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### Agriculture Department Asks Housekeeping Bills

The state department of agriculture expects to ask the current legislature to make housekeeping amendments to five laws it administers and to repeal sections of a sixth law, according to J. F. Short, director.

The department will ask that several accounts entailed in shipping point inspection services be consolidated into a single account.

It will ask also for consolidation into a single account of all fees and licenses received under ORS Chapter 621, which include fluid milk, dairy products plant and ice cream and related licenses and fees.

Both the account consolidation measures will reduce bookkeeping

costs. The shipping point services are entirely self-supporting, the dairy activities only partially so.

The department will seek amendment to the auction market act to eliminate a state bond when the market is federally bonded and posted.

Another department-sponsored measure will ask permission to charge, at cost, for transportation certificates or books of these certificates.

The department will also seek authorization to perform services by request for other governmental agencies and be reimbursed or to seek services from other agencies and pay for same.

It will ask for repeal of two out-dated sections of the grain warehouse law and repeal of a 1937 section which has proved unworkable; the latter deals with proof of storage based upon the filing of written documents.

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### Dr. Riker Addresses Symposium

Dr. Joseph T. Riker, Klamath Falls veterinarian, spoke at a symposium on the treatment of white muscle disease in calves and lambs during the Jan. 26, 27, 28 annual meeting of the California Veterinarians' Association held in Sacramento.

His paper was on the results of use of selenium with Vitamin E in the control of the disease that attacks the heart muscles in calves and the heart and leg muscles in lambs.

Over a period of three years, Dr. Riker, with Dr. Fred Wedam of the Klamath Animal Hospital, 2726 South Sixth Street, have had a 99.45 per cent favorable result in the treatment of over 47,000 animals in the Klamath Basin.

The treatment was developed by the Animal Husbandry Department at Oregon State University, and was used here on an experimental basis before anywhere in the United States.

Dr. Riker and Dr. Wedam were invited to appear at the annual meeting. Dr. Wedam was unable to attend. Headquarters of the sessions were in the Eldorado Hotel, Sacramento.

White muscle disease is described as a mineral deficiency. Calves drop dead without warning. Lambs usually are found to be lame before the disease progresses to the final stage.



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### Fertilizer Trial Result To Be Reviewed At Meet

Results of 1962 fertilizer trials with Hanchen harley and related soil moisture studies will be reviewed Wednesday, Feb. 6, at a meeting scheduled by the Klamath County agent's office.

The Feb. 6 meeting, one of a series arranged by agricultural agents on subjects of importance to agriculture, is to be held at the county fairgrounds starting at 10 a.m. and continuing again at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Howard Cushman and Marvin Shearer, soil conservation and irrigation specialists from OSU, and Gene Gross, Klamath Experimental Station superintendent, are

scheduled to discuss fertility and effect of soil moisture on fertilizer efficiency.

### Open Range Law Studied

What are the recognized beef breeds?

Sounds like a simple question the state department of agriculture has tossed to Walter Schrock, Prineville, and Lynn Beckley, Glide, respective presidents of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and Oregon Livestock Association.

But it may not be. An Oregon law provides that only purebred bulls of "a recognized beef breed" can run with cows on the open range. And the law requires the department to define by regulation the recognized beef breeds.

Presently, the department recognizes Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn breeds under the open range regulation.

But SDA officials are pondering whether recognition should be given to other breeds found upon Oregon ranches and — probably — grazing allotments. For example: Santa Gertrudis, Charolais, Beetmasters, Devon, Galloways and Brahmans.

The whole question will be the subject of a public hearing at a later date. Meantime the department wants the suggestions from the two major livestock associations on amendments which should be proposed when the hearing is called.

### Cattle Owners Names Sought

Livestock officials of the state department of agriculture are teaming up with county assessors throughout Oregon to gain a 100 per cent record of names and addresses of all cattle owners in Oregon.

The cooperative effort will help the department determine if it is getting the level of vaccination and testing needed to eradicate brucellosis (Ban's disease) in Oregon.

In other words, the assessor records will be checked against the department lists to uncover any cattle, either beef or dairy, that are being missed in the cleanup program.

The cooperative effort will have some advantages for assessors, too, says SDA Assistant Director J. W. Southworth. It will give them a double check on location of herd owner and information on the movement of cattle into Oregon, particularly as it applies to the border areas.

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### Extension Officials Rap Salesman Charges

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY — Leaders by some Oregon agricultural teams that Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service will become a "salesman" for USDA farm programs are unfounded, it was stated here today.

Administrators of OSU Extension Service see no change in programs as the result of recent assignment of Federal Extension Service to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture John P. Duncan Jr., who also administers the Federal agricultural adjustment programs.

Secretary Duncan has administrative responsibility for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Agricultural Marketing Service, Commodity Exchange Authority, and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Some news analysts in the nation's capital have predicted repercussions in Congress and among certain farm groups as a result of Extension Service's assignment to Secretary Duncan.

F. E. Price, director of OSU Extension Service, and Gene M. Lear, associate director, say conduct of the local extension program will continue in the same high degree of independence as in the past in "serving as educators and not as farm program salesmen or opponents."

This view was also stressed by Secretary Duncan in accepting responsibility of the Extension Service, stating that "Extension cannot and must not serve as salesmen for administrative programs." Extension must do its job "with complete objectivity," Secretary Duncan said.

Oregon extension administrators said it is not new for the Federal Extension Service to be assigned administratively to one of the assistants in the Secretary of Agriculture's staff.

Federal Extension Service and

the cooperating state extension services have been the education and information arm of the USDA and the State Agricultural Experiment Stations for nearly 50 years.

OSU Extension Service has worked closely with state and county committees as different Federal farm programs have been established by Congress and administered by organizations of USDA, Lear said.

"In all those years, there has been no federal interference with administration of the state extension program in Oregon, and we have every assurance that our program will continue to operate with this freedom," Price explained.

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