

Livestock Group Seeks Equalized Cattle Assessment

Petition was presented to the Western Oregon Assessor's association yesterday from the Western Oregon Livestock association urging that the "values of livestock for assessment purposes be decreased."

Presenting the petition at a hearing in the Jackson county courthouse on livestock values was Frank Remas, Myrtle Point, president of the Coos County Livestock association and member

of the executive board of the Western Oregon Livestock association.

The petition requested that the assessors consider distance from a central market. Remas also argued that it is not fair to assess range stock and sale-ready stock on the same basis.

Seek Equalization
"I want to emphasize that we are asking for equalization not special treatment," Remas insisted. "We have found from past experience that we must stand on the principle of equal treatment."

All meat products are in a declining price cycle nationwide and in Oregon, the petition read. Assessors in various counties have recognized livestock on the range should have a lesser value than that at a central market or auction yard.

Prices in a county normally are based on central market prices, but less cost of freight, commission, shrinkage, yardage, weight and marketing expenditures, the petition continued.

Total Tax Values
Total tax values paid from final receipts exceed the market value of the product by \$140 according to present appraisal valuations, the petition concluded.

Armin Richter, Jackson County Livestock association president said the hearing is a good approach to the problem. Some cattlemen did not attend because of a feeder sale the same day, he explained.

Richter agreed with Remas that pedigreed stock should not be valued higher than other stock. Remas said in Coos county pedigreed stock is valued 50 per cent above regular stock. Actual value of a registered bull, he said, is hard to determine since the sale price depends on what a buyer may be willing to pay for it.

Neither of the men could offer a better system of appraisal and admitted that the problem is a complex and difficult one.

The cattlemen were the only representatives of the livestock industry present.

Ashland Firm Only Bidder on Project
B. D. Greene, Ashland, submitted the only bid for construction of a residence at the Union Creek ranger station, the regional contracting office of the forest service, Portland, has announced.

Greene's bid was \$19,240. Bids also were opened for installation of a water system at the Pine Creek ranger area in Gifford Pinchot National forest.

Mayfield Named To Textbook Group

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Education late Tuesday did some reshuffling to the State Textbook Commission. Two new members were named and three re-appointed.

New appointees to four-year terms are Dr. Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of Medford public schools, and Dr. Wendell Van Loan, education professor at Oregon State college.

Holdover commissioners included Dr. Lloyd Millhollen, Eugene; Cecil Sly of Prineville, and Mrs. Dorothy Daugherty of Salem.

Among progress reports heard by the board was one of the state driver education program.

Dr. Willard Bear, assistant superintendent of the Oregon Education Department, said the program, now in its second year, has spread to 105 Oregon high schools and that about 6,000 students have been trained. Only six schools dropped the program this year.

Russian Envoy To Miss Parade

Los Angeles—UPI—Mikhail Menshikov, Russian ambassador to the United States, says he'd like to accept an invitation to the annual Tournament of Roses Parade but he can't because Pasadena is off-limits to Soviet citizens.

Menshikov was invited to attend the colorful parade which precedes the Rose Bowl football game in Pasadena as a guest of the Telephone Answering Services of America. He also was invited to visit Disneyland, which Premier Nikita Khrushchev missed on his recent tour.

Menshikov replied Tuesday by expressing his thanks for the invitation but claimed the State Department prohibits Russians from traveling in Pasadena, site of Cal-Teach Jet Propulsion Laboratory and other defense projects.



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REMAINS OF AIRLINER—A rescue worker looks at the remains of the Allegheny Airlines plane which crashed near Williamsport, Pa., Tuesday, killing 24 of 25 persons aboard. —UPI Telephoto

Thieves Swipe Officials' Cars

Brownsville, Tex.—A pack of city officials took to their heels as a thief struck. They had to. Stolen in the same morning were:

The car of City Attorney James McKenna; the car of County Engineer James Rego; a city payload tractor.

The thieves apparently didn't know George Driver was no longer police chief, for his car was stolen, too.

Language Specialist To Visit in Weed

Yreka — Dr. Arno Jewett, specialist for language arts from the U. S. office of education, will be at the Weed Elementary school Thursday, Dec. 10.

All interested residents are invited to attend the two sessions at 4 and 7:15 p.m. Dr. Jewett will discuss the teaching of English. It will include structure, teaching of writing, English program for the less able student, relationships between learning to write and the reading of imaginative literature and the basic pro-

Jefferson State Arms Collectors to Meet

The Jefferson State Arms Collectors will meet at the home of Art Chipman, 2251 Ross lane, Medford, Dec. 5. Theme for meeting will be "single shot rifles" and all interested persons are invited to attend.

At the November meeting, which was held at the home of Jim Scheffel, Medford, a muzzle-loading percussion rifle made by G. A. Nordheim, pioneer gunsmith of Yreka, was shown by J. A. Taylor. Other guns also were displayed.

Bogus Money Warning Given

Washington — UPI — Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman warned today that the busy Christmas shopping season is the busiest time of the year for passers of counterfeit money.

"Crowded stores and inexperienced temporary clerks provide the ideal setting for operations of the counterfeit note passers," Baughman advised shoppers, merchants and cashiers.

The best way to check a suspected counterfeit note is to compare it to a known genuine bill of the same denomination, the Secret Service chief said. In most cases, he added, defects in the bogus bill will show up immediately.

In the 12 months ended last June 30, the Secret Service seized nearly \$2 million dollars in bogus bills and arrested 343 counterfeiters. In the previous year, seizures totaled \$700,000 and 335 counterfeiters were arrested.

FORGETFUL SANTA
Abilene, Tex.—UPI—Charlie Hillard Jr., 21, had to have a department store counter-part stand in for him after he parachuted from a plane dressed like Santa Claus. Hillard forgot his whiskers.

Pet Contest Judges Couldn't Find Pet

Pierre, S.D.—At the pet contest held here, a young lad presented the judges with a jar filled with water.

"Why, son, you've lost your entry," the judge told the boy. "Oh, no sir. You see they were just born yesterday" he replied. The judge squinted, and sure enough, there were two guppies in the jar.

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BETTER LATE THAN...
New Hyde Park, N.Y.—UPI—Joseph Lyons Jr., 33, has been notified by police that he could pick up his stolen camera at Mineola police headquarters. The camera was stolen last spring in England, when Lyons was on a vacation there.

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