

County Agent's Office

# Livestock Association Plans January Annual Meeting

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Many ranchers have been asking about the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association which is a big event each year. Things have been a little slow in getting a program together for this year but at a meeting of the executive committee last Wednesday evening details of the program were pretty well put together. While definite confirmations have not been made in a few cases the program is tentatively set up. The dates are Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12. As in the past, Friday will be devoted to an educational program. The bull day, an event of the past several years will not be held this year because the committee felt that there was not enough interest from ranchers and that while there were a sizeable number of bulls brought each year most of them were taken home without a trade or sale being made.

The event originally was aimed at giving ranchers an opportunity to trade proven bulls so that their breeding could pass

from one herd to another and save ranchers money in purchasing new herd sires each year and "beefing" their bulls just as they had been proven. In place of this bull day will be a horse training demonstration in the morning with a panel on taxes in the afternoon. The Bank of Eastern Oregon will again provide doughnuts and coffee on Friday and committees will meet later in the afternoon to draft recommendations and reports which will be presented at the Saturday business meeting.

Besides committee reports, election of officers and other business, Saturday's meeting, which will be held at the Elk's Lodge will consist of a report on calfhood vaccination by Dr. Henry Heffernan, Federal Veterinarian; a progress report on the livestock research at the Hermiton Station; a report of the Oregon Cattleman's Association activities by George Johnson, executive secretary; Bill Southworth, assistant director of livestock industries, State Department of Agriculture, will discuss a plan for stabilizing prices of farm commodities; there will be an explanation of the dual grading system and a group hospital and accident insurance program will be presented for consideration by the group.

The First National Bank of Oregon, Heppner Branch, will again provide the social hour on Saturday evening followed by the traditional banquet which will be held at the fair pavilion served by the Lexington Grange Home Economics ladies. The program committee is still working on a suitable banquet speaker. We will keep you posted as further developments arise. The program as set up now should be of interest to all livestockmen, so set aside the dates of January 11 and 12 to attend.

**Demand For Safflower Oil Stimulates Production**  
Thirty persons interested in the possibilities of safflower as an alternate crop attended a meeting last Thursday. Norman Goetze, Farm Crops Specialist, OSU, and Harold Blaine, repre-

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sentative of Pacific Oil Seeds, Inc., the contracting company, explained the National Oil seed situation and the demand for safflower oil, which now exceeds production. It was indicated that Pacific Northwest goes into the Japan market as edible oil. Production practices were discussed with Harold Blaine pointing out that safflower has a wide range adaptability from heavy clays to sandy loams, the best safflower soils being deep good moisture holding abilities. He pointed out that safflower could be raised with the same machinery used for wheat and barley production with minor adjustments made to the combine at harvesting time.

One disadvantage to safflower is the date of maturity with harvest generally in September in this area. Seeding rate is recommended at 25 lbs. per acre and seed will be furnished at \$10 per hundred by Pacific Oil Seeds, Inc., with a minimum contract price of \$75 per ton delivered local elevator. Only a few ranchers signed contracts at the Thursday meeting, however, several took contracts home to study. For those who might be interested and were not at the meeting contracts are available at this office.

**Conditions Aid Growth of Good Calf Growth**

After visiting several cattle operations in the past week or so and seeing the excellent condition that brood cows are now in, we concur with the latest Oregon Range and Livestock report received a few days ago. This report indicates that the Oregon Range Beef condition on December 1, 1960, and six points above average. Several cow herds we looked at are in "slaughter" condition with grass and stubble providing all the feed necessary. Range condition is comparable throughout the whole county with lots of green grass from foothills to the desert land.

Last week we found on the Hynds Bros. desert pasture that their cow herd moved into a few days ago, there is an abundance of green feed to go along with an excellent growth of dry feed which indicates that this range is not being grazed too heavily. With all the green grass available this fall there shouldn't be any vitamin A deficiencies and we would predict a good, healthy calf crop.

**Hereford Sale Brings Top Prices for Year**

The third annual show and sale of the Oregon Polled Hereford Association held last Saturday resulted in the top sale average for the year. Local exhibitors, Kirk & Robinson ranch and Jerry Anderson were well pleased with their showing and prices received. President Don Robinson indicated that the 1962 consignment cattle was the best in many years, as was demonstrated by the keen competition in the show and the confidence the buyers had in that quality when making the sale the top consignment sale in Oregon for 1962.

Sale average on the 12 bulls consigned were \$952; sale average on the 29 females \$469, with a sale average on the total 41 head of \$618. Reserve Champion female, a junior calf was shown by Kirk & Robinson, Heppner, and sold for \$530. Jerry Anderson showed a senior yearling as first in this class. The champion bull, a senior yearling consigned by Double I Ranch at Ontario, sold for \$3,000. The Reserve Champion bull, a junior yearling consigned by D. B. Fleet of Island City sold for \$1,350. The Champion female, a junior yearling for the Wolff Hereford Ranch at Wallowa brought \$1,075.

**New Farm Program Provides Added Developments**  
We have discussed the various

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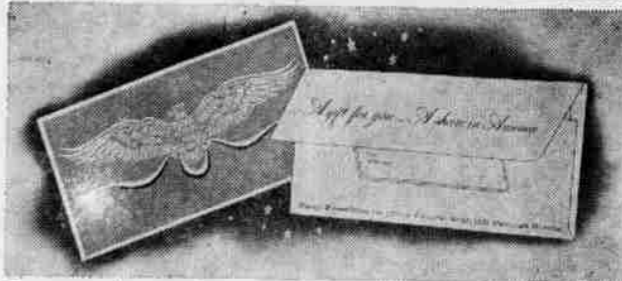


parts of the new farm program, especially the 1963 wheat and feed grain programs of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962, in this column. There are many provisions which have not been discussed however, several of which are of importance to our farm people. We will briefly discuss the four parts in this column in the next few weeks.

The first, Title I, "Land Use Adjustment," briefly provides a land program, adjusted to economic and social uses. As alternatives to crop production, it offers incentives to use land for grass, forests, wildlife, and recreation. It provides continuing agreements for one year with farmers who have Conservation Reserve contracts expiring in December, 1962. Under provision of this title and other authorities, the Department of Agriculture provides the tools for the Rural Areas Development program.

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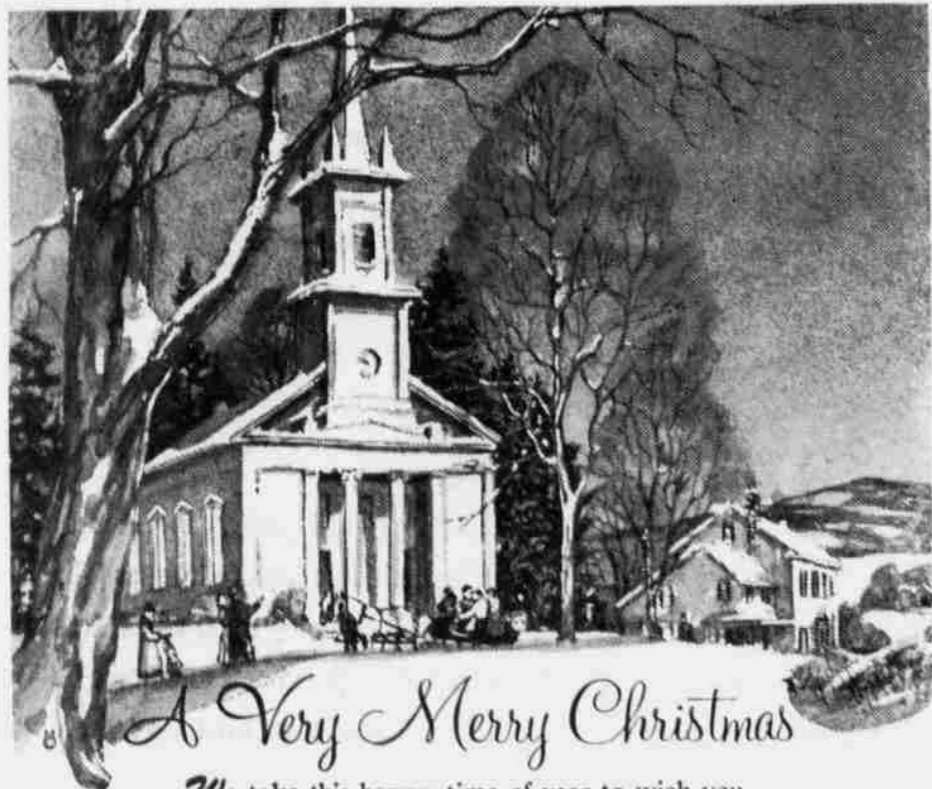
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