

Morrow Gets Bangs Free Certificate

Morrow county became the first beef county in Eastern Oregon to receive a modified, certified Brucellosis free rating when Dr. A. G. Beagle, agricultural research service, Portland, presented the county with its Bang's-free certificate at the annual banquet of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association Saturday night at the fair pavilion.

County cattlemen and county officials should be complimented in pushing the compulsory program which was started about 1948, Dr. Beagle pointed out. In addition to state and county funds, over \$35,000 of federal funds have been used in the area to combat the disease, he added.

Oregon rates fourth in 50 states, including the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, in having the lowest incidence of Brucellosis, Dr. S. E. McGough, representative of the Oregon Veterinarian Medical Association, Pendleton, reported in a brief talk.

When a county has been certified the owner of any reactor herd is not at liberty to sell breeding stock into another herd until the cattle test clean, it was pointed out. Several counties in Eastern Oregon have started a compulsory testing program and it is hoped the entire region will have certification by 1960, Dr. Beagle said.

Garnet Barratt, county judge, who accepted the certificate for the county, extended his appreciation to cattle producers and to the county taxpayers who have helped pay indemnities in the Bang's program. Herman Oliver, past president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association, urged the ranchers to continue their testing program consistently.

Frank Anderson, Morrow county cattleman of the year, was presented a trophy from the association by Herman Oliver and Harold Wright, grassman of the year, was presented a plaque from the Farm Bureau by Newt O'Hara.

Other numbers on the program included folk dances by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hausler, Ione; vocal solos by Victor Kreimeyer accompanied by Mrs. Kreimeyer and a skit by Mrs. Kenneth Peck and Mrs. N. C. Anderson. William Weatherford was master of ceremonies. The dinner was served by the home economics club of the Willows Grange, Ione.

Rainfall High For January

Precipitation in Heppner since the first of the year totalled 1.93 inches up to Wednesday morning, according to reports kept by Len Gilliam. The heaviest storm hit over the weekend when 1.07 inches of rainfall caused soil washes over highways and considerable erosion in the area. Total January rainfall last year was .56 inches.

Total rainfall for the past three months to date is 7.30 inches with 2.73 reported for November and 2.64 inches in December.

Rainfall in the Eightmile section totalled 2.36 for the month to Jan. 18, with the heaviest precipitation reported on Jan. 15 with 1.63 inches, according to reports kept by L. Carlson.

Cattle Disease Hits Lexington

A cattle disease, Mucosal, new to the northwest, has struck 22 out of a herd of 42 purebred Hereford yearlings owned by Orville Cutsforth, Lexington. Dr. Wayne B. Clizer, Stanfield, stated that the disease is extremely serious in an individual herd but that it spreads slowly and erratically, from farm to farm, sometimes moving about 10 miles over a period of years.

The disease, marked by frothing at the mouth, loose hoofs and weight loss, was first noted at the Cutsforth ranch on two calves in July but was not diagnosed until this weekend by Dr. Clizer and Dr. A. G. Beagle, agricultural research service, Portland. A total of 19 animals has been killed by Cutsforth, including eight in September and October, and five the past weekend.

First report of the disease was in southern Idaho about 18 months ago and a few isolated cases in Oregon have been diagnosed as Mucosal since then, Dr. Clizer said. Similar diseases have been reported in Indiana and New York and another similar type disease, Rhinotracheitis, has been discovered in Colorado and California.

Although Mucosal will hurt the individual cattleman, no immediate outbreak or big epidemic is anticipated, according to Dr. Clizer. If no other herds show up with symptoms federal or state authorities should be notified, he added.

The federal government is running a research and control survey on the disease, it was pointed out. At present no cure or treatment is known, but it has been found the outbreak will be much less severe the second year in the individual herd. Young animals are most often affected and usually the animal will die in 5 or 10 days. However, in the Cutsforth herd the disease has run up to 40 days, it was pointed out.

Al Lamb Named on Demo Dinner Slate

Al Lamb of Heppner, chairman of the Morrow county Democratic central committee, has been appointed a member of the annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner committee by Dave Shaw, Gold Beach attorney, who is general chairman of the affair.

The \$25 a plate dinner which will be held in Portland, February 11, features Adlai E. Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination and will be a money raising affair for the Oregon party.

Lamb announced today that he has received tickets for the banquet which will be held in Portland in the Columbia Athletic Club and that he has appointed a local committee to work on ticket sales with him.

Lamb states that 50 of the net proceeds from tickets sold in Morrow county or used by Morrow county residents will be returned to the Democratic central committee here. This is the first time, the county chairman said, that the party has been able to make this kind of financial division and he anticipates that it will stimulate the Democratic county organization here to participate actively in the dinner.

Weather Blamed For Two Wrecks

Murky weather Sunday caused two accidents on the Heppner-Arlington highway. Allen Hughes, Heppner, was taken by ambulance to the Pioneer Memorial hospital with injuries received when a 1953 Chevrolet sedan he was driving hit the rear of a Chevrolet truck driven by Wayne Patten and owned by Delbert Emert.

Fog and ice contributed to the accident which occurred about 6 p. m. when Patten entered the highway from the right side of the road and turned west. Hughes, coming over the hillcrest from the east applied his breaks and skidded into the Emert truck with the left rear of his car. Hughes suffered a concussion and bruises and Mrs. Hughes, riding with him, was shaken but unhurt. Considerable damage was reported on the Hughes car.

A 1951 Ford sedan driven by Herbert Hynds, Cecil, skidded off the Heppner-Arlington highway above Lexington about noon on Sunday and turned over in the adjoining field. A slick spot of mud and water on the highway and fog were blamed for the accident. Hynds and Mrs. Hynds, riding with him, were uninjured and were taken to Heppner by a car following them. Car damage was confined to the top and fenders.

March of Dimes Drive Lags

The March of Dimes polio drive in Morrow county was reported lagging today by Floyd Sayers, county campaign chairman. Only \$491.95 had been collected Tuesday from Heppner, Ione and Lexington. Reports from the remainder of the county had not been turned in yet, he said.

The Mother's March on polio will begin Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 6:45 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. Jack Loyd, Mother's March chairman. The March will be conducted by about 20 Boy Scouts under the leadership of George Terrill and Ken Keeling. Residents are asked to burn their porch lights to assist the collectors who will accept regular polio card donations as well as the extra contributions. A party for the Scouts will be given by the Soroptimist club at the American Legion hall immediately following the drive.

In Lexington the Mother's March drive by the Cub Scouts will be under the direction of Mrs. Lonnie Henderson, Mrs. Cecil Jones and Mrs. Marge Angell. Franklin Myles will be in charge of the Scouts. At Ione the Scouts for the Mother's March will be under the direction of Dave McLeod assisted by Bob DeSpain. All three drives will be held Tuesday night, Jan. 31.

Gross receipts from the 1955 polio drive totaled \$2,489.94 of which \$1,166.93 was sent to the national foundation, according to the treasurer's report. A total of \$820.50 was used for patient care on two cases contracted in the county prior to 1955 and at present the county chapter owes

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Dr. Wallace Wolff Named Staff Prexy

Dr. Wallace Wolff was elected president and chief of staff of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital medical and surgical staff at a meeting Tuesday night at the hospital. Other officers are Dr. L. D. Tibbles, vice president and Dr. Harold Huber, secretary-treasurer.

Former Heppner Man Fatally Injured

Aulta E. Coxen, 59, former resident of Heppner and nephew of L. D. Neill, was fatally scalded Monday while at work in the boiler room of the J. D. Johnson Lumber Company at Toledo. Mr. Neill left Tuesday for Toledo to attend his nephew's funeral.

Road Crews At Work On Willow Creek

County road crews have completed widening and replacing old timber underpasses on nearly a mile of the lower Willow creek road in preparation for surfacing and oiling approximately six miles of the road this summer, Garnet Barratt, county judge, said this week.

In summarizing county road work and finances Barratt pointed out that the county court plans to operate on a pay-as-you-go policy which is presently supported by a 10 mill road levy instead of using bond issues for financing. In a seven-year period since the first 5-year special 10 mill road levy was passed in 1948, a total of \$1,405,435 has been expended in graveling some 245 miles of county roads and graveling and oiling 70 miles of county roads.

In addition the county has acquired sufficient road construction equipment to further construct and maintain an adequate road system within the county. Plus about \$154,000 invested in equipment the county has a modern county machine repair and storage shop valued with the equipment at \$30,000, Barratt added.

As of June 1, 1955, Morrow county was out of debt for the first time in 36 years. In 1925 the county had a bonded indebtedness of \$840,000 and during that 36-year period until last June the county had paid out \$526,000 in interest, it was explained.

Within the coming year the court expects to have a gravel road to every live habitation on every county road in the county, Barratt said. At present only eight farms are without either a gravelled or oiled road to their door. In some cases the crews have gravelled private driveways from the county road to the habitation at cost to the individual farmer and the present policy is to continue the service when requested, it was said. Total farms now listed in Morrow county are 473, some of which are off county roads.

Contract for surfacing and oiling 20 feet of asphalt pavement with three foot gravel shoulders on each side of the six miles is expected to be let by the State Highway department sometime this May, Barratt said. Approximately \$55,000 of public funds have been made available for the job with the county contributing 20 per cent, or \$11,000, the state 20 per cent and the remaining 60 per cent from federal aid secondary highway funds.

The county court had hoped the entire 12 mile section to the city wells at the Forks could be let in one contract, but appropriations for the next biennium have not been made by congress, necessitating the awarding of another contract for the last six miles during the next fiscal year, Barratt said.

The Willow Creek road is one of the heaviest traveled county roads within the county according to traffic counts kept by the county during the past two years and by the State Highway department prior to the hunting season, it was pointed out.

Part of the county crew are graveling about a 15 mile section of the Juniper canyon road and last week another portion of the crew was replacing a bridge across Rock creek near the Cason ranch on the Lone Rock road. The bridge was washed out in the recent floods.



RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATE rating Morrow county as the first beef county in Eastern Oregon to become a certified, modified Bang's free area is Garnet Barratt, county judge, right. From left: Dr. A. G. Beagle, agricultural research service, Portland, and Dr. S. E. McGough, Pendleton, representing the State Veterinarians association.

Livestock Men Name Graves New President At Annual Meeting

New officers of the Morrow county Livestock Growers association elected at the Saturday afternoon sessions of the two-day annual meeting are John Graves, president; William Barratt, vice president; Gerald Swaggart, treasurer and N. C. Anderson, secretary. Raymond French is outgoing president.

Pasture and range improvements sponsored by the association during the past year have included roadside grass seeding, grass-alfalfa seedings, and the encouragement of grass seeding demonstrations using new grass seeding drills now available, according to Norman Nelson, chairman of the pasture and range committee. In addition ranchers have been encouraged to divert cropland to grass and to eliminate brush areas and seed to grass.

Herman Oliver, John Day, past president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association, urged all livestock producers to belong to their county, state and national associations and to fight for the objective and protect the interests of the livestock industry. He urged representatives to congress to protect the industry from the effects of the proposed soil bank program by prohibiting grass on extra acre to be used for increasing livestock.

Of 17,000 cattlemen in Oregon only 1200 are members of livestock associations, Oliver said. He recommended that each cattleman invest the price of one cull cow into cattle association memberships to combat a cattle situation which now is as bad as it was in 1932.

Frank Anderson, chairman of the livestock marketing committee, advocated a state beef commission for Oregon and reported that locally listing services for cattle had lacked in interest.

Other reports were given by Gerald Swaggart, chairman of the Game Laws committee and Ralph Beamer, chairman of the theft prevention control committee. Beamer pointed out that the livestockmen were dissatisfied with the disposition of cattle theft cases as cattle are the in-

come source of the livestock producer.

A little over 7,000 head of cattle were tested for Brucellosis in Morrow county last year to complete the testing for making this a certified, modified Bang's free county, Raymond Ferguson, member of the livestock disease control committee reported. Of the total only sixty-nine hundredths of one percent of the cattle were infected. In addition 632 replacement heifers were vaccinated against the disease, he said.

In Morrow county Livestock Growers association was one of the groups instrumental in getting the state legislature to provide a law for setting up county grasshopper control districts which would help to make funds available to combat infestations in the future, Dick Wilkinson reported. He pointed out that though Morrow county did not use any of \$34,000 state emergency funds which they had asked for in spraying grasshoppers this year, neighboring counties used \$11,169.50 of the fund.

The severe hopper infestation threatening the county last year was cut down to parasitism of grasshoppers, Robert Every, extension entomologist, Oregon State college, reported. A survey last summer showed 90 percent of hoppers carrying parasites.

The south Butter Creek area appears to be the only spot in the county with hopper infestation possibilities next year according to an adult and egg survey made this fall, said Every, who explained that the picture may change during the coming seasons.

Every discussed new insecticides on the market, including Lindane, which is doing a good job on all insects and has proved effective in combination with other insecticides including DDT, Chlordane and Methoxychlor.

John Landers, extension animal husbandman, Oregon State college, outlined various feed rations for wintering brood cow herds, fattening rations and pointed out that producers should use more home grown roughage supplemented with high protein

concentrates.

Control of stomach worms in cattle by oral administration of the drug Phenothiazine was explained by Landers who added that the worms may be held down after the initial dose by mixing the drug with salt. Usually associated with irrigated pastures, the worms have become more numerous in range conditions where they mature in standing water, he added.

The history, symptoms and control of Leptospirosis and Anoplasmiasis was outlined by Dr. A. G. Beagle in the Friday afternoon sessions.

Aspects of marketing cattle were discussed in a panel composed of stockmen from Umatilla, Wallawa and Morrow counties at the Friday sessions at the fair pavilion. W. Y. Fowler, Oregon State college, was moderator for the panel.

Jiggs Fisk, Wallawa county, discussed feeder sales sponsored by the Wallawa Stockgrowers Association without profit with the object of making the most money for the producer.

The producer who feeds out his own cattle and has a strong central market to attract buyers has a distinct advantage, Orval McCormack, Umatilla county, reported on marketing practices in his area.

With large feed surpluses available feeder cattle numbers could easily be increased from 17,000 now on feed in Umatilla county feed lots to 100,000 head, Ben Gilgore, Pendleton Grain Growers, stated.

Raymond French, Heppner, discussed the need of attracting more buyers and more competitive bidding in Morrow county.

In the absence of Bill Southworth, Grant county, Fowler explained the listing service in that area and stressed that ranchers should be ready to show their animals when buyers are around. Management practices emphasized by Fowler included dehorning, castrating, correct time of weaning, keeping a high quality breeding herd and methods of fill before marketing.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK ANDERSON are shown receiving the "Cattleman of the Year" trophy from Morrow county from Herman Oliver, John Day, past president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association.



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