

Livestock Growers Hold Successful Meeting

Despite heavy snows and wintry conditions 10 cattlemen brought in 39 bulls to the third annual bull trading day held last Friday. While trading was slow, approximately one-third of the bulls changed hands, according to Don Robinson, bull day chairman.

A new feature of this year's bull day, which created much interest was a weight guessing contest. Competition was keen with Van Hubbard, lone guessing the combined weight of five bulls within ten pounds of their correct weight. Coming in with a close second and third was Mrs Don Greenup, Heppner and Kenneth Palmer, Lexington.

Saturday's sessions attended by 57 persons drew reports from the membership and finance, legislation and taxation, production and marketing, insect, rodent and predator control, disease control, bull sale, range and pasture improvement, game, theft and brand, meat promotion, and resolutions committees.

Barton Clark, reporting for the legislation taxation committees, reported that the association has now completed incorporation.

A report of the membership and finance committee revealed that the association had 116 members in 1959; only 9 less than an all time high with 50 memberships for 1960 sold during the day.

The production and marketing committee asked that some added improvements and remodeling be made at the livestock corrals and scales and that the scales be put to better use in 1960.

Bob Van Schojack reporting for the insect, rodent and predator control committee asked the continuation of the present two trapper system and that all predator losses and complaints or problems be reported to the predator committee so that they might be able to give prompt and complete reports to the U S

Fish and Wildlife Service. They asked that in view of the rapidly increased coyote numbers that all methods of control including poison bait, cyanide guns, traps and hounds be used. Showing concern over the large number of sheep losses from dogs during the past year, this committee recommended that dog licensing be enforced in order that the dog fund would be strengthened and that dogs causing losses could be traced to their origin.

Chairman Ron Currin of the disease control committee encouraged continued calfhood vaccination and the cull cow test program for brucellosis and announced the new vaccine recently available for white muscle disease. He urged that every one be on the look out for outbreaks of leptospirosis and anaplasmosis. He encouraged a strict insect control program using the systemic methods for grub control. Recognizing a problem in cleaning up herds quarantined for brucellosis he asked for the backing of the livestock association on a recommendation to the State Department of Agriculture to clean up these herds at the very earliest possible date.

E R Jackman, range crop specialist, OSC, outlined some suggestions for improving range and pasture improvement committee report. He pointed out the yields of improved range land compared to unimproved at the Alec Lindsay ranch where alfalfa-grass seedings were made in 1954. Improved range was yielding 850 pounds of forage compared to 400 from unimproved range. He suggested the use of alfalfa in all range improvement programs recommending the range type varieties such as Nomad, Phisoma Hamble and Teton. He advocated three points to get a good stand when reseeding were being made. 1. destroy competition, 2. cover the seed and 3. leave the seedling alone the first year. He emphasized in carrying out the second point that the seed need be covered only one half to three-fourths inches deep.

The game, theft and brand committee chairmaned by Gordon O'Brien asked that the association continue to support a bill making it illegal to carry loaded firearms in a vehicle even though such legislation has been defeated in the past. He pointed out that there would have been many less deaths this hunting season if this was a law. The committee opposed the wilderness bill, which permits limited or no use at all of certain public lands. They commended the State Game Commission on their information, education and hunter safety programs and asked that such programs be accelerated. They asked that additional law enforcement men be put into heavily hunted areas during the peak of hunting season and that stronger trespass laws are needed.

Frank Anderson, chairman of the meat promotion committee reported that the committee had concentrated this year on the beef, Inc. project of the Oregon Centennial and that the association had contributed \$650 from their treasury. Several hundred dollars were received also from individual contributions of livestock men in the county.

One of the highlights of the session was a report from Ron Currin on his attendance at the stockmen's short course held at Washington State University in early December. His comments interested many when he pointed out that the trend in beef production is toward big boned, heavier type animals that will make highly efficient gains. He emphasized the point that beef raisers need to consider efficiency of their industry in that beef cattle were utilizing 8 to 12 pounds of feed per pound of gain while the chicken producer was getting 1 pound of gain per pound of feed and the swine man was feeding only 3 to 4 pounds or less for a pound of gain. He urged pregnancy testing of beef cattle to bring high calving percentages and to eliminate wintering dry cows. His report of the popularity of artificial insemination in beef cattle brought many comments from those attending. He pointed out that beef breeders in Canada were way ahead in this respect with thousands of range cattle being bred this way each year. Figures showing that the cost of breeding each cow was \$7.15 originally with this cost being cut, interested many.

Representing the Oregon State Cattlemen's Association were Kent Magruder, Clatskanie president and Larry Williams, Canyon City, vice president. Reporting for the state association, Mr Magruder pointed out that financing problems of the organization were their biggest problem. With only a secretary and office girl on the payroll officers have contributed many hours of time and miles of driving to further the cattle industry in the state. Outlining some of the activities of that association at this time, he complimented the Cowbelles on their highly efficient beef promotion program and hoped that the beef industry could profit much from the newly formed Beef Council. He explained the voluntary contribution to the Beef Council stating that producers will be asked at the time of brand inspection if he wants to make a contribution. This will be provided on the new transportation certificates which will be printed as soon as the old supply is used up. Included in activities during the past year has been efforts to decrease

cattle evaluations on the assessors tax rolls in line with the slump in beef prices; participation in the Grant County Court case in an attempt to reverse the decision of taxing by the state of public lands.

The resolutions committee headed by O W Cutsforth presented five resolutions: 1. That the association ask the governor to appoint a farmer member to the State Accident Commission advisory committee.

2. That the county court make a study of the problems encountered in trailing stock on unfenced roads with agricultural land adjoining.

3. That every livestock grower acquaint themselves with and study the school building program needed in the county.

4. That consideration be given and those communities interested circulate petitions for establishing open range.

5. Extending thanks to Elks Lodge 358 for providing facilities for the meeting.

Elected to serve as an executive board for the new year were Frank Anderson, Ralph Beamer, O W Cutsforth, Barton Clark, Raymond French, Ronald Currin, Alec Lindsay, Floyd Jones, Bob Van Schojack, Dick Wilkinson, and Gerald Swaggart. Officers will be elected and terms of offices selected at the first meeting of this executive committee as provided under the new constitution of the incorporation.

Some segments of the livestock industry were encouraged, others discouraged by the livestock outlook presented by Stephen Marks, agricultural economist, Oregon State College. Mr Marks forecast, through past trends and market reports, that 1960 will see hog prices up; cattle prices approximately the same; sheep and wool down compared to 1959. The banquet attended by 168 persons seemed to be enjoyed by all. Outgoing Cowbelle president Norma French presented Mrs Shirley Rugg, the new president for the year and Alec Lindsay, chairman of the cattlemen of the year committee presented Herbert Ekstrom and Sons as 1959 Cattlemen of the Year. The traditional Hereford statuette was provided by the association. E R Jackman's "100 Years with the Cattle Industry" was enjoyed by all.

Officiating during the two days as chairman in charge of door prizes Dick Wilkinson presented several dozen of these provided by Heppner businesses.

The next meeting will be held up night at the hall Friday, Jan 29, with potluck supper at 6:30 p. m. The grange will be host for Pomona Grange Saturday, Jan 30.

The home economics club will be in charge of the lecturer's hour at the meeting of Greenfield Grange Feb. 11.

The home economics club of Greenfield Grange met Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs W G Seehafer. Mrs Guy Ferguson was co-hostess. Mrs Rollin Bishop was a guest.

Plans were made for Pomona Grange meeting dinner, and committees were appointed for next year for serving at both club and grange. Hostesses for February will be Mrs Elvin Ely and Mrs Frank Marlow.

Mrs Delmer Hug was hostess for the Tillicum Club Tuesday evening of last week at her home. There were 10 members present.

A discussion was held regarding the sending of a CARE package to the Philippine Islands, consisting of materials, thread and buttons.

A report was given on the aid given to needy families at Christmas time. Thank you letters were read from the State hospital at Pendleton, and the Chemawa Indian school.

Correspondence was read from the state federation concerning the art department contests and conservation education.

Plans were discussed for the annual Sweetheart dinner, committees for which will be appointed at the next meeting.

The club sent a telegram to Lee Quiring at Salem concerning the need for state police protection in Boardman during the night hours.

The next meeting will be held

at the home of Mrs Andy Jones on Feb 9.

Mrs Charles Graham was hostess for a party, Jan 14 at the home of Mrs Bob Thornhill in honor of her daughter, Marilyn's sixth birthday. Guests were Mrs Harold Smouse and Diane and Harold, Jr. of Umatilla, Mrs Wayne Kuhn and Pam and Casey, Debbie and Pam Hug, and Arla and Tina Thornhill. Marilyn won the prize in a game played.

Mrs Nathan Thorpe was hostess for a party at her home Wednesday afternoon of last week in honor of her daughter Teresa's tenth birthday. Guests

were Linda Tatone, Karen Gronquist and Annie Obermeier.

Mr and Mrs Hugh Brown of Pendleton were overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Anderegg one night last week.

Mrs Oscar Veelle has returned to her home at Estacada after visiting her daughter, Graela Stewart, for several weeks. Mrs Stewart and son Randy drove her home.

Mr and Mrs Harold Marlow of La Grande visited last week at the home of Marlow's parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Marlow.

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PUBLIC MEETING
BOARDMAN CHAPTER
S. O. S., Inc.
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Tuesday, Jan. 26
8:00 P. M.
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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Students at Riverside high school are taking semester examinations this week, with the semester ending Friday, Jan 22. A new student at Riverside is Gloria Friend, who lives at Irrigon.

Alexander Lewis, a magician, presented a program to the school Monday afternoon, as part of the National School Assembly program.

Joe Hay, assistant county agent, Heppner, was taken in as a new member of Greenfield Grange at the meeting Thursday night at the hall. The meeting started with potluck supper at 6:30 p. m. Hosts were Mr and Mrs W G Seehafer and Mr and Mrs Guy Ferguson. Guests were Mr and Mrs Lloyd Berger, Neola Parker and Ardis Taylor from Irrigon Grange.

The grange will hold a clean

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