

Stockmen Urged To Organize; Money, Resolutions Voted

Gordon Stanley, Eagle Point, was elected president of the Jackson County Stockmen's association during the annual association fall meeting in the Central Point Grange hall.

Other officers are Fred Ofenbacher, vice-president, and Richard Ireland, treasurer. Installation will be held in December.

Resolutions approved by the stockmen and to be submitted to the state convention are: The county and state cattlemen's associations should work for the best legislation possible to clean up the range of dynamite and provide some protection to the cattlemen, that a commission should be paid to anyone securing a new member and each county

should pay a percentage to the state of all monies they collect for county dues, offices of the Oregon Beef Council and Oregon Cattlemen's association should be consolidated, and the OCA office should be moved from Princeville to Portland.

The stockmen agreed to send the OCA \$500 since the membership drive has been slow. It also suggested that the Cowbelles be asked to put on the membership and any commissions collected be used by them for their projects.

Don Hotchkiss, OCA president, told the stockmen "the day has passed when you can say let George do it."

"And the days aren't too many when they can tell us how much beef we can sell or produce," the Lakeview cattleman said. "The cattlemen aren't completely free, but relatively free. We have to be organized in an organized economy."

He credited George Johnson, OCA secretary, with straightening out the magazine and finances.

Hotchkiss reminded the stockmen of the state convention in Lakeview Nov. 7-10. He said there were 220 reservations for the meeting almost two weeks ago. Lakeview has plenty of accommodations, he added.

Convention highlight One of the highlights of the convention will be the multiple use panel discussion Friday afternoon with all facets of the national forests use covered. Speakers include Calvin Smith, Medford, of the Industrial Forestry association, Joe Oliver, eastern Oregon cattleman, on grazing, and a representative of the Isaac Walton League to discuss recreation.

Dr. M. R. Woulfe, of the state department of agriculture veterinary medicine department, said leptospirosis and anaplasmosis are on the increase in Oregon. Jackson county showed 1.6 per cent reactors and 2.3 per cent suspected cases. Josephine county showed 3 per cent reactors and 5 per cent suspected cases, he reported. Statistics cover beef cattle. Klamath and Lake counties have low percentages, he added.

John Carnegie, of the bureau of land management, said his agency is trying to make range improvement money go as far as they can.

Ralph Wiese, of the Rogue River National Forest, said obtaining cooperative agreements on range improvement work has helped the forest service obtain about twice as much money for range improvement work.

Range allotment plans are in the final stages with rough drafts expected in December. In answer to a series of questions from Martin Grier, Applegate stockman, Wiese said local forest service officials haven't initiated any actions against those trespassing between range allotments. No range reductions are made against violators unless violations cover more than one or two-year period, he said.

Wiese urged cattlemen to hire a rider to cover each range. It would pay off in the long run in reduced cattle losses, and better condition of cattle, he said.

President Leroy Offenberg said a special meeting would be called on the range allotment problem. Also, a special meeting will be held with legislative and congressional candidates to discuss cattle industry problems.

Hatfield Seeking Guard Enlargement

Salem — U.S. Gov. Mark Hatfield Monday asked the Oregon Department of the American Legion to plug for enlargement of Oregon's newly formed National Guard reserve.

The reserve would serve the state should the National Guard be called to federal action.

He also urged the Legion to support the National Guard's regular enlistment program.

"Quite naturally," Hatfield continued "there will be legislative consequences of our accelerated state preparedness program. I should hope you would find it possible and feasible to form a special legislative committee to work with Civil Defense, National Guard and this office, in presenting citizen views," he said in a letter to A. C. Friesen of Salem, state Legion commander.

HONOR SHOWS PROFIT Barton — On — Sea, England — Town officials said today that "honor system" coin boxes set up at car parking lots made a profit of \$708 during the summer. When attendants took the money, they added, the lots show \$70 profit.

Chit Chat

With his typical battering ram directness, Dick Westerberg, chairman of the Oregon Beef council and head of the Consolidated Milk Sales, told local cattlemen Thursday: "A stockman can't figure all he has to do is stay out in the brush and chase cows into a loading pen. That's just the beginning."

The Ashland man's remarks came at the end of a long speech by Don Hotchkiss, Lakeview, Oregon Cattlemen's association president. Hotchkiss was pleading for more members in the state association and telling of the program for the OCA convention in Lakeview Nov. 7th to 10th.

Westerberg pointed out that it does little good for an organization like the OCA to lobby for more equitable prices on feed grains and other matters if it doesn't have the numbers behind it.

He also noted that the \$10 freight differential between the Pacific Northwest and the grain belt is a serious handicap to Pacific Coast cattlemen and if it "gets any more serious it will put people out of business."

The OCA needs the additional membership fees to pay the expenses of representatives which attend the various national meetings on livestock industry problems, Westerberg said. In some cases the beef council has picked up the tab for the OCA representatives.

"The dairymen have one of the most powerful lobbies in Washington, D.C. (National Milk Producers Federation). What have the cattlemen got?" the burly beef council man asked.

Typically, Westerberg also said in a few direct words what many people have apparently been afraid to say at a meeting. "If you don't believe in the national policies of some farm organization, then don't buy your services from them. Buy them elsewhere. Otherwise you are endorsing what they say you believe in."

Dick didn't say what organization he is referring to, but it should be fairly obvious to people who have been following the maize of farm proposals and counter proposals. In other words boiling it all down Hotchkiss and Westerberg advise organizers, be active in your organization and watch what alliances your organization forms.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman's remarks at the Land and Peoples conference last month further point up the need for the cattlemen to more clearly and forcibly present their case. He said it is questionable that a freight differential between the west and midwest grain belt is actually discriminatory. Freeman said then he didn't see why an area which naturally can produce feed grains cheaper than another area should have a handicap established.

He also seriously questioned that the beef cattle industry is a non-supported industry. "The beef cattle industry is heavily supported," he said. "Grain and beef prices are bound together," he added. "If the government didn't have a feed grain program beef prices would be down to 14 cents a pound. Cheap feed results in cheap beef."

The Farm Bureau does not represent the average class farmer, Freeman added. This is the Class I or II farmer, he added.

Winding up our comments and notes on the Land and Peoples conference, one thing particularly bothered us. Speakers, Freeman included, placed too much reliance on recreation as an aid to marginal farm areas. Farming is seasonal and so is recreation.

Theme song of all USDA representatives attending the conference seemed to be "Look What the USDA Can Do For You!" The USDA apparently is over-compensating for the Billy Sol Estes scandals and other inequities where the few seemed to receive all the benefits. The common man approach is a good one only when it is sincere.

Some day somebody will set the complexities of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to music. If it is done skillfully it should be hilarious, and as entertaining as the play "Country Fair." The scene depicting the struggle with the European Common Market could be illustrated by a huge taffy-pull in national costume.

The suggestion that more technical assistance by government agencies is needed in rural areas brought a groan from our Eagle Point farmer friend. But some speakers did hit the nail on the head when they said people must be educated to make use of what they have and to know where to go for help.

One panel moderator used a heavy-handed approach in discussing how the Rural Area Development program might be implemented. He had SCS officials and others popping up from the audience in regular rhythm to give bright little testimonials on how well Area Redevelopment Administration and Rural Area Development programs were working in their areas.

ARA program provides financing, technical assistance and retraining tools to help create rural area jobs. The RAD is a program to help any rural community which needs help in creating local employment.

One USDA agency man was well-launched into a testimony of ARA and RAD program effectiveness when sharply interrupted by one of his crusty constituents. The agency man said his area's Overall Economic Development Program plans were acted upon within two months after hitting a Washington, D.C. desk. His constituent interrupted to say that between the local area and Washington, D.C. the plans somehow became "lost" and didn't reach the proper desk until a year later. Then the fun began with complaints being fired in all directions.

A local county agent put it all in a nutshell when he said RAD should be wrapped up with general area planning which would include a coordinated program with the chamber of commerce, city and county planning commissions, industry, schools and other agencies participating.

The banker from Twisp said the people attending the conference were becoming too bedazzled with alphabetical agencies present. The people and farmers are supposed to carry out the program themselves, he pointed out.

"We have the mechanics. It is up to the people to get together and get started solving the problem for themselves," he urged. "There is no magic. It is just plain hard work."

The most interesting group discussion during the conference was one on planning. One man thought that increased property taxes would force farmers into zoning. A number of people felt planning should start from the bottom up with the farmers or rural people originating the zoning request and the plan.

A man from King county, Wash., told of how the Snoqualmie valley forest recreation area had to be zoned to keep people from settling in the forest land. Such scattered settlements create school transportation, health and other

Pear Decline Talks Slated for Meeting

Own-rooted Bartlett pear trees and Bartlett on own-rooted Old Home rootstocks are resistant to pear decline, according to observations in Washington, Oregon and California and published in "California Agriculture."

The magazine published by the California Agricultural Experiment station stated that "these trees are also vigorous and productive. Bartlett pear, top-budded onto own-rooted Old Home stock, has the additional advantage of blight resistance in roots, trunk and primary scaffold branches."

Practical methods now available for propagating such decline-resistant and blight-resistant trees are discussed in this research report and probably will be discussed also by a panel in the apples and pears section during the 77th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society Nov. 28, 29 and 30 in Corvallis.

Highlights Given Highlights of the season on Thursday, Nov. 29 are a talk on types and adaptabilities of dwarfing rootstock by Arlen Zerem, horticulturist from

Israel; what to do about insect resistance to spray chemicals by J. J. Skelsey, Niagara Chemical company, Donald F. Dye, Stauffer Chemical company, and by Richard Wil-

liams, Chemagro Corporation. Controlled atmosphere storage for apples and pears will be discussed by Elmer Hansen, OSU horticulturist.

During Thursday's general session a panel discussion will be held on a legislative program for horticulture by State Sen. Walter Leth, Salem; A. A. Duncan, extension vegetable specialist, OSU; Dean F. E. Price, and Robert L. Conroy, Conroy Packing company, Woodburn.

Friday during the general session Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) will speak on the implications of the trade expansion act of 1962.

Red Bluff Features Quarter Horse Sale

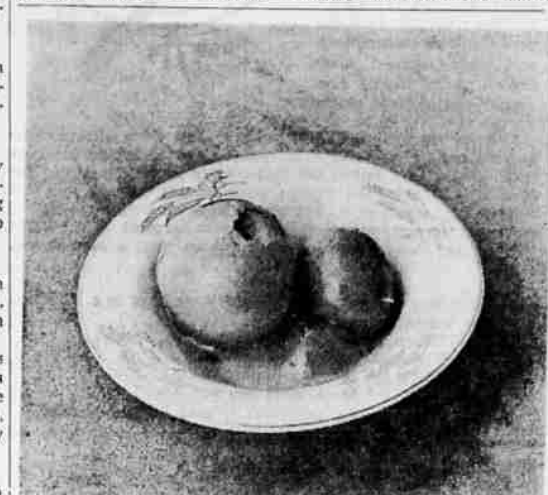
Red Bluff, Calif.—The Red Bluff Bull Sale will have an added feature in 1963. Abner McKenzie, sale committee-man, announced that in addition to the 400 Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn bulls, the Red Bluff sale will offer 35 Quarter Horses for sale.

McKenzie pointed out that the basic fundamentals of quality, soundness and usefulness, that have made the "Red Bluff Type" bull popular, will be just as strongly stressed in the Quarter Horses.

In keeping with the needs of the Red Bluff buyer, emphasis will be on geldings, fillies and mares. No stallions will be accepted for the 1963 sale.

The sale is scheduled for Friday night, February 8, 1963 at the Tehama County Fairgrounds.

The Northern Counties Quarter Horse association is cooperating with the Red Bluff Bull Sale Committee in making the new addition to an already famous sale.



DOUBLE EGG—A five-month-old White Rock pullet belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cox of 2827 Lone Pine rd., Medford, laid a rather unusual egg recently. It was an egg within an egg. The outside egg measured seven inches by seven-and-a-half inches. Inside was a second egg shell. The Coxes bought the chickens as fryers but decided to keep them as laying hens.

problems, he pointed out. Good zoning results from coordinated planning of state, county and city, he said.

A representative from another county told of how a number of farmers got together to zone out a dehydrated chicken manure plant. Another man said it takes at least five years to develop adequate zoning. Another man said it helps if every property owner is notified by mail of a pending hearing on zoning instead of relying solely on radio, newspaper and TV.

The Oregon wheat growers continue busily to promote their product internationally. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root, whose farm we visited in eastern Oregon, are taking five grain dealers from the west and mid-west on a tour of Asian countries starting Wednesday. They will go around through Europe and return to Portland Jan. 9.

"To make this trip, I will have to go without a new car, new garage and practically mortgage my life," Mrs. Root wrote. So you see, wealth and wheat don't always go together.

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Gasoline Explosion Causes \$1,000 Damage

Carver, Ore. —(UPI)—A gasoline explosion caused an estimated \$1,000 damage here Monday, but nobody was hurt.

The explosion occurred while an underground tank was being filled. A spark from an air compressor was blamed.

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