

Livestock Growers Consider Many Proposals At Busy 2-Day Meet; Hay Clinic Draws Interest

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Highlight of the annual Morrow County Livestock Growers association annual meeting held Friday and Saturday was the "How's Your Hay" clinic. Sixty-four ranchers compared protein and dry matter contents of first, second and third cutting alfalfa hay compared to feed value of barley, straw with wheat straw and heard why cows like some silage better than others.

Dr. Norm Goetze, farm crops specialist, OSU, outlined the work of the Forage analysis Service Lab at OSU and told ranchers that the best quality alfalfa hay cannot always be picked by sight. Samples used for discussion, which came from a variety of ranch operations in the county, varied by five percent in crude protein. Dr. Al Ralston, professor of animal husbandry, OSU, discussed the use of this feed in providing the daily requirements of livestock needs. He pointed out the values of alfalfa hay in providing daily vitamin, mineral and protein requirements.

While trading was slow this year at the Bull Day, nine ranchers brought in 22 bulls for the annual event. A weight guessing contest was won by Orville Cutsforth, Lexington. Second, third and fourth places went to Gerald Bergstrom, Gene Pierce and Frank Anderson, Heppner, who were closest guessers to the combined weight for five bulls.

Committee Report
Saturday sessions, attended by fifty nine persons, heard committee reports and treasurer Gerald Swaggert reported the treasury in good financial condition even though a contribution of \$500 had been made to the Livestock Research Center set up during the year at the Umatilla Branch Experiment Station. Also \$50 went to the Morrow County Cowbelles for use in co-hosting the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattleman's association and \$25 to Billy Weatherford as a scholarship to attend the Youth Range Camp held at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge near French Glen this summer. Bill, making a report to the livestock growers on what he learned at the Youth Range Camp, expressed his thought that the trip was worthwhile in acquainting Eastern Oregon boys with various range conditions, range management practices, identification of range plants and wildlife habitats.

Disease Precautions Asked
The Livestock disease control committee reported that the local Brucellosis situation is good and that calfhood vaccinations in Morrow county are up this year. During the year recertification for a modified, certified brucellosis free-area has been completed. The committee asked livestock growers to follow precautions in isolating new cattle coming to the ranch for a period of time to make sure they are free of disease before turning them in with the herd.

Dick Wilkinson, reporting for the production and marketing committee, revealed that 4,104 head of livestock were received and weighed through the association-owned facilities at the rodeo grounds this year. These facilities, built in 1957, continue to be used more each year by livestock growers who deliver cattle to the corrals as a central receiving point where they are weighed in and delivery taken by buyers. The committee asked that some added improvements be made to modernize more completely unloading facilities.

It was reported that meat promotion was continued this year with funds contributed by Northwest Livestock Commission Company with a 5c per head deduction on all cattle sold through this auction originating in Morrow county. A portion of this money was given to the Morrow County Cowbelles for their program as well as providing funds for home economics departments in schools in using meat for demonstration classes.

Trapper System Lauded
Bob Van Schoelack, chairman of the insects, predators and rodents committee, recommended the continuation of the present one and one-half man trapper system whereby Morrow county shared a man with Umatilla county. The committee urged all ranchers to cooperate with the trappers in their efforts to establish effective trap lines and bait programs. He introduced Robert Every, extension entomologist, OSU, and Harold Busdicker, Bureau of Entomology, Pullman, who reviewed the infestation outlook on grasshoppers for 1962. These men reported that while there were heavy concentrations of grasshoppers in some areas throughout the county in 1961, their adult survey showed only possibilities of light and moderate infestations for 1962. They cautioned that with excellent conditions for a good egg hatch this could change materially. It was agreed that a rancher committee should determine interest and need for a grasshopper control program in the county and make requests for assistance in carrying one out if need be.

Cow Belles Report
A report by Mrs. Ewing Hynds, Cecil, president of the Oregon Cow Belles, indicated that that group would continue with a strong meat promotion program in 1962. Mrs. Hynds explained that the Beef Council had recently budgeted \$1500 for use for beef promotion by the Cow Belles who plan to spend most of this in Oregon schools providing meat for demonstration classes. She pointed out that the Cow Belles felt this a very worthwhile project since surveys showed that 70% of the seventh and eighth graders who took home economics in the Portland schools are doing the meat buying for the family. She indicated that the Cow Belles desire to demonstrate to the girls the value of the many good meat buys. Livestock growers were interested in the report that the Cow Belles are the second largest unpaid meat promotion organization in the United States and they would continue this work.

In discussing livestock pest control, summarizing latest recommendations, including systemic insecticides for grub and lice control, Bob Every, extension entomologist, OSU, pointed out that it was important to the health and well doing of all livestock that a good pest control program be carried out. Comparing insecticides, he had much to say for the systemics which have been found to control both lice and grubs with a "one shot" fall application. He recommended the spraying in October for best results. A film was shown outlining the life cycle and control of lice and grubs. He stressed the use of high pressure spraying in order to wet the hair of livestock completely for best control. Discussing a new livestock pest threat, he said that the face fly has now been found in central Wy-

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oming and is moving rapidly westward. He asked ranchers to be on the lookout for a small fly that would be found around the eyes and face of livestock and if this persistent fly is found, catch some and have them identified. He pointed out that they were bad in causing pinkeye among cattle and that an effective control had not yet been found.

Insecticides Described
County Agent Anderson reported on original work with Troleene, a systemic insecticide administered orally which had been carried out at the Bernard Doherty ranch in Blackhorse and with the systemic insecticide, Co-Ral, demonstrations which were carried out in 1960 at the Frank Anderson, Harold Beach, Doug Drake and Gary Tullis ranches and with another new systemic, Ruelene, at the Bob Peterson and Fritz Cutsforth ranches this fall. Results have been excellent in the use of Co-Ral. Results of Ruelene will be checked through out the winter months.

Laverne Van Marter, local insurance agent, explained some recent changes in livestock insurance and told livestock growers to check with their insurance companies to find whether they are paying automobile and truck damage from collision with domestic and game animals on the comprehensive policy. He also outlined a blanket type liability available to protect ranchers and an animal collision policy.

Forestry Report Given
The public lands and forestry committee, chaired by Raymond French, asked that the present representation of the livestock industry be continued on the advisory board of the Bureau of Land Management; that since survey methods now used to determine carrying capacities on ranges are inaccurate and controversial, that a system of actual use determination be used to ascertain carrying capacities for the various range types that present formulas be used in determining adjustments in grazing fees if and when they are made; that the U. S. Bureau of Land Management and the U. S. Forest Service continue as separate agencies; that administration of grazing districts confer with the livestock operator as to a planned program in re-seeding and fencing projects before these projects are undertaken so that a mutual program can be affected; that Forest Service roads to timber sales be built by appropriated funds and the 25% of the gross sales of timber be allocated to counties where such sales are made, rather than giving part of this to timber purchasers to construct their own roads thus reducing the return in gross sales to the county; that stock water ponds and other water facilities on Forest Service lands be hired built by logging equipment while available in the area.

Frank Anderson, chairman of the range and pasture improvement committee, reported that as a result of a recommendation made in 1961 to the effect that bitterbrush plantings be established in different areas through-

out the county, such trial was established at the Don Greenup ranch and seed had been secured for plantings at the W. E. Hughes, Frank Anderson and Charles Daly ranches. He further reported that the hay clinic held as a part of this annual meeting was a recommendation of the committee in 1961. The committee urged livestock growers to continue the control of sage and rabbitbrush as a means of increasing the carrying capacity of grass lands. They pointed out that it is important to apply permanent grass on dryland ranges after a long dry season and that alfalfa hay is an excellent supplement. They pointed out that if 40% cotton seed meal is worth \$100 a ton, then 20% alfalfa hay is worth \$50 and 15% alfalfa, \$37.50. With the use of alfalfa the vitamin A content would be an additional bonus. The committee pointed out that thinning forest land will increase timber growth from two to four times. New equipment for thinning is available which makes this job a more simple one. A demonstration of this equipment could be arranged if enough interest is shown. He further reported that a range improvement program is being carried out in the Ukiah district of the Forest Service on the Brosnan and Barratt allotment which will demonstrate to range land operators the opportunity for range land seeding.

Stock Course Reviewed
Terry Thompson, Heppner, reported on the Stockman's Short-course which he and five others attended the second week in December. "It is a valuable means of bringing stockmen up-to-date on the newest in research and livestock practices," he said.

The game, theft and brand law committee, reported that hide manufacturers have dropped their proposed legislation to do away with the use of hot brands at this time. However, there is a possibility of the Humane Society taking this up. He further reported a hearing which would be held by the State Department of Agriculture during the month of February relative to the proposed change of brand inspection before transfer of ownership.

Dr. Al Ralston, professor of animal husbandry, OSU, reported on livestock research at the Umatilla Branch Experiment station at Hermiston. He pointed out that money for construction of facilities had been contributed by interested livestock persons in the area and that beef cattle research is now underway. One hundred twenty head of calves are divided into 10 pens where various rations at various levels are being compared for beef fattening efficiency. While swine and sheep research facilities are only in the planning stage, there is a feeding experiment using 72 hogs housed in unused pens at the Boar Testing station now being carried on.

Resolutions Offered
The taxation and legislation committee presented resolutions asking for (1) that Federal and state inheritance taxes be based on the true value of land worth as used by finance organi-

zations rather than the average of the three latest sales in the community (2) that the county agent call a general weed meeting for a general discussion of outlining a program asking the County Court to enforce the noxious weed law and to budget funds to help the farmer eradicate weeds in an orderly manner, (4) that the state expand their brucellosis test program to cover swine as well as beef (5) opposing further acquisition of land by the Oregon State Game Commission and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (6) that an inventory of hunting and fishing damage be assembled by the State Game Commission (7) that the experience rating of the State Industrial Accident program give small operators an experience rating in relation to what they have earned regardless of their contribution (8) that the privilege of closing hunting season be taken from the jurisdiction of the governor (9) opposing free proclamation of what is called constitutional rights by the governor and legislature in opposition to the voting public.

There was considerable discussion relative to the recent increase in the true cash value of livestock for tax appraisal purposes. A resolution was discussed asking that the appraised value be determined by the average true cash value of cattle during the past three years rather than on January 1 was discussed. A committee composed of W. E. Hughes, Herb Hynds and George Rugg, was appointed to meet with the taxation and legislation committee chairman, O. W. Cutsforth, to develop a resolution to bring back to the executive committee for later consideration.

A proposal was presented by Don McElligott, lone, that the association contact other farm organizations asking all to join in meeting with the county court offering their assistance in revising a farm land appraisal which is understood will soon be needed in the county. He pointed out that such a plan was used about 10 years ago when farm land reappraisal was carried out and that this system worked quite satisfactorily.

Directors Chosen
Balloting during the afternoon resulted in the election of Dick Wilkinson, Ralph Beamer, Raymond French, and Harold Wright, Heppner, as new directors to serve three year terms. Harold Wright was elected to replace Barton Clark who chose not to run for reelection. The other three have served a two-year term. Officers will be elected at the first meeting of the executive committee which will be on January 22.

The banquet, attended by approximately 175 persons, was enjoyed by all. Outgoing Cow Belle

Economist Shows Effective Appliance Cookery to Cowbelles

Four types of "dressed-up" hamburgers, barbecued spareribs on the rotisserie, beef stroganoff, and broiled "pineapple" lamb chops were demonstrated to the Morrow County Cowbelles by Susan Thomas, Home Economist for Pacific Power and Light, on Friday, January 12, at the Hope Lutheran church basement. The small appliance demonstration was a part of the Morrow County Livestock Growers annual meeting, according to Mrs. Don Robinson, County Cowbelles president.

"Fifty percent of small appliances are purchased between November 1 and Christmas," stated Miss Thomas. "Many others are bought for wedding gifts. Effective use of these small appliances can bring about a greater variation in preparing food."

A sign-up sheet was passed around for recipes which will be mailed from the PP&L office at Walla Walla, Wa.

Broaster-fry pans, mixers, automatic coffee makers, and hair dryers were displayed by Lotts Electric and Dick's Appliance shop, Heppner.

A tasting bee at the close of the workshop was enjoyed by the Cowbelles.

president, Merlin Robinson, presented Mrs. Beth Hynds, the new president for the year, and 1961 contestants for Cattleman of the Year, Elmer and Roger Palmer, Harold Wright, and Dick Wilkinson, were presented by Floyd Jones. Harold Wright was presented as 1961 Morrow County Cattleman of the Year with the traditional Hereford statuette presented by vice-chairman, Floyd Jones.

Entertainment was presented by Kathy Melby and Judy Jones. Dr. Al Ralston was main speaker and Wayne Leathers, Monument Cattleman, was master of ceremonies and Ron Currin, livestock growers president, was in charge of the banquet.

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Grain Receipts Down in December

A decline in grain receipts from the previous month appeared in the December report of the grain inspection division of the State Department of Agriculture. Incoming grain in Portland totaled 5,638,853 bushels for December with export shipments of grain up to 18 cargoes.

A six-months report showed nearly 40 million bushels of incoming grain at Portland. Export shipments totaled 27 and one-half million bushels.

The Pendleton office reported more than 800,000 bushels of incoming wheat for the last six months of 1961, and better than one and one-half million bushels at Astoria. The Astoria office was closed in December.

During the past six months, 8,435 sample inspections were made; laboratory reports showed 9,309 protein determinations, 416 ash determinations, 417 moisture determinations, and 274 sedimentation tests were run.

Horse Sale Abuses Subject of Warning

The State Department of Agriculture will take a closer look at one-day horse sales held in Oregon under exemption privileges of a 1959 law.

The law requires bonding and licensing of all temporary horse sales but exempts non-profit sales held by breed or livestock associations, Future Farmers and 4-H groups, auction sales conducted in conjunction with fairs or a sale by a private individual selling his own horses on his own property.

The department finds that some of these exempt organizations, mostly private riding clubs, are abusing the exempt privilege and are permitting inclusion of consignment horses not entitled to the exception. "This is clearly a violation of the law's intent," says Roy K. Nelson, chief of SDA's livestock division.

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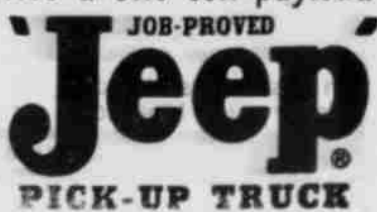


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