



FOREST RANGE—These cattle were observed Thursday during the tour of Rogue River National forest cattle ranges on the Dead Indian.

### Tour Made of Range Lands; Management Changes Likely

On Sept. 11 and 12 a tour of the Rogue River National forest on the Applegate and Ashland Ranger districts was made by local stockmen, forest officials, and others. Purpose of the two-day trip was to observe range conditions on the ground and discuss ways and means of increasing forage production, better livestock distribution, and coordinating range use with other interests.

## Chit Chat

By JCE COWLEY  
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

"Farm safety is something we want to keep telling the people so they get so sick and tired of it they want to throw us out, a representative of the state industrial accident commission said to us the other day leaning over our desk near deadline time.

He almost proved his point completely. Having already been through farm safety week sponsored nationally by various farm organizations we felt there was no need to go through the same song and dance all over again. But, after this man told us that farm accidents make one of the main factors for the increasing expenditures on accident settlements by the commission, we could see repetition — brief repetition wouldn't hurt. We thumbed through the stack of signs, posters, safety slogans and various other material he deposited on our desk and set to work.

One prediction is that farm accidents will continue to occur nationally and stack up 11,500 to 12,000 fatalities. This is good business for the merry morticians, but not for the insurance companies and SIAC, and certainly not for farm families. Of these totals it is predicted 3,800 to 4,300 fatal accidents will come directly from farming activities.

As the SIAC man put it, farming is one of the major industries of the state, second only to lumber, but unlike the lumber industry does not have safety engineers always on hand to eliminate hazards.

We are inclined to think a safe day starts at breakfast. Here plans should be made for the day's farm activities. This is when the farmer should think ahead to any hazardous operations which might involve a little extra planning and caution. A well planned day seldom results in accidents. From what we have observed, a good farm operator is a safe operator.

Of course, with so many people in part-time farming too often it means hustling to get the chores done with little time to plan ahead, a hasty breakfast, to work in town, then back again for some other chores before dinner, a few last minute details, then back to bed to start the whole thing all over again. There is little time to check equipment. Too often a forgotten lit cigarette may dangle from the corner of the mouth or a pipe may still be smoldering while the farmer refuels a tractor, then — boom!

So far, the fruit industry has had comparatively few accidents considering the machinery used in packing houses and the high ladders in constant use during the harvest season in the orchards. Constant supervision is probably the answer. But, as more inexperienced help enters the orchards due to the steady decrease of domestic migratory labor accidents could increase.

The well-planned and written booklet on a suggested farm safety program for farm organizations published by the State Industrial Accident commission has some good illustrations of how farm accidents occur.

A portable elevator has the wheels blocked up to reach a second-story barn window, otherwise too high. The blocking slips, bruises the ankle of one man near the wheels and lifts and tosses the second man 10 feet in the air. He falls into the conveyor scalping the right temple and cheek, exposing the optic nerve behind the right eye and permanently damaging a major nerve bundle in the neck.

A farmer plowing the last round in a garden spot at dusk is close to an orchard fence. Two fence posts with a barbed wire top strand have cracked bases and lean toward the garden plot. Barbed wire whips over the left fenderette and onto the left thigh of the farmer. It prevents him from lifting a foot from the footrest and onto the clutch. Thick mud on gloves from a recent cleaning of the moldboard hinders him from turning off the ignition. The left trouser leg is torn and thigh sawed nearly to the bone by the barbed wire.

The same farmer should have had anti-tetanus shots, we wonder if he did. In fact, since farmers work around materials where a scratch could mean lockjaw they should all have anti-tetanus inoculations.

So much for farm safety, except for one question: How many farmers can honestly say they never violate at least one safety rule each day?

### Cattle Outlook Greatly Improved

CORVALLIS — The competitive position of Oregon's grain-feeding cattle and hog industries has improved during the past year and present prospects indicate the improved position should continue during the coming year, reports M. D. Thomas, Oregon State university extension agricultural economist.

Thomas makes his comments in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook circular just published at OSU. Copies are available from county extension offices or from the OSU Bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Figures on prices received for grains and livestock in Oregon and the Great Plains area show that Oregon cattle feeders and hog raisers recently could buy more local barley with money received from their animals than their corn-feeding Midwest counterparts, Thomas said.

A year ago, and frequently in the past, corn and milo feeders in the Midwest had a big price advantage over local producers, the economist noted. The improvement in cattle and swine could spread a year from now to include poultrymen and other potential wheat feeders in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest if the price spread between Pacific Northwest wheat and Midwest grains closes as much as now seems likely, Thomas observed.

Changes in competitive positions stem primarily from higher corn and milo prices east of the Rockies and lower wheat and barley prices in the Northwest during the past year, he explained. These lower prices have adversely affected incomes of the region's cash grain growers, Thomas said, but added that these adverse effects have been partially or entirely offset by payments to those who participated in 1963 diversion programs. For 1964, income-reducing effects of prospective lower wheat prices could be alleviated

### Activities Planned By Local Horsemen

Dory Hart, nationally known trainer of horses, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the Jackson County Horseman's association.

Hart, who spent most of his life time in the circus also answered questions on the many years he devoted to "Training Horses Under The Big Top."

Claude Sigman, Big Y Shopping center operator, who recently added his string of notable Arabian horses to the valley's horse population told the members and guests of the transportation of the animals from Yakima, Wash., to Medford with the Shrine Patrol as escort. Mr. and Mrs. John Belknap were on hand at the Big Y Market to welcome the newcomers.

"Cowboy Polo," the newest game to be conducted by the JCHA has created such a wide spread interest, that Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mankin, proprietors of the Westerner, Medford, have offered to furnish all equipment needed for the sport. It will be available to any and all organized horse groups in the valley, with no cost. Arrangements to use the equipment can be made by calling The Westerner at 772-6436.

Jack Brown, chairman for the trail committee, asks all persons planning to ride in the Southern Oregon college Home Coming parade, Nov. 2 to please call him for information regarding riding habit, and other details.

John Belknap, president, recommended that Brown discuss the needs and plans of the JCHA with Bob Hayworth, Medford parks and recreation director. Belknap, also thanked all members, who participated as judges for the recent 4-H Horse Show. Slim Hardin, Phoenix, reported on his recent trip to eastern Oregon for purchase of 4-H beef stock. Slim said some beef were bought for the projects next year.

The Sept. 8 trail ride was a success. Fifteen members of the JCHA under the leadership of George McEne, Jacksonville Frontier Village, made the trip. Following the ride the group lunched at the Frontier Village.

The bulletin, "Fence Talk," edited and published by Ted Christensen, chairman of the activities and membership committee has been well received by the membership. The club voted unanimously for the

### Farm & Garden



BEEF SHOWMANSHIP—Neal Brown, Sauvie's Island, left, and Kay Bever, Eagle Point, are shown as they received their awards for 4-H beef showmanship at the Oregon State fair in Salem. They were presented by Umatilla County Rancher Art Shumway representing the Oregon Cattlemen's association.

### Livestock Prices Have Varied Outlook

CORVALLIS—Some improvement in prices from the August level is in prospect for Oregon slaughter steers later this year, but odds are against sustained price strength into 1964, reports Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

Marks gives his views in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook circular. Copies of the circular are available from county extension offices or from the OSU bulletin clerk.

In the next five years, there is no indication of a price bust, assuming no widespread severe drought, but prices are more likely to work gradually lower than higher as cattle numbers continue to increase, Marks notes.

Although consumers are expected to have greater ability and willingness to spend for meat in the year ahead, prospects are that most supplies will remain large enough to offset these price bolstering factors, the economist added.

In both the short and long-term outlook, national market supply of slaughter cattle and beef will be the most influential direct force on any change in fed cattle prices. Changes in supplies of competing meats will exert a less direct influence, Marks writes.

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### Fall Weed Control Measure Due, Weed Expert Says

By RAY HUBBELL  
Weed Control Supervisor  
October and November are two months when control measures for next year's annual grass and weeds should be taken. These applications can be applied to several crops and past use has proved to be very beneficial. Chemicals applied are light rates of so-called sterilant materials and should only be used on crops tolerant to these chemicals and at their recommended rates.

Karmex diuron applied on established alfalfa stands at three pounds per acre in twenty to thirty gallons of water has worked excellently for annual grass and weed control. Equipment must have good mechanical agitation and be carefully calibrated. Karmex is cleared for use on alfalfa used for forage if applied at the above rate.

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The above named chemicals can also be used for weed and grass control in many of the grasses grown for seed. Rates should be checked very carefully and only used on those crops for which they are recommended.

L.P.C. applied at six pounds per acre in twenty gallons of water on sugar beets grown for seed can keep grasses from becoming a problem.

Karmex diuron and Simazine has worked well when used around grapes, strawberries and canberries. Roses and certain ornamentals have been kept free of weeds by their use. Check and read the label. This will assure you of where it can be used and what rates can be used safely. Good agitation is needed for these wettable powders. Remember that Karmex diuron and Simazine are sterilant materials. At high rates or if misapplied the desired results will not be achieved. Read and follow the label recommendations for good weed control.

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