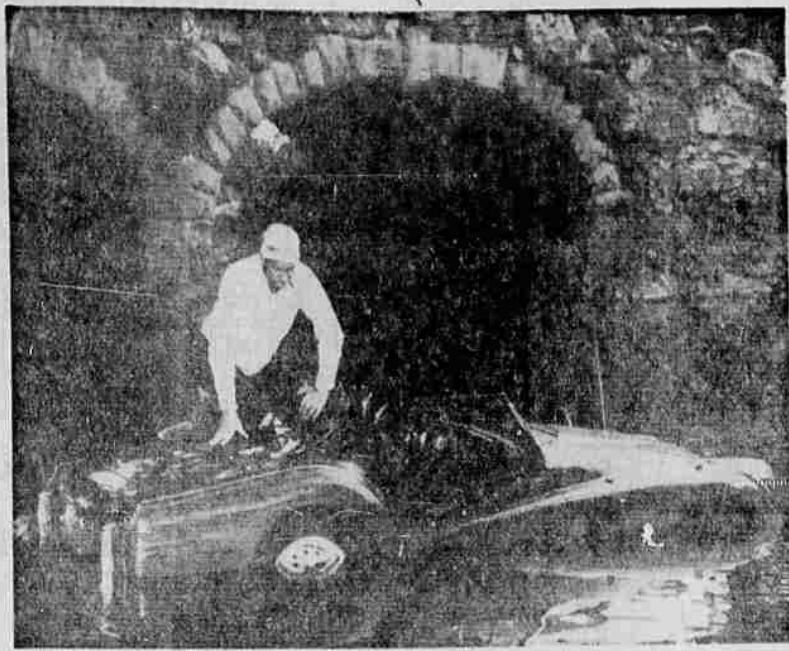




DUNKED CAR POSES PROBLEM—Tow truck driver Jack Grosch ponders the situation at San Francisco as he wonders how to get Attorney Jerome Berg's shiny red sports car out of Golden Gate Park's Stow Lake. Police said juveniles apparently took the car for a joy ride before ditching it in the lake. (UPI Telephoto)

Executive Committee Will Air Problems of Stockmen

Broad-brimmed Stetsons and cowboy boots will be part of the dress of the day as cattlemen from all over the state register at the Medford hotel today for the four-day Oregon Cattleman's association convention here.

Registration starts at 1:30 p.m.

The executive committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Medford hotel. Chairmen of the 12 standing committees will present their resolutions. Probably due for considerable discussion will be Jackson county stockmen's concern over lack of action on resolutions passed at the last convention and presented to the state department of agriculture, a local cattleman said.

Not Enough Time

During a meeting in Prineville in August, representatives of the state department of agriculture indicated there will not be time to properly draft proposed bills based on the resolutions for the next legislative session. This would mean the resolutions will be tabled until the state legislature convenes two years from now, the cattleman explained. Members of the committee on revision of the brand law were particularly discouraged. This matter will probably be

Natural History Club To Be Formed

Ashland—Those interested in any phase of natural history are urged to attend an organizational meeting for a Natural History club of the Rogue River valley at the Red Cross chapter house in Medford, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

According to Dr. Franklin Sturges of the Southern Oregon college science-mathematics division, the program will include a talk on the Rogue River valley as an area rich in natural history potential. Possible activities for such an organization were listed as: the study of animal life; bird study; botanical observations; and other association projects. Anyone wanting further information should contact Dr. Sturges at SOC, MURdock 2-4611.

"The ever increasing costs of operation of any business today along with all organizations presents grave problems," a local spokesman said.

"The county association does not spend its money directly on cattle problems to any degree," the spokesman said. "The bulk of the problems confronting the cattle industry are on the state or national level. Because of this the existence of the state organization is highly necessary."

Financing of the legal work, leg work, mailing charges, clerical work, becomes greater on the state level than in the county organization. Several counties are concerned over the rising costs of the state operation.

Probably an increase in dues, curtailment of expenses or readjusting methods of administration will all be discussed, it was pointed out. Such proposals would put the state organization on a sound basis financially and in position to administer and follow through on items that are discussed and passed at the convention.

Portland Woman Found Near Death

Portland—Mrs. Bessie Chadwick, 58, Portland, a bed-ridden housewife, was found near death at her home Tuesday.

The woman's husband, David H. Chadwick, 55, was found dead in the home of an apparent heart attack. The sheriff's office said Mrs. Chadwick, who is paralyzed, had attempted to leave her bed and summon help. She was found on the floor. Authorities were alerted by worried friends.

Mrs. Chadwick was taken to the Multnomah County Hospital where her condition was reported as satisfactory.

Rosellini Wins Washington Vote

Seattle—Gov. Albert D. Rosellini, who counted on Sen. John F. Kennedy's momentum to aid his reelection, today found himself returned to office and running far ahead of the president-elect.

With more than 90 per cent of the state's 5,200 precincts reported, Rosellini was well ahead of Republican Lloyd J. Andrews, but Kennedy had lost the state to Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

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Stiffening Brand, Theft Laws May Be Important Discussion

Possibly one of the most important committee sessions of the Oregon Cattleman's association convention here this week will be discussions on stiffening brand and theft laws.

A report from the state department of agriculture covering 1959 operations shows that of 23 reported livestock thefts during 1959, eight animals were recovered without going to court. Reports covering 1960 will probably be summarized in March.

Of seven larceny complaints filed, five resulted in convictions and suspended sentences, two were convicted and sentenced.

Josephine county stockmen suffered five livestock thefts. No recoveries nor convictions were reported.

Klamath county stockmen had five livestock losses. One case was cleared, which was not larceny. No convictions were reported, according to state records.

However, the cases of Paul Robert Wilson and Eldon Lyle Shafer in Klamath county required extended trial time in 1959. According to the newspaper stories published, the Wilson and Shafer cases are probably the most interesting of the state livestock officers have encountered for some time. Both men have appealed the seven-year convictions to the state supreme court.

Both Wilson, 28-year-old Fort Klamath rancher, and Shafer, his 35-year-old assistant, were indicted for the theft of a black, white-faced cow from Chilquin rancher Lorenz G. VanderKamp last spring.

The two defendants were indicted also for the theft of three white-faced Herefords from rancher Adlai Johnson. Shafer was charged with a third theft, a Johnson calf.

Complicated Case
To make this even more complicated the defendants were tried the summer of 1951 on a cattle theft charge. This resulted in a 3-day trial. The judge declared a mistrial because of prejudicial testimony from a state witness.

"The state subsequently dismissed the charges against Wilson and Shafer because the court would not accept the state's mothering-up process of identification," according to news accounts. Cattleman

have felt that if a calf goes to a certain cow this should at least indicate it belongs to that cow and the owner of the cow. Generally, courts do not consider this evidence.

A charge made in district court in Klamath Falls at the time of the pending charge was dismissed because a rancher who had signed a complaint refused to acknowledge ownership of the cow involved.

File Civil Damages

While this was going on, Wilson and Shafer, through Ramirez, filed civil damage suits against Adlai Johnson and two state livestock inspectors on grounds of harassment and persecution. These suits totaling more than \$200,000 are still unsettled, according to earlier accounts.

During the lengthy trial in February, Wilson and Shafer's attorney tried to have the trial shifted to another county. He claimed that adverse publicity had been "widely spread" by newspapers, radio and television and that state brand inspectors had personally contacted the majority of stockmen, farmers and ranchers and told them Wilson was guilty.

The motion was denied. The judge said he saw nothing in the motion to prove such statements. He added that he had failed to find any such inflammatory newspaper accounts.

Jackson County Cases

What happened in Jackson county in 1959?

Ralph Eugene Murphy, Medford, was charged Dec. 30, 1958, with larceny of livestock. Bound over to the grand jury on Jan. 2, 1959, he was jailed in lieu of \$2,000 bail. A court order of April

27, 1959, suspended his three-year sentence and placed him under direction of state board of parole.

Ralph Bruce Keys, Central Point, was charged Dec. 30, 1958, with larceny of livestock. Bound over to the grand jury on April 27, he was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary.

DeWayne Earl Keys, Medford, was arrested May 5, 1959, and charged with larceny of livestock. He was jailed in lieu of \$1,500 bail. A court order June 11, 1959, suspended a two-year sentence and he was placed under direction of the state board of parole.

John Wesley Perkins, Rex hotel, Medford, was charged with larceny of livestock Nov. 17, 1959. He pleaded guilty in district court Nov. 19, and received a six-month suspended sentence Dec. 4, 1959, after the charge was reduced from grand larceny to petty larceny.

Cecil Jefferson Worthington, Central Point, was arrested Nov. 17, 1959, and charged with larceny of livestock. On Nov. 18, probation was revoked and he was sentenced to one year in the county jail.

Charles William Marshall, Medford, was arrested Nov. 18 of charges of larceny of livestock. He pleaded guilty Nov. 19 in district court, and received one-year suspended sentence after charge was reduced to petty larceny.

A complaint charging larceny of livestock was filed against Le Roy Hancock Sept. 28, 1959. He pleaded guilty Oct. 5, 1959, and on Nov. 4, 1959, he received a suspended three-year sentence.

County Livestock Association Host For 4-Day Session

When the Oregon Cattleman's association meets here for its four-day convention starting today it will be greeted by the Jackson County Livestock association, the host.

This comparatively small group led by Jack Reid, Lake Creek, continues to set a stiff pace, and has proposed many of the resolutions considered each year by the state organization.

Besides Reid, the president, others include LeRoy Offenbacher, Applegate, vice president; Ed Meeker, Phoenix, treasurer; and Earle Jossy, Eagle Point, secretary.

During last year's annual stockmen's meeting in Central Point, ex-president Armin Richter, reported on the root-plow brush eradication and pasture seeding experiment which he said has not died. The problem is to get a man who has a D-8 tractor and \$4,100 to buy the plow, Richter explained.

Pays Own Way

During last year's state convention in Portland every

Jackson county delegate worked hard while at the convention and each paid his own way.

During last year's 4-H and FFA fair here, the livestock association presented a \$25 U.S. savings bond to the 4-H member who raised the most economical beef animal based on the lowest cost per pound of gain.

Ben Day, Medford attorney and stockman, chairman of the local association's legislative committee, said last year he hoped to establish the principle of an assumption of calf ownership. A slick-eared calf (one without identifying ear notches) would show own-

ership if it suckles the cow and the cow accepts it, Day explained.

To Inspect Brands

Day urged cattlemen to inspect brands whenever ownership of an animal is changed. More branding law changes are needed, he said. Representatives and senators must be educated as to why stockmen want better brand inspection and livestock theft laws passed, he pointed out. This will probably be repeated at the state association meeting starting today.

Jim Miller, Jackson and Klamath counties cattleman, reported his brand and theft committee had observed some brand inspection laws are not too effective. Both Jackson and Klamath counties have had some good dispositions of livestock theft cases, he noted.

The local association membership has more than doubled since a drive was started in 1959. Membership fees collected were applied to memberships in both organizations. The Jackson County Cowbells have been constantly active in beef promotion.



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