

Testing Of Oregon Cattle For Bang's Disease Reaches Highest Since 1940

Salem, Ore., Feb. 23.—(U.P.)—Testing of Oregon cattle for bang's disease in 1949 reached the highest total since 1940, M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal husbandry of the state department of agriculture, reported today.

In 1949, 283,069 cows were tested, with 6,088 or 2.2 per cent of these reactors.

Curry County Low
Testing was carried on in every county of the state, with 13 counties showing only one per cent or less of reactors. Curry county was low with less than two-tenths of one per cent reactors.

Knickerbocker said some 40,000 more cattle were tested last year than in 1948, but that the 1948 reactors were one-fourth of one per cent under the 1949 figure.

The testing program last year made substantial headway in two large dairy counties—Tillamook and Coos—where problems have previously been present. Several large Tillamook herds not tested before were in the 1949 program and because it was the first tests in these herds, Knickerbocker said inspectors were not surprised to find these counties with higher percentages of reactors than in other leading dairy counties. Tillamook had a 4.6 per cent reactor rating and Coos, 5.3 per cent.

Improvement Shown
Knickerbocker said that at the present rate at which Tillamook herds are responding to the program, the county's cattle might be practically free of bang's disease in two or three years. He

added that the Coos county testing program is also showing improvement.

Union, Baker, Grant and Jefferson counties had even higher reactor percentages than the two coastal counties and helped pull the state average down, Knickerbocker said. In these four counties the testing program last year was not as complete as in the coastal counties. The reactor rate in Union county was 6 per cent; in Baker county, 6.8 per cent; in Grant county, 7.9 per cent; and in Jefferson county, 5.6 per cent.

Canary Singing Can Be Art, Man Claims

Regina, Sask.—(U.P.)—Some canaries are feathered Frankie Lanes and Bing Crosbys while others are strictly singing-in-the-shower types, an expert reports.

Gil Seabrook of radio station CKCK, Regina, who judged the first canary singing contest held here, said there is more in canary singing than meets the novice ear. It is so complicated that Seabrook spent several years listening to contest canaries before he started judging them.

The keys to Seabrook's job are the different "tours" sung by the birds. Tours, he explained, are different notes which might be compared to an octave. There are about 12 distinct tours in canary singing and one bird may be able to sing ten or more of them.

In judging, Seabrook takes into consideration the number of tours which the bird sings and also the quality of each tour. There are also points for general effect.

Birds are marked on the basis of a possible 100, but none ever gets close to that. The best bird at Regina scored in the low 50's which Seabrook considers a good score.

Canaries scored more points for tours that are lower in the scale. These are considered more important.

Near San Francisco in Muir Woods and Santa Cruz Redwood park are trees from 1000 to 2000 years old.

Surprise Atomic Offensive Might Disable Nation

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 23.—(U.P.)—Air Force Secretary W. Stuart Symington, said today that a "surprise atomic offensive might inflict a mortal wound from which no nation could completely recover."

To deter Russia from starting such an offensive, he said this country must be geared for "instant and sustained devastating retaliation."

Russia Overshadows
Symington made these statements in a talk before the Yale University Alumni association. He also said that Russia's arms-building program "overshadows the combined program of all the Atlantic Pact nations put together."

Russia maintains a ground army greater in numbers than the combined armies of the United States and its allies, Symington said.

The Yale alumnus said Russia has the world's largest submarine fleet—larger than Germany's at the beginning of World War II. And since the end of that war, Symington added, Russia has produced more combat aircraft than the United States and all the other Atlantic Pact nations together.

Increasing Strength
As part of its bid for air supremacy, he said, Russia is steadily increasing the strength of its long-range strategic bombing force—a type of aircraft it did not have in the last war.

Symington said that after World War II the United States reduced its army strength from 90 to 10 divisions, Great Britain cut hers from 39 to 4 divisions, but Russia trimmed its strength only to about one-third of its wartime peak.

Symington said that if efforts to prevent war fail, atomic weapons make it imperative that the United States win the first battle. A surprise atomic offensive he said, could inflict a mortal blow "no matter how long and how desperate the ensuing struggle."

Motorists — are your breaks good to the last stop?



RESCUED B-36 AIRMEN—Showing the strain of their three days on Princess Royal Island off the coast of British Columbia, after they bailed out of a disabled B-36 bomber, these three crew members are pictured at McChord Field, Wash., where they and seven other survivors were taken by rescuers. Left to right: First Lieut. E. O. Cox, Capt. H. L. Barry, plane pilot, and Staff Sgt. Dick Thrasher. Two other airmen have been rescued and the remaining five are understood to be approximately three miles inland scattered along a three-mile area of the island.

Mexicans Cheated By Farmers, Is Claim

San Diego, Feb. 23.—(U.P.)—Employers have cheated hundreds of Mexican farm workers in San Diego and Imperial counties of their wages by "informing" on them, State Labor Commissioner for San Diego, Stanley Gue, charged today.

"We have proven cases where employers induced laborers to work on their ranches and, when 'pay day' neared, tipped off the government that the aliens were illegally in the country," Gue said.

"The laborers then were deported without being paid for their toil," he said.

Stanislaus county was created in 1854 by cutting it off from the mountain district of Tuolumne county in California.

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Life's Just a Bluff Professors Decide

San Francisco—(U.P.)—If you bluff in poker, you'll bluff in real life situations, two college professor mathematicians report.

They are Dr. Richard Bellman, associate professor of mathematics at Stanford university, and Dr. David Blackwell, head of the mathematics department of Howard university.

Their study was conducted in a new branch of mathematics, the theory of games developed by Dr. John von Neumann.

By looking into the methods men use to play such games as stud poker, mathematicians expect to come up with some new insights on man's struggle for existence. The games, scientists say, are actually simple forms of basic human struggles in the everyday competitive world.

After making a scientific study of two-handed poker in which

they reduced the intangible element of bluffing to mathematical formulas, Bellman and Blackwell said times come when outright bluffing is advantageous but it is risky and it is safer to let pure strategy do the work and be content with a sure gain.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How to Get That Homework Done

Miss Gilbert, our grammar school principal, spoke the other night at the regular Parent-Teachers' meeting, on getting children to do their homework when they want to listen to the radio.

"We musn't give them a flat 'no,'" Miss Gilbert said. "If we adults really believe in tolerance and moderation, we should instill these qualities in our children. Listening to the radio is fine—in moderation—as long as homework gets done, too."

From where I sit, the lady was dead-right. This radio vs. homework problem is a wonderful way to see to it that our youngsters acquire the sensible moderate habits they'll need later on.

I've never believed in hard and fast rules—except where absolutely necessary. Let the other fellow do as he likes, as long as he's temperate and tolerant. Guess that's why I've never felt we should quarrel with the fellow who is partial to a glass of beer—the "Beverage of Moderation."

Joe Marsh

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