

Williams' Herd Tops in DHIA For January Test

C. C. and Sadie Williams, Ashland, had the top herd for January for average butterfat production—55 per cent, according to the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association report.

The Williams also had the third highest cow in pounds of butterfat production—118 pounds, 2,960 pounds of milk for 49 days in milking.

According to the January test, the Williams had 43 cows tested, 10.02 per cent were dry, and produced a 1,131 pound average of milk.

P. K. Nelson, Medford, placed his herd as second for the month with 49 per cent average butterfat production. He had 16 cows under test, 1.23 per cent dry and the herd milked out at 1,036 pound milk production average.

Glenn and Edna Chase, Gold Hill, were third with their herd of 30 cows under test, .75 per cent dry, 1,170 pound milk production average.

George Holt Fourth
Fourth was the George Holt, of Medford, herd, with 34 cows tested, 15.28 per cent dry, average production of milk 1,064 pounds and a 43 per cent butter fat average.

Edgeoaks Dairy, Eagle Point, had 77 cows under test, 9.11 per cent dry, average production of milk 1,024 pounds and a 40 per cent butter fat average.

Others Listed
Others who had the top ten cows were:

Beebe, owned by Harry Kimball, 2,708 pounds of milk, 119 pounds of butterfat, 60 days in milking; Brown, owned by C. C. and Sadie Williams, Ashland, 2,960 pounds of milk, 118 pounds of butterfat, 49 days in milking; Number 17C, owned by Gilman's Dairy farm, Central Point, 3,677 pounds of milk, 114 pounds of butterfat, 43 days in milking; Peble, owned by Ed Hayes, Eagle Point, 2,543 pounds of milk, 109 pounds of butterfat, 45 days in milking; Fire, owned by Cliff and Velma Moore, Eagle Point, 1,861 pounds of milk, 108 pounds of butterfat, 44 days in milking; Number 32, owned by Howard DeYoung, 3,563 pounds of milk, 107 pounds of butterfat, 47 days in milking; Glow, owned by C. C. and Sadie Williams, 2,035 pounds of milk, 106 pounds of butterfat, for

Phoenix FFA Head Elected As Oregon Treasurer

Ernest Bolz, president of the Phoenix Future Farmers of America chapter, was elected to state treasurer of the Oregon Association of the FFA during the annual state convention in Salem last week.

Bolz was elected by a majority of the 180 voting delegates representing 89 FFA chapters in Oregon. Total membership of Oregon chapters is estimated at 3,800.

Bolz and other new officers will hold office until their terms expire in March of 1962. He was unanimously accepted by the nominating committee as its choice for office. As treasurer, Bolz will assist in conducting state association activities, preside over district meetings of the Rogue-

mpqua FFA district as district president. He will speak at chapter banquets and before farm and civic organizations, also.

Five members of the Phoenix FFA chapter and their advisor attended the convention in Salem. They were Bolz, Chester Caster, secretary; Steve Kesler, assistant treasurer; Ralph Gysin, Harry Gay and Jack Dube, advisor.

5,000 Heifer Plan Initiated in Valley

Eagle Point—Delbert Mongold, president of the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club, is heading up the "5,000 heifer project" here.

This is a nation-wide project sponsored by the American Jersey Cattle club to obtain promotional funds for the All-Jersey milk program, a club spokesman said. Oregon Jersey Club President Frank Finnium appointed Mongold to head the Rogue valley section of the drive, it was announced at the recent Rogue River Jersey Cattle club meeting in Grants Pass. Eugene County fair grounds were held at the Jackson county fair grounds, possibly on Saturday, May 20.

Attendance Good
Last year, at the Josephine county fair grounds approximately 36 animals were exhibited and 200 people were attracted to the contests in showmanship and judging. Following this annual event an area Jersey queen is crowned.

During the meeting and no-host luncheon at Larry's Drive-in, colored slides of the national all-American Jersey show at Columbus, Ohio, were shown by Rosel Hunter, American Jersey Cattle club fieldman.

Club President Mongold welcomed the 30 members and guests. Among the several young people who attended were Jerry Moore, Eagle Point, owner of the grand champion registered Jersey at the Jackson County 4-H and FFA fair last year; Joyce Rogers, Grants Pass, owner of the grand champion registered Jersey at the Josephine county fair last year; and Joan Smith, winner of the judging trophy at the last junior spring show.

Hunter spoke briefly on the "5,000 heifer" project.

A bag of heated salt is a good substitute for a hot water bottle. Pour the salt in a skillet, heat in the oven until almost at the smoking point, then pour into a cotton bag.

A place where salt was processed was known as a "wich" by Anglo Saxons. Hence the many towns in England that end in this syllable: Sandwich, Norwich, Greenwich, Ipswich.

37 days in milking; Alice, owned by R. L. Wyant, Ashland, 1,862 pounds of milk, 106 pounds of butterfat, for 38 days in milking; and Penny, owned by Edgeoaks dairy, Eagle Point, 2,557 pounds of milk, 105 pounds of butterfat, for 38 days in milking.

Other state farmer degrees went to Dale Vaughan and Elvin Hawkins, both of Eagle Point.

Steve Geren, Eagle Point, placed fourth in public speaking. His theme was, "The Unlimited Opportunities in Agriculture." He was also on the officers' nominating committee.

Marketing Men Discuss Program For New Meeting
Salem—Preliminary program plans for the National Association of Marketing officials annual meeting next September in Portland and Seattle were discussed by western and central members of the NAMO executive committee at Wagoner, Okla., last week, according to Agricultural Development Chief Paul T. Rowell of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Rowell and Don Olson, Washington SDA supervisor of marketing will host the 1961 sessions.

Federal poultry inspection was an important program topic at the Central States NAMO meeting held following the committee meeting, Rowell said. A panel discussion brought out problems encountered in the rapid expansion of personnel required under mandatory federal inspection for interstate plants, which commenced two years ago.

Heavy Condemnations
Rowell reports that producer, processor and state marketing official panel members charged last fall's USDA directive to inspectors on "air sac" disease caused unnecessarily heavy condemnations by some inspectors during the heavy movement of turkeys for Thanksgiving trade. All agreed that excellent overall progress had been made to date in training the large new inspection force required.

A federal supervisor reported that new mobile laboratories now have speeded up checks on disease outbreaks in any area. In response to a question, the inspection supervisor said petitions have been received requesting 100 per cent inspection of all poultry plants in several metropolitan areas, with no hearings held to date. He doubted that any would be so designated until some municipal or state cooperation was developed for a full inspection program in these areas.

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James Gels Award For Conservation At SCD Meeting

Eagle Point—Lester James, Sams Valley, was named outstanding soil conservationist in the Jackson Soil Conservation district for the year last night during the district's annual meeting in the Eagle Point Grange.

Charles Edison, factory representative for Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, presented the certificate of merit to James.

When the Lester James family moved to his Sams Valley farm in 1948 there were few standing buildings and 30 acres of cleared land suitable only for the growing of oat and vetch hay.

The James dairy is considered the best example in Jackson county of an agricultural enterprise making the most use of its irrigation water potential. Of the 83 acres on the place, 26 acres are irrigated pasture with 21 acres of alfalfa and grass being seeded for hay crop. A new reservoir has made this seeding possible.

Three Reservoirs
The James farm has three reservoirs with a surface area of 24 acres holding 161 acre feet of water for irrigation. All water stored is from winter and early spring runoff. Two of the ponds are stocked with warm water fish.

The dairy herd consists of 30 head of Guernsey and Holsteins which supply grade A milk into the local market. The returns from the sale of milk have furnished the livelihood and paid for improvements such as the new reservoir.

Helping in this family operation is Mrs. James and their son, Dwight. Dwight is enrolled in the vocational agriculture department of Crater high school and is active in the Future Farmers of America chapter there. He has completed 4-H club projects in dairy. Lester is a member of the Sams Valley Grange, past member of the local school board and active in community church activities.

Proper Weeding Made Easier; Read the Label!
By M. R. HUBBELL
Jackson County Weed Supervisor

At this time of year, broad-leaf weeds, both annuals and perennials, are beginning to be very noticeable.

Control of these weeds is very simple with the proper application of the right chemical. Experience over the years has shown that selective weed control in grain crops, for example, is a highly profitable practice, often returning four to six times the cost of the application.

Read the label on a container of 2, 4-D Amine, for instance, and it will tell what weeds can be controlled with this material, how and when it is to be applied. Don't forget to read the cautions on the label. If this material is to be used close to desirable plants, they, too, may be as susceptible as the weeds to this material. By using low pressures on a calm day, as recommended, these problems need not exist. Read the label, all of it, for easier, safer and better weed control.

The Smaller, the Better
Most weeds are easier controlled or killed when they are small. This holds true with most shallow rooted annual plants, but there are some, both annual and perennial broad-leaf weeds, that will only respond to later treatments. "Read the label" and save the material that might have been used on these weeds until this recommended time.

2,4-D like the 2,4,5-T brush killer can be used for control of other weed problems. Read the label and it will tell of certain brush species that are readily controlled with this material. If any of these species are your problem, the cost of their control will be cut in half. 2,4-D used on non-susceptible plants is a waste of both time and money. Be sure and read the label.

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Phoenix Auction Sells 239 Cattle During Saturday
Phoenix—A total of 239 cattle were sold at the regular Saturday sale of the Rogue Valley Livestock auction yard in Phoenix, it was reported.

All classes of cattle were strong with slaughter cows about steady.

Hereford baby calves sold from \$30 to \$47.50 per head. Holstein baby calves sold at \$17.50 to \$27.50 per head.

Fat hogs sold from \$18.75 to \$19.75 per hundred pounds. Dairy cows brought \$150 to \$185 per head. Holstein dairy heifers brought \$16.50 to \$17.90 per hundredweight.

Good quality Hereford steers weighing from 400 to 500 pounds brought \$26 to \$26.50 and \$23.50 to \$24.50. Yearling Herefords sold at \$21.70 to \$24.10. Yearling Hereford heifers brought from \$21.75 to \$22.50.

One lot of Holstein steers brought \$18.60; one lot of springer Herefords \$227.50 per head and one lot of older cows and calves \$202 per head.

Steer Prices
Common to medium steers sold at \$19.50 to \$21.75 per hundredweight. Common to medium Herefords brought \$18.20 to \$19.30 per hundredweight.

Hereford common slaughter cows brought \$18 to \$19.70 and Hereford and Holstein utility cows sold at \$16 to \$16.90. Guernsey and Holstein canner and cutters sold at \$12.50 to \$15.30. Slaughter bulls sold at \$18.75 to \$19.30.

Fed Herefords brought \$7.50 to \$8.75 and \$21.30 to \$22.70 and fed Hereford steers brought \$7.50 to \$9.20 and \$23.50 per hundredweight.

GARDENING TIPS

By JOHN W. McLOUGHLIN
County Extension Agent
CAMELLIA

Flower blight on Camellia first appears as small brown spots on the petals. These spots enlarge and eventually cover the whole petal causing browning of the flower. Spots caused by weather injury are usually lighter in color and limited to the outer flower margin. Only the Camellia flower is affected by this disease.

This disease will remain on the fallen flower in an inactive state until next January at which time it becomes active, develops spore cups and releases infecting spores until April. This inactive form may also remain in plant debris and soil under a camellia plant for several years. The disease does not spread from flower to flower on the plant.

Control Given
Control centers around good sanitation practices. All diseased Camellia flowers should be removed and burned. Also, rake up and burn old leaves, flowers and other plant debris, especially from underneath the Camellia plants. Be sure not to place this on the compost pile.

In heavily infected soil, the top three inches may be removed to eliminate the inactive forms of the fungus. Spraying the soil beneath the bush with P.C.N.B. (Tennachlor) has been effective. Manufacturer's directions should be followed.

AVAILABLE PHOSPHORUS IMPORTANT FOR VEGETABLE CROPS
The response of vegetable plants of phosphorus fertilizer is greater during early growth than at any other time. An abundance of phosphorus encourages development of fibrous roots which are important in helping young plants establish themselves and get off to an early start in the spring.

When applying phosphorus, as super phosphate or in mixed fertilizer, to acid or cold soils, don't mix the fertilizer with the soil because these soil conditions tend to tie up phosphorus and make it unavailable to vegetable seedlings.

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Midway Auction Sells 339 Total Cattle, Calves

The Midway Auction yard's St. Patrick's Day sale featured 339 consignors selling 339 cattle and calves, according to Bill Bray, yard manager and owner.

The market was very active on stockers and feeders and slaughter cows were about 50 cents off.

A pen of 380 pound Hereford steer calves sold at \$27.10. A few single calves sold at \$28 to \$28.25. Most good to choice steer calves weighing from 400 pounds to 500 pounds brought \$25.50 to \$26.75. Steers over 600 pounds brought \$23.50 to \$24.50.

Good to choice Hereford heifer calves brought \$23.50 to \$25.50. A pen of 18 head of excellent calves sold for \$96 per head. Heifers weighing 450 pounds to 600 pounds brought \$22.75 to \$23.50.

A few good cows with calves at their side sold for \$200 to \$225 per pair. Common to medium cows with calves brought \$170 to \$190. A pen of aged springer cows went out at \$149 per head. Odd head of springer cows sold from \$150 to \$180 per head.

Nine head of W. H. R. bred Hereford two year old bulls sold from \$340 to \$375 per head. A few standard steers and heifers brought \$19.50 to \$22.70. Slaughter bulls brought \$18 to \$19.10.

Good utility cows brought \$15.50 to \$16.75, culters, \$13 to \$15.10, canners \$10.50 to \$12.50.

"Watch the livestock classified section in the Mail Tribune for announcements of future sales," Bray advised.

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Cattle Field Day Scheduled Sunday

The cattlemen nation-wide are looking for cattle which are heavy for their age which yield a high percentage of valuable cuts in carcass. A few methods of accomplishing this will be explained and practiced at the beef cattle improvement meeting next Sunday.

Wallace Ragsdale and Robert Fisher are making their cattle available to be graded and weighed to demonstrate methods of record keeping to identify the cattle which are most efficient.

The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, March 26, at the Ragsdale and Fisher ranch on Salt creek, five miles east of Brownsboro in the Lake Creek community. The Jackson County Cow Belles will serve lunch at noon. Families are invited. Cattlemen and their friends and interested persons are welcome.

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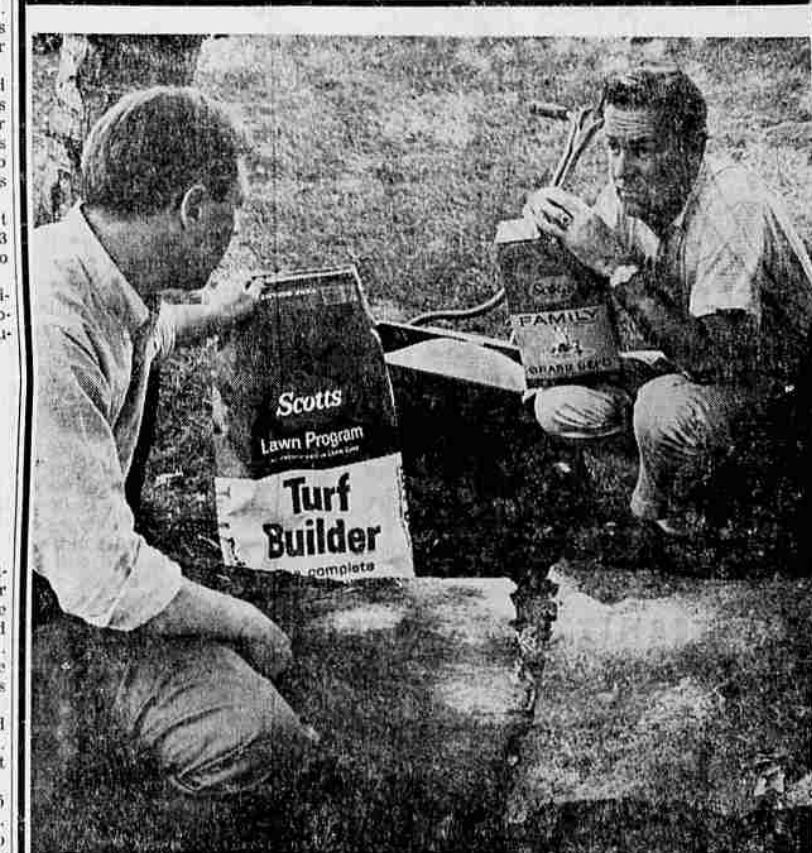
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