

Latest Beef Breeding Techniques Described at Wednesday Meeting

By N. C. ANDERSON
Although the evening was cold and foggy and there were the usual conflicts, several intensely interested ranchers attended last Wednesday evening's meeting to discuss modern techniques of beef breeding by artificial insemination. Representatives of Western Herd Builders, affiliated with the American Breeders Service, the nation's largest group in this business, told of their program and operation.

Former Montana County Agent Ed Atkins, their beef technician did an excellent job in outlining their operation through a series of colored slides. He pointed out that ABS has been in service since 1941, showed their program test program for the selection of bulls through feed gain and carcass evaluation put into their stud ring. He showed slides of actual management on many Western ranches, on how the breeding herd is handled in such a program. Several attending indicated interest in breeding some beef cows this year in this program.

Three Morrow Ranchers Lead State Organizations

Somewhat of a record has been set for Morrow county, I believe, as we find local ranchers heading up three state-wide organizations. At the recent meeting of the Oregon Wheatgrowers League held in Portland, Milton Morgan, Ione, was elected as president for 1964. Heading up other organizations are George Rugg, Heppner, who is now in his second year as president of the Oregon Wool Growers Association, and Harold Beach who, likewise is in his second year as president of Oregon Farm Bureau. This is an indication of the type of quality leadership that we have among our Morrow county ranchers.

Harold and George have done an excellent job in their respective organizations and we know that Milt will be respected in the same manner in his capacity with the league. While I did not get to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League this year due to illness, I have had several reports of it being a top "work" meeting again this year. Important resolutions and recommendations passed, and will give the new president a full agenda for the new year, I am sure.

Ekstroms Have Grand Champion at Poll-O-Rama

As we talk about honors that come to our ranchers we would like to congratulate the Herbert Ekstroms for their excellent showing made at Cow Palace and the Poll-O-Rama Show and Sale recently concluded at Sacramento. The Ekstroms had their general good show string again and I am sure did themselves proud at Cow Palace which resulted in some good sales at the Poll-O-Rama sale. Their young bull consigned to Poll-O-Rama was judged Grand Champion and sold to the John Lewallens of Lynden, Calif., for \$3900. The Lewallens have a large commercial herd in Nevada and California and keep a

Polled herd at Lynden for bull production.

These are the kind of sales that our registered breeders dream about but don't have too many of unless they really have quality and a name for themselves. The Ekstroms, while in the Polled Hereford business for only a relatively short while, have consistently gained both quality and name for themselves. They also sold a young polled heifer for \$2,000 to Earl Beckard of the Circle B. Ranch, Santa Rosa.

Fresh back from their California trip, Herb exhibited the reserve grand champion polled bull at the Oregon Polled Hereford Association sale in Portland on Saturday. Again congratulations go to the Ekstroms.

Club Sponsors Christmas Party

A real community spirit prevails and it is always a privilege to be among the invited guests of the annual Christmas party of the Rhea Creek 4-H Livestock club. This is something that the club members and parents look forward to each year with turkey, dressing, and all the fixings, Christmas tree, presents and all.

Over 50 persons attended this annual party Sunday evening at the Rhea Creek Grange hall. Able leaders, Wilbur Van Blokkland and Gene Hall, met with the 18 club members for the regular monthly meeting which is again a privilege to attend. We like to see such community activities.

Growers Make Good Showing in Wheat Samples

Those who attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League last week had the opportunity to hear a panel discussion on "Production Practices and Chemical Aspects of the Protein Problem of Wheat." Information providing the background material for this panel discussion were several hundred wheat samples that were taken throughout the Columbia Basin where protein analysis were run and this protein level correlated with depth of soil, type of soil, fertilizer use and yield. Twenty-five Morrow county grain sam-

ples went into this protein study. Many individual ranchers have asked what the protein content was in the samples taken from their farm. We have held this up pending the presentation for the annual meeting and this information is now available.

Of the eight Omar samples taken, low protein was 5.6%, high 7.4%. By growers, protein tests were: L. E. Ruhl, 5.7%, W. C. Munkers, 5.7, Tad Miller, 5.6, Ralph Beier, 5.6, Laurence Becket, 5.9, Frank Anderson, 6.1, Raymond Lundell, 7.3, and John Lane, 7.4.

Of the four Gaines samples used, high protein was from the Jim and Earl Pettyjohn farm with a 10.2% level, W. C. Rosswall, 6.3, Louis Halvorsen, 6.2, and C. N. Jones and Sons, 5.9. One Brewer sample was taken from the Hunt Brothers ranch with a protein content of 5.7%.

There were two Golden varieties, one from Roger Palmer with a 5.5% and one from the Barton Clark ranch with a 7.3%. There was one Burt sample from the Tom Ashbeck farm with a 12.0% test; one Orfed from Jim Lindsay with 9.6%, one Requa from Bert Greib, 8.3 and a Turkey from Glen Campbell with a 6.5%. Six Burt samples were taken with the sample from the Al Fetsch ranch running the lowest with a 5.6, W. C. Van Winkle, 5.7, Don Pointer, 5.8, Bob Lovgren, 6.0, Burl Akers, 6.1 and Alvin Wagenblast, 7.4.

All of these protein tests were figured at a 14% moisture level. The reason for this is to make them more meaningful as the miller brings the moisture of his wheat to be milled to this moisture level. By sampling them in the same condition as the miller would have them for milling, gives a more realistic value.

1963 Yearbook Available

Fresh off the press is the 1963 yearbook of Agriculture, "A Place to Live." I know many of our people have copies of past yearbooks and may want to add this one to their library. This yearbook is aimed at informing all Americans about the effects of urbanizing and industrialization on rural America and the need for plans and action so that



people will have a proper place to live. A lot of emphasis is being placed on rural development and land and water policies.

There are several sections, including Changes of People, Land, Water and Air, Farming, Com-

munities, Government, Recreation; re-Creation. What to Do and Examples. If you wish a copy, your congressmen have a limited supply. Try them first. They are on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

Cooking Club Plans For Christmas Party

Twelve members of the Butter-fingers 4-H Cooking club held their third meeting November 20 at the home of Mrs. Wallace Wolff. We answered roll call by presenting a turkey which each girl had made. We divided into groups of three for making cold drinks. When we got finished we drank our own drinks.

Mrs. Alderman furnished the transportation and the treats. The next meeting is going to

be a Christmas party. The girls are not going to exchange gifts, but we are going to make gifts for our mothers. Melinda Leon-nig is the party planner and she is in charge of the party.

Rebecca Duffy, reporter

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To Members of The Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative and customers of Pacific Power and Light Company IN WHEELER, GILLIAM, AND MORROW COUNTIES

In order to fully inform the public in connection with the exchange of the properties and service areas of Pacific Power and Light Company in portions of Morrow, Gilliam, and Wheeler Counties, the Board of Directors of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative have authorized the following statement of its policy and future plans:

The Board of Directors and the management of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative believe the sale and exchange of properties and service areas between Pacific Power and Columbia Basin will result in a number of benefits for the customers presently served by both systems. This will be achieved through the elimination of further duplication of facilities needed to supply the growing power needs of intermingled areas, and the ability of each system to concentrate, with resulting efficiencies, upon the day-to-day problems of meeting their utility service responsibility. They also believe it will help to better promote the growth and development of the areas served.

The agreement between Pacific Power and the Columbia Basin Cooperative has been under study since the passage two years ago of State Legislation which established procedures for neighboring electric systems to consolidate their service areas through exchanges and boundary agreements.

The agreement was reached through negotiations entered into voluntarily by both parties and was carried forward by the Directors and management of Columbia Basin and Pacific Power with a sincere desire to work out a program that would be in the interest of all concerned.

By action of the members of Columbia Basin at their regular annual meeting on November 22, 1963, the by-laws of the Cooperative were amended to:

1. Extend to all Pacific Power electric consumers who will be served by Columbia Basin, following the exchanges, by becoming members, the same full voting rights and privileges as are enjoyed by present members of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, and
2. Expand the membership of the Board of Directors to include a director from each community of 500 or more population in the three counties; namely Heppner, Condon, and Fossil.

The by-law amendments mean that when the actual transfer of the properties takes place the 2,000 Pacific Power customers served by these lines will automatically become full-fledged members of Columbia Basin and cities of Heppner, Condon, and Fossil will promptly have a representative on the Columbia Basin Board to serve until the next annual meeting and election. The city councils of the three communities already have been asked to recommend a citizen to represent their community on the board; to serve by appointment until the next annual election when the directors will be elected for three-year terms.

The Columbia Basin Directors also have formally voted to maintain the existing rates for those customers presently served by Pacific Power. Meter reading, billing, and accounting will continue as at present.

The Directors also voted to maintain the existing level of franchise tax payments to the cities and the same level of property tax payments made by Pacific Power for support of the city and county governments and the schools in the three counties.

To insure continuance of high quality electric service in the communities of Condon and Fossil and adjacent areas of Gilliam and Wheeler Counties, Columbia Basin will base a two or four-man crew in Condon and also will continue to operate the customer service office which Pacific Power has maintained in Condon. This will be in addition to Columbia Basin's service facility station at Heppner.

The present employees of Pacific Power will be offered employment with Columbia Basin, should they choose to remain in the community.

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A HAPPY SIGH is expressed by Mrs. Glenn Smith, Morrow county agents' secretary, as she places three thick copies of the agents' annual reports in the mail to Oregon State University. Copies of the report have been mimeographed to be given to key people of the county to keep them posted on the work of the extension service.

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