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Paul Proudfoot Measures 48 Angus In National Program

Paul Proudfoot, a registered Angus cattle breeder from Ione, measured the weaning and yearling weights and grades of 48 head of cattle during 1971, the American Angus Association reports.

The records which will help Mr. Proudfoot breed faster gaining more efficient cattle were recorded in conjunction with the Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program. They were processed on the Association's modern computer data processing equipment at St. Joseph, Mo.

The AHIR program is designed to help cattlemen do a professional, scientific job of cattle breeding by measuring the economically important traits of a beef cattle herd. After cattle are weighed and graded on the farm the information is sent to the Association office. Special reports are prepared and sent regularly to each Angus breeder enrolled in the program. This gives the breeder the weaning and yearling weight and grade record of each animal in his herd as well as the lifetime progeny record of their sires and dams.

The AHIR program is the fastest growing department in the American Angus Association. Last year there were 71,899 weight records recorded by Angus breeders, an increase of some 20% over a year earlier.

Salvation Army Xmas Drive

Ted Smith, Chairman of the local Salvation Army unit would like to remind all those who have not yet donated to be sure and mail in their Christmas contributions.

It takes many dollars as well as nearly 1,000 Salvation Army officers and volunteers to bring Christmas to those in hospitals, rest homes and others who face loneliness, poverty or some other overwhelming problems.

A special effort is made at Christmas by the committee to see that those of all ages are remembered in some way.

Those wishing to help may send their contributions to Bill Siewert, Treasurer, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner.

Wheat Growers Get Extra Set-Aside Opt

U. S. wheat producers are being offered an additional option to voluntarily set-aside wheat cropland in 1972. Since the 1972 wheat program was announced on July 1, 1971, wheat export prospects have dimmed with the uncertainty of the dock strikes. In addition, farmers harvested a large 1971 crop. To meet these changed conditions, the U. S. Department of Agriculture today authorized additional voluntary set-aside of wheat cropland equivalent up to 75 percent of a farm's domestic allotment, in a move aimed at preventing excessive production of wheat in 1972. The payment rate will be 94 cents per bushel times the farm's established yield times the acreage voluntarily set aside.

The 1972 national domestic wheat allotment is 19.7 million acres, and the required set-aside acreage necessary to qualify for program participation is 83 percent of the farm domestic allotment—the maximum provided by law.

Target of the voluntary set-aside acreage program announced today is a reduction of possibly five to six million acres in the 1972 harvest.

A spring wheat producer now can offer acreage for voluntary set-aside provided his 1972 wheat planting plus additional set-aside do not exceed the total acreage planted to wheat in 1971. The acreage offered must be average quality land.

Producers of winter wheat, who already have planted their 1972 crop on 42.2 million acres, can designate acreage for set-aside if it is acreage planted to wheat and the growing wheat is of average quality for the farm. The planted winter wheat cropland voluntarily set-aside from production in 1972 can be used for grazing or otherwise disposed of by the certification dates established by state ASC committees or, if pastured, by the beginning of the non-grazing periods which vary from state to state. This is in accordance with the agricultural act of 1970, and is the same procedure followed in previous program years.

In the winter wheat area, producers at program signup time will need to designate the acreage involved. Spot checks of this acreage will begin immediately following signup.

White Wheat Exports Lag

Wheat prices for the remainder of the 1971-72 marketing year will depend largely on what happens in coastal ports and the actions of export buyers, points out S. C. Marks, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

With white wheat exports badly lagging after a record 1971 harvest, farm income from wheat sales will likely be down, Marks points out in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook circular published by the OSU Cooperative Extension Service and available from county extension offices.

During the dock strikes, millions of dollars in export trade were lost by Oregon's agricultural industry and uncertainty about the future continues to cloud the picture, he notes.

In October, stock on hand of Pacific Northwest white wheat totaled 139.4 million bushels compared with 108 million bushels a year earlier. Only seven per cent of the 1971-72 wheat supply had been marketed by Oct. 1.

As of Dec. 1, exports were down from a year earlier by about 33 million bushels. "That's equivalent to about \$45 million worth of wheat trade," Marks points out.

With such a large backlog on hand, Pacific Northwest carry-over stocks next July 1 are likely to be greater than the 37 million bushels on July 1, 1969, when white wheat prices were lower than they are now. In that case, the supply of white wheat for 1972-73 would be great enough to push prices down to loan levels at harvest time.

Total U. S. wheat stocks of 2.36 billion bushels at the start of the current marketing year were up four per cent from 1971. At the same time, the Foreign Agricultural Service has estimated that world wheat production is up six per cent from 1970, with all major wheat producing regions sharing in the increase except the Soviet Union where a 13 per cent smaller wheat crop is indicated.

U. S. acreage for harvest in 1972 probably will be larger than in 1971, Marks notes, although final production will depend on weather conditions between now and harvest. In 1971, rain at critical times helped push yields to all-time highs.

The Country Critter Livestock Club met Jan. 5 at the A. C. Houghton school.

We elected President, Scott Acock; vice president, Robert Richards; treasurer, Kathleen Evans; news reporter, Erin Evans; Sgt. at Arms, Wayne Evans; secretary, Karen Richards. Our next meeting will be Feb. 16.

Erin Evans, reporter

Center-Pivot Irrigation Course

A special course related to the expansion of irrigation will be offered in Boardman, announces George Johnston, area extension agent in Heppner. The title of the course, sponsored by BMCC, is Center-Pivot Electrical Systems. Though the class started Wednesday, Jan. 19, registration will be permitted Monday, Jan. 24.

The class will meet twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Topics to be included in the class will be: Direct current electricity; Alternating current electricity; Single-phase and three phase systems; Distribution systems from utilities; Different three-phase configurations; Motors; Control systems in center pivots; Protective devices; Maintenance safety; Electrical trouble shooting; Test equipment.

Fundamentals of electricity will be the main theme of the course, with a continuous approach to relationships with center pivots. It is anticipated that most enrollees will not have had prior training in electricity; consequently, the course will be taught beginning with basic fundamentals.

Time will be allotted during class for discussion to help you understand how to locate and correct electricity related stoppages and maintenance problems. NO specific brand will be used as an example; rather, center-pivot electrical systems in general will be used. Meter reading, diagram interpretations, safety, and testing will be emphasized.

Starting Date—Jan. 19, 1972. Class Schedule — 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Mondays; 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Length of Course—10 sessions (five weeks). Tuition Fee—\$15.00.

Meeting Place—Riverside High School.

Instructor—Tom Sutherland. The course is designed for people who will be operating the equipment. It is hoped the irrigators themselves will also par-

ticipate in the course, however, we will be training potential employees. For any further information, please contact the Extension office 676-9642.

Ione Youths to 4-H Conference

Top state officials will meet with young people attending the 1972 Oregon 4-H Conference in Salem Sunday to Tuesday, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, reports Don Stangel, Morrow County extension agent.

Built around the theme, "Know Your State Government", the 4-H delegates will have a chance to hear and question leading state officials during the event which will be centered in the State Capitol building. Representing Morrow County at the conference will be Clinton Krebs and Kathleen McElligott, both Ione High students.

Secretary of State Clay Myers will open the conference Sunday evening when he speaks to the conference delegates on "Know Your State Government". Monday, the action moves to the Capital Building where delegates will meet with people from the various branches of our State government.

The Oregon 4-H Center, 8 miles northwest of Salem, will be the site of activities late Monday. At the Center, the delegates will be hosted by Ken Meier, executive director of the Oregon 4-H Foundation, for a picnic supper after which Senate President John Burns will speak to them on the legislative process. Tuesday morning finds the delegates meeting with more State officials.

Concluding the conference Tuesday noon will be the announcement of the Oregon delegates to the 1972 National 4-H Conference in Washington, D. C. The delegates will be selected on the basis of their overall 4-H records and personal interviews, which will be conducted during the conference.

Kinzua Folks Play Cards, Square Dance

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA — Mrs. Sharon Bell was the hostess last Wednesday evening for a card party at the grade school. High and pinocle was won by Deena Reid, second high to Melba Mitchell, and the second pinocle to Cheryl Berg. Others playing were Sue Mattison, Ruth Carey, Linda Murray, Irene Samples, Pat McMinn, Bonnie Kelson, Becky Wright, and Dinah Jackson.

In The Dalles Friday on business were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benson and daughter Nancy. Also there that day for business reasons were J. E. Wall, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelson.

Guy Williams went to Prineville Saturday to bring home Mrs. Williams who had been recuperating from surgery performed last Monday at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Kelson and Mrs. Jack Wilsey went to Pendleton last Wednesday where Mrs. Kelson attended a sectional center meeting of Postmasters.

Don Stanton went to Pendleton last Monday and brought Mrs. Stanton home from St. Anthony Hospital where she had been receiving treatment for a broken ankle.

Square Dance Club

The Kinzua Mountaineers Square Dance Club had a dance Saturday in the first grade room with Bob Jewett doing the calling. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jewett of Condon, Mr. and Mrs. John Geer and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell, Pat and Betty, and Jim Craig, all of Fossil. Glenn Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Saddler, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris, and Mr. and

Mrs. Herschel Mudock, all of Kinzua. A potluck lunch was served after which a short business meeting was held during which the group decided to cancel their dance scheduled for Feb. 4, so they could attend the Winter Festival at Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blue went to Heppner last Monday where Mrs. Blue had medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil White went to Portland last Friday on business and for Denzil to have medical care. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Albert White and daughter Barbara and also attended a 6th birthday party for Barbara. Also visited with Marilyn Heifer in Portland and with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dworschak and Mr. and Mrs. Denzil White, Jr., in Gresham.

Mabel Heath's Dad Dies

Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin of Montrose, Colo., have been visiting in Heppner at the home of their son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. William Heath since Dec. 21, Mr. McLaughlin died there on Saturday morning. He was 80 years old.

Mrs. Heath and her brother Robert McLaughlin and their mother accompanied the body to Ouray, Colo., where the funeral was held on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heath and Bill Heath also went to Ouray to attend the services.

John McLaughlin is survived by his widow and their children, daughter Mabel Heath, Heppner; sons, Bernard McLaughlin, Pennsylvania, Robert McLaughlin, New Mexico, and Edgar McLaughlin, Pueblo, Colo. His grandchildren include Larry Heath, Heppner, and Linda Heath Schultz of Williamsburg, Va.

Mrs. Gene Cole is helping keep the Fiesta Bowl open in Mabel Heath's absence.

Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society meets Saturday at 7:30 in the old library room in Heppner.

-Use Electricity- But Use It "Efficiently"

For maximum efficiency most hot water tanks are set at 150 degrees fahrenheit.

Excessive water temps cause heat loss at the tank and through the hot water pipes.

Low temps. or short supply of hot water may indicate a burned out element.

This could leak current indefinitely and still furnish a limited supply of heated water from the other element.

A leaking faucet that runs a small 3" stream before breaking into drops uses about 1000 gallons of water per month and as much as 250 K.W.H. per month of power to heat this water.

A water pump that "short cycles" wastes electricity.

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