbia hospital at The Dalles Tuesday evening, to undergo surgery. She will have to remain there about eight days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Thompson motored to Pendleton and Enterprise Friday where he attended a meeting of the Pendleton Production Credit association.

Miss Marjorie Sims has returned to Hillsboro after a holiday visit with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reid of Spray were business visitors in Heppner Tuesday.

Ralph I. Thompson, Heppner was in Pendleton early this week to attend a meeting of the P. M. A.

Abe Rosewall, Los Angeles, has been Heppner for the past few days visiting his brother W. C. Rosewall.

Lower Meat Prices Result of Drought

Present lower meat prices are due partly to the rainless summer and the long dry fall that prevailed over nearly the entire U. S. according to Ed Coles, extension livestock marketing specialist, at Oregon State college.

The specialist explains that because of the dry conditions, permanent pasture development was limited and feed supplies were curtailed. As a result, livestock producers had to either sell or use the ensilage or hay they had stacked. Feed prices were already high and in some areas unavailable so many stockmen sent their sheep or cattle to market.

In the winter wheat belt, where there is a new practice of using fall sown wheat as pasture, drought conditions were so that the wheat wouldn't grow enough to be used for pasture. Without enough pasture many producers were forced to sell thousands of cattle and sheep.

As a result of these and other similar conditions an abnormally large number of sheep and cattle have been slaughtered. This has in turn pushed retail meat prices down, says Coles.

Mrs. Mattie Green drove to Pendleton Friday to spend several days visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green.

Frank Parker underwent major surgery at a Portland hospital early last week and is recovering satisfactorily according to word received by friends from Mrs. Parker who is in the city with him. They will remain in Portland for several days following his release from the hospital.

Judge and Mrs. J. C. Barratt drove to Portland Thursday where he spent several days on business.

Mrs. Chris Brown came over from Baker Thursday to spend a few days in Heppner visiting her family.

Mrs. Ernie Winchester has as her houseguest this week Mrs. Mary Greener of Walla Walla. Mrs. Roy Quackenbush made a business trip to Walla Walla Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Schaffitz had as their guest from Thursday until Sunday, her mother Mrs. Mary Carter of Portland.

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