

P. I. Show Expected to Set Records

By N. C. ANDERSON

If the number of inquiries from ranchers is an indication of the amount of systematic insecticide that will be used for the control of grub and lice on our cattle this fall, there will be a lot less "itchy" cows this winter and early spring. Most of the questions asked have to do with amounts of materials that are used and application. Most everyone seems to be using Co-Ral as a spray because of the ease of application. The newly advertised pour-on material, Ruene does not seem to be on the market in this area. Recommendations for using Co-Ral is given on the package. A four pound package of 25% wettable material should be mixed with 25 gallons of water. Demonstrations established on four different herds using over 300 head of cattle last fall; material used averaged one gallon per animal. It will take less on smaller, younger stock and more on larger cows. The spray should be applied to the backs and sides with a straight stream under high pressure. This will part the hair and wet the skin so that the spray can be absorbed by the skin and destroy grub and lice through the system. Cattle should be treated as soon as possible now and up to mid-November.

The Pacific International Livestock Exposition is having its fifty-first annual showing October 14-21. This show has always been a popular one with our people as well as those throughout the entire northwest. The P. I. discontinued for several years because of financial matters, has "picked up a little more steam" each year since then and the 1961 show should be excellent. Word from Dick Richards, manager of the show, should be of interest to all of our people, especially those who are exhibiting there this year.

"Our number of entries are up in all the livestock departments. This year we have 422, not including 4-H and FFA, up from 275 beef cattle, 876 up from 466 dairy cattle, 912 sheep, 569 hogs, 174 goats. This is a substantial increase over last year. We do not wish to put one breed in preference to another, but will say we do have some of the outstanding exhibitors of Hereford cattle here that includes an impressive list of 25 exhibitors. These Herefords come from Montana, Washington, California, Wyoming, besides the Oregon entries.

"Besides the Herefords and a good showing of Angus and Shorthorns, we have added three beef breeds to our roster this year. They are the Scotch Highlands (16 head), Red Angus (40

head), and the Devons, (2 head). "We have a class for Holstein cows with 100,000 pounds record and have entries, too. We have dairy barn newly whitewashed and will have plenty of water now so it will be handy to water cows. We also have gutters.

"Of special interest to our 4-H Club Department, since you have so many contests in showing beef cattle, is the fine opportunity this show provides for your 4-H club leaders and 4-H club agents, and, of course, the club members themselves, to watch the top herdsmen in all the northwest with well-fed cattle that will be of real inspiration to see at work.

"In the dairy department we have one of the largest shows so far as I know outside of the National Dairy Show in Waterloo, Iowa. We have two special shows this year in the dairy department. We will have the Northwest Regional Holstein Show and the Northwest Regional Jersey show, besides a real strong showing in the dairy breeds including the Milking Shorthorns. We had 42 Holstein last year, 151 this year. We have 241 Jerseys in show and sale.

"Our sheep show is the largest we have had and includes two new breeds, the North County Cheviots and the Montedales.

"Our swine show is up 560 head from 435 last year (not including 4-H entries).

"It so happens that we have eight teams entered in both our Inter-collegiate Dairy and Livestock Judging contests. We have added light horse judging to the Inter-collegiate Livestock Judging contest. Both quarter horses and thoroughbreds will be included in this judging contest. The American Quarter Horse Association, Gene Stark, secretary, is doing the same thing for the classes of thoroughbred horses.

"The horse show will be by far the largest we have ever had. We have halter classes for most of the breeds of light horses and we have a Quarter horse show in addition to the regular light horse show under the rules of the American Horse Show Association.

"We will have six-horse teams back again this year and for the first time we are having a special class for stock horses with a very large stake posted for the winning horse. Cow men like to see horses. We've been having about 150 horses. Last year had 600.

"In addition to the above we are having carcass classes for sheep, cattle and hogs, the livestock to be judged on foot and then the carcass graded after the animals have been slaughtered.

"We have exhibits lined up to date from about 25 counties. "Our Superintendent of the Wool Show, Bruce Arnold, said we are going to have the largest wool show in the United States this year.

"We have 5 auction sales scheduled—Hereford, Fat Stock, Holstein, Jersey, Quarter horse."

"We have two 4-H members, Gary Van Blokland, Heppner, and Roland Ekstrom, Ione, exhibiting 4-H beef cattle at the show. A 4-H livestock judging team will participate in the judging contest the first day. Herb and Mae Ekstrom will have a string of Herefords show cattle there, also. Morrow county will be "showing off" this year for the first time with a county booth.

A recent report of hunters catch from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the period July 23 to August 19 indicates that there are still plenty of coyote and bobcat in our state. However, there are 1,084 fewer coyotes, 311 fewer bobcats, because of catches made during that period. Topping the list were the two hunters from Malheur county who caught 335 coyotes and 107 bobcats during this period. This is quite a catch from one county, of course Malheur is a big one and there is a lot of country for coyotes to roam around in. On the other hand 59 coyotes were taken in Morrow county, 37 by Carl McDaniel, 22 by Gerald Hood. In addition Gerald took 17 in Umatilla county during the same period Carl caught five bobcats, one bear and Gerald, four bobcats. Livestock men should rest easier with these kind of catches being made.

"We have a few copies of the bulletin, "Summary of Reports, 3rd annual Swine Day," which was held at OSU on September 19. There are some excellent paper included in the bulletin given by outstanding swine men who took part in the field day. You can have a copy by contacting this office. Information in the bulletin includes influence of management on litter prize, some aspects of runtiness in baby pigs, system of artificially rearing pigs in isolation, hog prices, iron deficiency, anemia in baby pigs, feed efficiency and choice of market weight for swine and confinement rearing.

It looks like cornbelt farmers are going to feed more cattle this fall. Shipments of feeder cattle and calves into those states in August were up 22% from the same month last year following a moderate increase in July. Cornbelt farmers usually supply about two-thirds of the nation's grain fed beef.

At the same time, it appears as if lamb feeding is losing favor among cornbelt farmers. Shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into that area in August were 21% smaller than August last year.

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FARM NEWS

Conservation Speech Contest Due Monday

The third annual conservation speech contest will be held at the multi-purpose room at the Heppner grade school on Monday evening, October 16, announced Bob Jensen, Heppner Soil Conservation district supervisor, who is in charge. This year's contestants, the largest number ever, will compete for special trophies and medals being provided by Morrow County Grain Growers. Ralph Richmond, who has been representing the Grain Growers on this project says,

"We want to encourage boys and girls to acquaint themselves with principles of conservation and how it applies to Morrow county. They are the ones who will be depending on for the conservation of our natural resources as it effects our future. With this in mind we have offered these special awards to encourage more participation in this local contest."

It is the hope of the Heppner Soil Conservation district supervisors, the teachers from the lone and Heppner high schools, and others concerned, that there will be a big turnout at the contest Monday night so that these boys and girls can do their best before a large audience.

First place winner will participate in the area contest where a winner will be selected to represent this area at the state contest to be held in Klamath Falls on November 8. The state contest is sponsored by the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation districts and the contest is a part of their annual meeting. Judges for the local contest will be Ralph Richards, Heppner, of the Soil Conservation service; Raymond French, chairman, Heppner Soil Conservation District; and Ralph Richmond of the Morrow County Grain Growers staff. The contest will begin at 8:00 p. m. Other business taken care of

by the Heppner Soil Conservation district supervisors in their monthly meeting of last Tuesday evening, in addition to plans for a soil judging contest and field day to be held in the Heppner community on October 26. The supervisors are contacting all of the farm organizations, youth groups and Chamber of Commerce asking that they enter a team of three to participate in the contest as well as individuals. Briefing will take place at 1:00 p. m. at the fair pavilion

annex at the fair grounds. Plans were also made for the annual supervisor's workshop which will be held December 12 at Pendleton for recognition of this year's conservation man of the year, as well as arrangements for the annual Farm-City banquet which is co-sponsored with the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The Farm-City banquet will be held on November 27.

The supervisors gave their support to the State Water Resources Board in a drainage-way survey which is to be conducted soon on the Umatilla watershed. This survey will include possibilities for flood control, dam sites, recreation and other water use.

The supervisors heard the monthly progress report for the district which included a new district cooperator covering 640 acres, establishment of 11,400 li. feet of field diversion ditches, 440 acres of field strip cropping, 1,000 li. feet channel change, 1,000 li. feet channel clearance, 13 acres of land leveling, 15 acres of range seeding, 11 acres of pasture planting and 3 acres of hayland seeding.

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