Second List of Bills Faces Law Makers

Salem – The state department of agriculture today called attention to a second list of bills now before the legislature affecting agriculture, principally those relating to department work. Frank McKennon, director, reiterates that this information is released by the department so everyone concerned may have an opportunity to contact legislators on a pro or con basis if desired.

The list and main purpose of each:

Herbicide applicator licenses – Change in expiration date. Has passed both branches. (Requested by department.)

Quarantines – Relieve Governor of necessity to sign certain department quarantine orders and authorize publication of a summary of quarantine orders in the area affected. (Requested by department.)

Predatory animals – Repeal certain bounties; provide penalties for molesting traps of hunters. (Requested by department and others.)

Livestock advisory boards – Combine the present state board of auction markets and livestock advisory committee into one body. (Proposed in the Governor's inaugural address.)

On Egg Sales

Eggs – Prohibit commercial sale and use of any eggs which have been incubated 48 hours or longer; require grading of hatchery eggs incubated less than 48 hours. (Introduced by Rep. Peck and others.)

Livestock districts – Close Coast highway the length of Curry county to live stock pasturing and running at large. (Introduced by Bristol and others.)

State department of agriculture – Two bills seeking reorganization. SB 237: authorize the director to reorganize department; remove the state board of agriculture from politics; and legislate on the state veterinarian. HB 453: create a seventh division, separating the meat inspection and animal disease control activities from the present division of animal industry. (Sponsors: 237 by Leth and other legislators; 453 by meat packers.)

Beef council – Create a voluntary beef council to enable the cattle industry to expand markets. (Sponsors: Oregon Cattlemen's association and Oregon Milk Producers.)

State Fair – Put under state department of agriculture. (Introduced by Senator Hopkins and others; Governor's inaugural recommendation.)

Brucellosis – Amend and add new housekeeping provisions to brucellosis, tuberculosis and paratuberculosis law. (Requested by department.)

Bakery Law – Change bread weight standards, amend pan sizes and repeal stale bread provisions. (Requested by department.)

Oregon Food Law – Eliminate dairy products standards which are covered in other legislation; repeal ban on 4-week-old calves for meat as same objectives covered in meat inspection. (Requested by department.)

Fertilizers and agricultural minerals – Require Experiment station assistance and public hearing to determine minor plant food elements in products; permit director to lower tonnage fee from 10 cents. (Requested by department.)

Among bills not related to the department of agriculture – Daylight savings time; permit the Soil Conservation Committee to give material aid to districts; farm trucks.

Three Medford Cattle Concerns In Show-Sale

Pendleton – Three Medford cattle concerns are among participants in the Feb. 28 thru March 3, Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association conference-show-sale activity in Walla Walla, Wash., officials said today.

Ralph L. Cook, Miraflores Ranch and Table Top Hereford ranch, all of Medford, have entered cattle in the national Polled Hereford shows, co-sponsored by the American Polled Hereford association.

Some 3,000 Polled Hereford breeders from throughout the United States, Canada and the Hawaiian Islands will participate in the events which include two shows, two sales, a Western Polled Hereford conference, exhibits, demonstrations and social activities.

Judging in pens of one, two, three and five bulls will get underway Saturday (Feb. 28) morning, followed that evening by a meeting of the three-state (Idaho-Oregon-Washington) Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association. Featured at the annual meeting will be D. C. Andrews, Kirkwood, Mo., and Don Chittenden, Kansas City, Mo., national president and executive secretary, respectively, of the American Polled Hereford association.

The second annual Western Polled Hereford conference occupies the second day's program. Speakers and panelists from six states and the Hawaiian Islands will emphasize the commercial side of the cattle business and the role played by Polled Herefords.

The five-state competitive national Polled Hereford halter class show, termed a "New Look Show" by sponsoring members, gets underway at 9 a.m., March 2, at the Southeastern Washington fairgrounds.

Open halter show bulls, females and group classes will continue throughout the day, with major awards made starting at 7 p.m. at the annual banquet. Prominent cattle industry figures will be on hand to participate, according to James E. Roan, Ellensburg, Wash., CEPHA president.

A "Classic Sale" for herd sire prospects and replacement females, and America's largest all Polled Hereford pen bull sale are salted for 10 a.m., March 3 (Tuesday) following selection of sale champions and reserves and a parade of sale cattle.

Judges for the event – first of its kind staged anywhere–include Willie Joe Largent, Merkel, Texas; L. M. Jewett, Long Beach, Calif.; J. C. Holbert, Bettendorf, Iowa; and Harvey McDougal, Collinsville, Calif.

Dormant Spray Suggested Now

By DON BERRY
County Extension Agent

Home gardeners should take advantage of any nice weather to apply their dormant spray on cane berries.

On Boysenberries and Youngberries two sprays are necessary. The first one should be completed before the end of February and the second spray applied later in the spring when the new shoots are one to two inches long. One quart of liquid lime sulfur or one pound of dry lime sulfur in three gallons of water is the recommended material.

These two sprays will aid in the control of blackberry mite, scale, anthracnose, mildew, cane blights and leaf spots.

Blackberries and raspberries should receive the second of the above sprays.

Grapes may also be sprayed during the dormant period with the same mixture of lime sulfur to aid in mildew control. This would be followed by repeating applications of wettable sulfur or sulfur dust during the growing season.

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By JOE COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

Two pieces of proposed law farmers of southern Oregon if not the state should keep their eyes on are Senate Bill No. 237 and House Bill No. 413.

The senate bill provides for a change in the organization of the state department of agriculture which would give the director more unified authority over his department. House Bill 413 provides for establishing a beef council under a voluntary beef industry assessment program.

Bulk of the animal industry is behind this bill we understand from a Jackson county beef grower who visited the state capitol Tuesday.

Such a bill deletes all branches of the department of agriculture and gives the department director the right to appoint his own assistants and organize his own departments as he sees fit according to what is most economical and advantageous to general state welfare. This bill also provides that the director shall be appointed by the governor and can only be removed for cause.

This bill also provides for a state board of agriculture to serve as a liaison agency between the farmers and ranchers and the state department of agriculture. Such board members must be engaged in the business of agriculture. Also there can be no more than four members to one party. Their party affiliations are to be determined by their voter registration cards. We understand many of the farm people backing this bill are against this provision. They insist knowledge of farming should be the only determining qualification.

Incidentally, Ward Spatz, who has so ably represented the agricultural interests of this county on the state board of agriculture has sent in his resignation. We repeat, he is the first representative of the southern Oregon area we have had on the board for some time. Write your politician friends. Let's keep him there.

This senate bill doesn't say that the state veterinarian should be directly responsible to the director although it does allow a separate state veterinarian's department in charge of all meat inspection and disease control.

House Bill No. 413 eliminates the compulsory assessment on cattle which those backing a beef commodity commission think may have defeated the original proposal. Each man selling beef may volunteer to be assessed 10 cents a head. Animal industry is also backing this bill strongly, we understand.

This bill allows for voluntary assessment at the point of sale. According to its backers, this bill provides that when a farmer pays his brand inspection fee he may also pay 10 cents for beef promotion. If later he decides he needs the money he has 90 days to apply for a refund by using a special request form.

Twenty per cent of this money goes to the National Livestock and Meat board, 20 per cent to the National Beef Council and the remaining 60 per cent is to be used for general beef promotion.

How would beef be promoted? One idea is to tie it in with dairy advertising – showing both beef and cheese together in a hamburger, for instance. We understand one Oregon county is putting on its own dairy promotion and spending $11,000 to do it. Incidentally, we were informed that the dairy industry has the third largest advertising budget in the country.

So, the beef growers of this state, and this includes those dairymen who may sell some of their cows for beef, are pushing a bill for beef promotion. Let's watch another phase of agriculture or organization which has already caught fire with its own promotion program. The Oregon Broiler Growers association is pushing a bill providing for labeling of fryers, and sets penalties.

To a man who has chawed too many tough pieces of meat, this bill is one of the more important propositions to come before the state legislature. The bill requires that all broilers, fryers or fryer-roasters sold in Oregon show their state or origin. We might assume that state produced birds would not have to be shipped a long ways and might be fresher. More than that it would boost a state industry at a time when state industry needs boosting.

This state industry has a total economic value of over $25½ million, according to association figures. It has a yearly turnover of $15 million plus. However, this large business now produces only about 50 per cent of the total Oregon consumption of these birds.

It's state industries such as the fryer or broiler producers which pay the taxes which pay for highways, schools and help pay for government services.

IFYE Girl Plans Visit To County

Miss Judy Hanson will be visiting Jackson county Feb. 22-24 as a representative of the International Farm Youth Exchange program. She lived with farm families in Finland for 4½ months, learning of life on the farms and in Finnish homes.

Judy is scheduled at the Eagle Point school at 10:30 a.m., at Crater High school at 1:30 p.m., and at Talent High school at 2:50 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23.

The public may attend any of these appearances to hear the story of Judy's experience and see her slides showing the activities she participated in while in Finland.

Inquire at the County Extension office for additional information regarding Miss Hanson's visit.

Bulls on Open Range Must Be Purebred

Only purebred Angus, Shornhorn and Hereford bulls may run upon the open range in Oregon under a Feb. 10 regulation.

The livestock district law rules grade bulls off the open range and requires the state department of agriculture to stipulate which recognized purebred breeds may be on open range. The department issued the order after consultation with the livestock industry.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at Toronto received a royal charger in 1922.

Hearing Set For Freight Rates

Salem—An Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on railroad proposals for further reductions in westbound freight rates on meats and packinghouse products from midwest packers will be held in Portland March 16.

The hearing, to be conducted by ICC Examiner Otto A. Hanson, who was in charge of previous hearings on the subject, will open at 9:30 a.m. on the ground floor of the Pittock Block, 410 S.W. Tenth street.

The Portland hearing will follow a similar one at Denver, according to ICC word to the state department of agriculture. The Oregon PUC, the agriculture department, packers and others some time ago requested a hearing in Oregon so more of the groups concerned might attend.

Oregon interests have objected to the reductions in rail rates unless accompanied by a compensating reduction in westbound rates on live animals coming to the coast for slaughter.

Herd Equipment Types Listed

Salem—For those interested in knowing the types of installations being favored by Oregon's dairy industry these days, the state department of agriculture has come up with some totals for 1958, covering licensed fluid milk dairies.

Farm tanks were utilized by 487 producers and 32 producer-distributors; pipeline milkers by 292 producers and 20 producer - distributors; combinations; of tanks and pipelines were employed by 223 producers and 12 producer-distributors.

In the milking parlors, stanchions were favored by 410 producers and 110 dairies that retail their milk; raised platforms by 218 and 31. Paved cowyards were reported at 325 producer farms and 62 producer - distributor dairies.

Dairy Herd Sizes Given For 1958

Salem — The largest dairy herd under state inspection in Oregon contains 325 cows and is located in the Josephine-Douglas county district, reports the state department of agriculture in reviewing the past year's statistics. In 1956 the largest herd in the state totaled 160 cows.

Of dairy herds 196 averaged from 35 to 50 cows; 192 from 25-35; 156 under 25 head; 150 between 50-100 head; and 29 over 100 cows. These are 1958 figures.

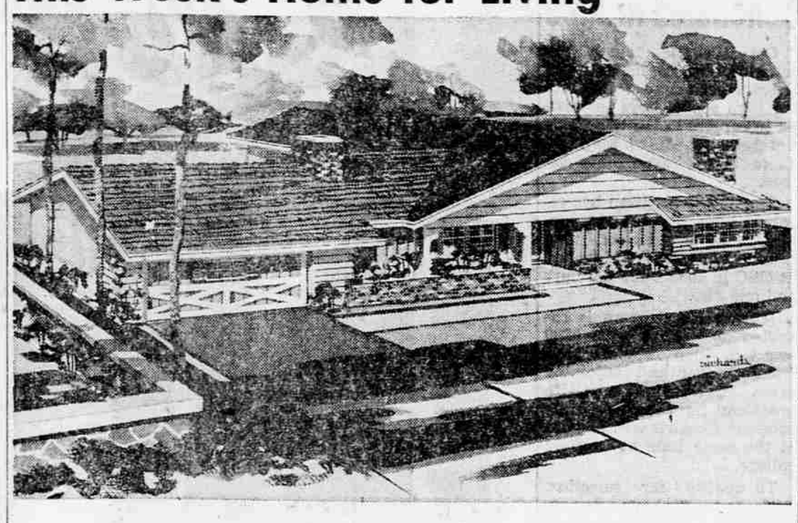
Grade "A" producers licensed in 1958 totaled 696, a drop of 105 since 1956. Grade "A" producer - distributors numbered 81 in '58, up 8; and grade "B" producer-distributors 91, up 52 from two years ago. This is a total of 868 dairies in 1958 against 913 in 1956.

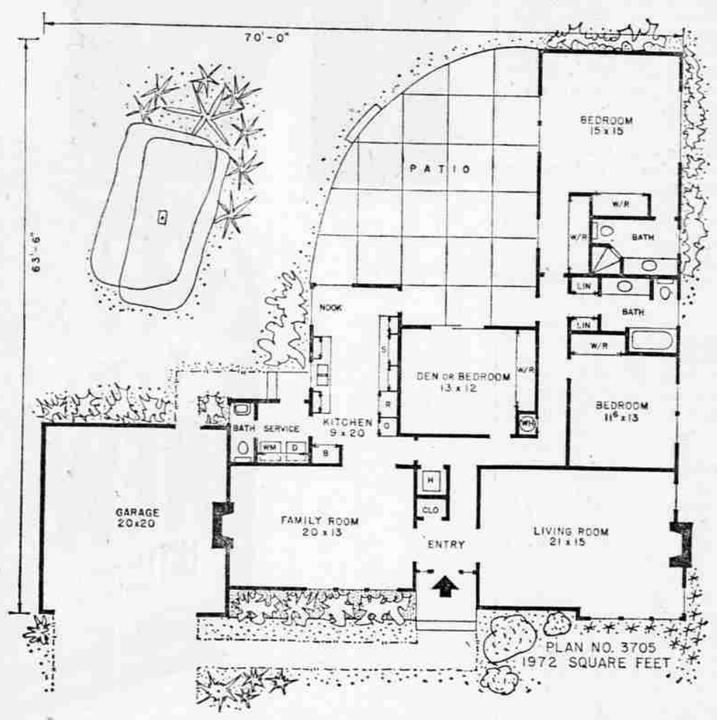
CALIFORNIA OPENS UP

California quarantine officials will admit persimmon trees from Oregon nurseries, provided the stock originated in California and is reshipped from an Oregon nursery which has no other persimmon stock. A further requirement is that shipments must be certified by the Oregon department of agriculture.

Farm and Garden

This Week's Home for Living





By HIAWATHA ESTES

This is the "Stay-at-Home" house–the one place the family would rather be. The reason is that it provides all that is needed for year-around pleasure and comfort for those who really enjoy their home.

The big formal living room and spacious family room are on opposite sides of the attractive entry foyer. Each has its own fireplace and wide rows of windows–yet each is different in character.

Set apart, as it is, the living room can always be kept in readiness for unexpected guests, free of traffic, toys and clutter.

The family room–open to the long channel kitchen, offers a place for friendly coffee klatches, little children's play area in the daytime, and the spot for teenagers to entertain in the evening.

The open kitchen has built-in appliances, a broom closet and a bright breakfast corner. Doors lead from the kitchen to both the patio and service area. A half bath opens off the service area and a rear door to the double garage is only a step from this entrance.

The vast rear patio, partially roofed, offers a semi-secluded place for summer sun bathing, relaxing and outdoor dining. Sliding doors open to the den and an entrance to the bedroom hall makes the family bath easily accessible to the rear yard.

Double wardrobes and a private three-quarter bath complete the master bedroom unit.

The forced air furnace and water heater are closeted off the hall where they can be serviced easily.

Low pitched gables lend interesting lines to the wood roof. Board and batten contrasts with horizontal siding for a pleasing shadow pattern across the front. For textile interest, mottled reds of used brick is seen on both chimneys, planter and as a veneer on the living room wall.

Complete working drawing of the above plan can be obtained at a cost of $7.50 for the first set and $5 for each additional set, when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available for a period of four months from this date. Please allow two weeks for delivery. If the above home does not entirely meet with your satisfaction, a new home plan book, Homes for Living, may be purchased for $1. Send all orders for either plans or books to Hiawath Estes, P. O. Box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.

Three FFA Youths Seek State Award

By DON DENNING
Crater FFA chapter reporter

Three Jackson county Future Farmers of America members will travel to Roseburg this Saturday for a state farmer degree interview with several state FFA officers.

The State Farmer Degree is the only presentation given on the state level for the Future Farmers. Only 2 per cent of the membership of the state association are awarded the degree. This year, because of the increase in the number of members in the FFA, 90 of the 123 applicants may receive the honor.

The boys are chosen on the basis of leadership activities, supervised farming program, scholarship in high school and the completion of a project record book, plus having a well balanced knowledge in the field of agriculture.

Crater To Send Boys

The three boys applying for the degree from Jackson county are from the Crater high FFA chapter. They have done outstanding work in the chapter of 100 members, according to Ed Griggs, vocational agriculture instructor and chapter advisor. Crater is the second largest chapter in the state. Mollala chapter near Portland is the largest with approximately 110 members.

John Caster, a junior and the chapter vice president will be one of the boys applying for the degree. He has dairy and beef projects. Caster's combined total investment in agriculture amounts to approximately $600. He owns a dairy cow, a beef cow and a steer. John plans to improve his supervised farming program next year with the assistance of Ed Griggs and Bill MacFarland, vo-ag instructors, and his father.

Don Ryan, a junior and secretary of the chapter may also receive his degree at the state convention at Corvallis in March. Don's project consists of 13 head of registered Hereford beef animals and 30 acres of alfalfa hay.

Ryan gained considerable knowledge of agriculture from helping his father manage their 230 acre farm near Sams Valley. Don will enroll at Oregon State college after he graduates and hopes to form a partnership with his father when he finishes college. Don is a member of the Torch honor society and is student body treasurer.

Project Totals $2500

Jim Conger is another junior and applicant for the state farmer degree. Jim's project totals more than $2,500. He owns 14 head of registered Suffolk sheep and eight head of beef. Conger says he is only "beginning to begin" and hopes by next year to have a substantial gain.

Both Conger and Ryan have well over the necessary $500 investment in agriculture to qualify for the state degree.

The three boys will travel by car to Roseburg where they will be questioned on their farming program and take an oral quiz on farm knowledge. Ed Griggs, chapter adviser will accompany them.

Delegates Chosen For Youth Meet

Selection of Nyla Murray and Jack Esp as Jackson County 4-H delegates to the "Know Your State Government" conference was completed recently, reported Marilou Garner, County Extension 4-H Club Agent.

These two young people were selected as representatives, along with one boy and one girl from each Oregon county, to the second annual conference of this type to be held at Salem on March 5, 6 and 7.

At this conference four young people from Oregon will be chosen to attend National 4-H Club conference to be held in Washington, D. C., June 13 to 19.

Miss Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Murray, Medford, will be interviewed by a committee as a candidate for this National honor. Her 4-H club record was recognized as being worthy of consideration by the Jackson county selection committee.

Nyla and Jack have completed nine and seven years of 4-H Club work respectively. Nyla has been a member of the Antelope fods, clothing, swine, forestry and dairy clubs, and the Sis-Q Guide Dog 4-H club. She also carried a junior leadership project in 1957-58.

Jack's projects have been dairy in the Reese Creek Renegades' 4-H Club and a junior leadership project in the same club the past three years.

Bulls Purchased By Medford Men

Red Bluff, Calif. – Two purchasers from the Medford are bought four bulls worth some $2,800 at Red Bluff's 18th annual Bull sale.

J. W. Bigham and Ronald Anderson, Eagle Point, paid $1,400 for two Herefords from Wareham Hereford Ranch, Ferron, Utah. J. A. Belolws and J. H. Stanley, also of Eagle Point, also paid $1,400 for two "Red Bluff Type" Herefords from exhibitor-consignors, the Jenson Brothers, Logan, Utah.

There were no Angus or Shorthorn purchasers from this area.

More than 350 Herefords, Angus and Shorthorns were sold for more than $315,000, making the sale the third largest in its 18-year history. The bulls were exhibited by 80-plus breeder-consignors from six western states. Buyers were represented from six states and numbered more than 150.