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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. ANDERSON

Quite a number of Morrow County cattlemen took advantage of the Earnest Sires Hereford Production Sale last week by purchasing both bulls and females from this herd. Prices were good we believe due to the demand for production tested beef cattle. The Sires Stanfield herd has been on progeny test from the beginning of the time that this program was accepted by beef men in Oregon. Those from Morrow County who we have heard have bought cows, heifers, and bulls were Eddie and Jerry Brosnan, W. E. Hughes, Randall Martin, Floyd Jones, and Paul Webb all Heppner.

Recent sales of production tested herd sires throughout the country have been reported to bring an average of one hundred dollars over those with no gain test. Ranchers are paying more for this type of breeding stock realizing that the gaining ability is hereditary and that these kind of animals will pass these characteristics on to their offspring.

An interesting field day was attended last Tuesday at the Stan Musgraves ranch near Monument. Accompanying a group of Forest Service people I participated in this forestry field day which was arranged by the State Board of Forestry, Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, A. S. C., and Extension Service to demonstrate the manage-

ment of private woodland. During the day the value of pruning and thinning forest stands for highest lumber production was outlined and shown. I received quite an education in the demonstration of various equipment on the market now to make the once tedious job of pruning and thinning a real snap. Five different companies demonstrating quite an array of labor saving equipment surely made play out of these management chores compared to the old method of axe and pruning saw.

The "show" was so interesting and the story illustrated so important to private timber owners that some of us think it might be well received by Morrow County private timber owners. If arrangements can be made we will plan such a demonstration here sometime soon.

While rabbits are of not much significance, economically, in Morrow County there are quite a number each year for meat and as pets. Those who are engaged in this industry will be interested in a new bulletin just off the press entitled, "Rabbit Diseases and Parasites." The bulletin is well illustrated and goes into a number of common diseases and parasites that the rabbit raiser encounters. We would be glad to provide a copy for you if you would contact our office.

More Stringent Fire Laws Advocated

An effort will be made by state fire protection officials to have the Oregon legislature tighten up on fire laws.

"A person guilty of throwing debris along highways," points out Arthur W. Prialux, president of Keep Oregon Green Association, "risks a \$100 fine upon conviction. But a person throwing a lighted cigarette or other lighted material along highways is assessed only \$75 upon conviction."

Since more than nine out of every ten forest fires start within 100 yards of roads and highways, every effort should be made to prevent carelessness with fire by the traveling public.

More forest fires are caused by careless smokers than by any other cause, the fire prevention leaders warn.

Mrs. David Tottleben is here from Portland to stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, before joining her husband who is stationed in Labrador.

TO THE EDITOR

In the last official election there was to be voted upon, a special ballot to give or not to give to the governing body of the county, the authority to proceed with adopting zoning or land use ordinances. The ballot read: "Shall the County Court or Board of County Commissioners for the County of Morrow State of Oregon, be authorized to enact zoning and land use regulations?"

Unfortunately the measure lost. It was unfortunate because it leaves the County Court without enabling legislation. It leaves the County Court without the authority to carry out any development pattern previously adopted by the planning commissions. As the law reads, counties may now exercise control in all areas outside of the limits of incorporated cities by the creation of a planning commission and the adoption of subdivision standards by the governing body of the county. The County Court is the governing body.

We have a five member county Planning Commission. We have a six-county Planning and Zoning Commission. Well organized and active. This latter is to make a study involving the analysis of the resources of the entire area in order to anticipate future needs, trends, and opportunities, and to point the way to orderly development. Growth of any region will require an increase in public facilities and services. Primary purpose of any study is to encourage decisions for an orderly development pattern. It is important that land will be reserved for park and school sites as well as that a road pattern be laid out before an area is developed for other uses. All the proposals will be based in one way or another on the estimates of the number of people who will be working in the area, living in the area, or in one way or another be served by the public facilities in the area.

We have the local planning commission. It, too, is important. They will act on a local level, or County-wide basis, on proposals that apply locally. However, they can only continue the study and make the recommendations to the governing body. As said, the governing body is the County Court. The County Court does not have the authority to act or proceed with adopting zoning or land use ordinances unless given the authority by a county-wide election. It was this authority we asked for in the special ballot. No doubt, I was the one who flubbed it all by not getting out sufficient information as to what it was all about. I am very sorry for this. I deem it very important that we have the authority to act on valid recommendations. I deem it so important that we probably will have to again ask for the said authority in a special election. We may be able to combine it with some other matters that will be coming up for a vote by the people. It is not a tax matter. Only cost will be something for the election.

That there will be development coming to Morrow County is inevitable. Industrial development to be sure. If it will not be sooner, it will be later. But that is neither here nor there. The time for a look into the future is here. County-wide zoning has been authorized in Lane, Multnomah, and Wasco counties. County Planning Commissions have been established in many other counties. It is all well under way here in Morrow County and I am sure that the good people here will see to it that we have an effective organization for application of land use regulations.

Sincerely,
Oscar E. Peterson

Mrs. Alex Green has received word of the birth of a new grandson, Kenneth Robert, born Nov. 26 weighing 8 pounds and 12 ounces. The young man's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hagerman of La Grande.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg, Jr., of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Springer and family of Hood River.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:
WHO SHOT ME? AND WHY?



BERT

Everyone else writes a letter to the editor so I thought I would too.

My ancestors were born in Siam but I was an American. I was born in Portland, Ore. I was brought to Heppner and adopted by my family in February 1956. I was very happy and had a good young life.

My owners kept telling me to stay at the house and away from the road. But you know young folks. I thought I knew better. I was just out in the field doing what I thought I should. When my owner's crops were eaten up with mice and gophers there was no money. And my taste for food was very expensive. I would only eat one brand of cat food.

One morning one of you so-called sportsmen put your little red hat on your head, picked up your gun and said "Give me something to shoot." Anything. I am not particular." Up the road you came and saw me in the field. There didn't seem to be anything else to shoot at so I was the target. Why? Why was I made to suffer for the stupidity of the so-called human race?

Signed,
BERT

(This is a story that could be told thousands of times. Thank heavens there weren't any little children to be heart-broken. But we adults miss him very much. He had grown to be part of the family.)

You people in the cities and towns wonder why we the farmers, post our lands anymore. This is only one of the small reasons. There are those of you who have no consideration for us, our land, our pets or our livestock. The only thing I have to say is I hope whoever you are, wherever you are that you are proud of your marksmanship.

Bert has a Siamese sister "Toy" left. I hope this doesn't happen to her.

VIVIAN HAYES.

Bighorn Sheep In Steens Mountains

The first transplant of bighorn mountain sheep to other parts of their original eastern Oregon range was made by the game commission recently when four animals were captured from the nucleus band held within the Hart mountain enclosure and trucked to the east face of the Steens mountains. The four animals included one large ram, two adult ewes, and one female lamb.

The release was made on B. L. M. lands in the vicinity of Alford creek, a rugged, rim-rocked gorge cutting the east face of the Steens. The sheep transported easily and appeared in excellent condition at the time of release. This is the second attempt made by the game commission to transplant the bighorns. Three weeks ago a drive was made to trap nine animals that had been captured within a 30-acre enclosure, but the animals refused to be heeled within the wing traps. In the interim, the traps were altered and baited and the latter drive appears to have been more successful. Additional attempts will be made in the near future to capture more sheep for the Steens transplant.

Reproduction from the nucleus band of 20 animals brought from British Columbia in 1954 has been excellent. More than 30 of these magnificent big game animals already roam the vast rim-rocked escarpment of Hart mountain proper. An additional 36 animals which form the nucleus herd from which other plants will be made are still being held within the pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt and family of Bend were visiting the C. J. D. Bauman family for the Thanksgiving weekend, and while here they visited with his grandmother, Mrs. Lee Cantwell.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll were their daughter, Janice, of Pendleton; son, Tom, E.O.C., her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Fortner, Boardman and his brother, Bill, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrison, Condon, were in Heppner Tuesday for a checkup at the hospital.

Oakley Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ott, has recently enlisted in the Air Force and has gone to San Antonio, Texas, for his basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Murray of Union were here during Thanksgiving to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lamb and son, Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones left last Friday for an 11-day trip and tour of the Hawaiian Islands.

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