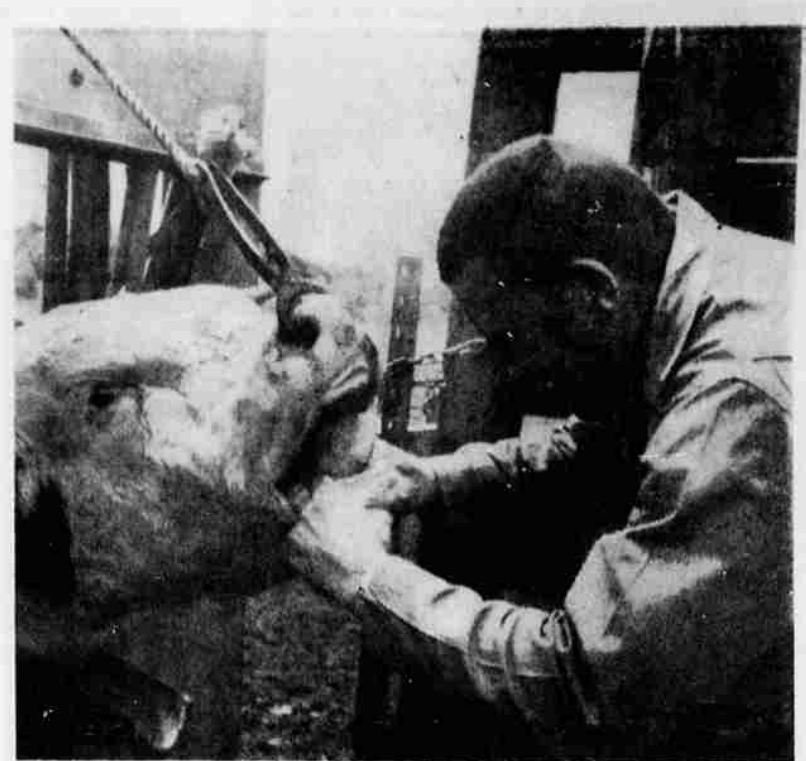




BULLS READIED FOR SALE — Herdsman Emer Thomas is shown at far left as he serves the daily supplementary feeding to some of the bulls on pasture at the Weber Brothers Parker Creek Ranch. In second view, Fred Dressler, Yerington, Nev. (foreground), past president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, who con-



signed bulls for the first year to the Modoc County Range bull rate of gain sale, examines some of the animals. In background is Frank Turner of Sattley, Calif., who had last year's champion and reserve champion bull. They watch as their young bulls are unloaded and put down the chute for branding, inspection for age, weighing and grad-



ing for conformation. Far right, Dr. Larry McFarland, DVM at the University of California at Davis, inspects a bull's teeth to verify its age at the time it is put on pasture in May. The sale is set for Oct. 12 and 13 in Cedarville.

Buyers And Sellers Both Like Modoc Range Bull Sale

ALTURAS — The buyers like the bulls and the sellers like the results. This is the general opinion of results of the Modoc County Range Bull Sale of 100 per cent gain tested bulls.

The Modoc Cattlemen's Association in conjunction with the Modoc County farm adviser's office was the first organization in California to back such a sale, and it is the only California sale that has sold bulls under the indexing rating which is a formula established by the University of California at Davis. The performance (or rate of gain) of the bull is given equal consideration to its conformation.

The rate of gain bull sale which is fast becoming the most sought after bull on the market was in-

stigated by Modoc farm adviser Norman Nichols with the cooperation of the Modoc cattlemen in 1959. Nichols had been working on selling bulls on their rate of gain as well as conformation for 12 years because of the proven fact that heredity is one of the true measurements of a bull's value.

Nichols emphasized, "There is no question that calves from rapid gaining bulls are faster gaining calves. This of course means more money in the rancher's pocket."

This year the Modoc range bull sale, October 12 and 13 in Cedarville, will offer 90 gain tested bulls to buyers from all over the Northwest. The sale for the past three years has been one

of the top ten sales on the Pacific Coast. In 1952 the bulls sold averaged \$629 with the top bull owned by Frank Turner of Sattley, Calif., bringing \$1,350.

The first year of the sale there were 52 bulls consigned for the rate of gain test. Where originally the cattlemen had to solicit consignors for the sale there is now a waiting list. The committee has determined that there will be a maximum limit of 90 bulls put on the rate of gain test.

The consignors ship the bulls to Modoc County the first of May. They are weighed, graded and checked for age at that time and then turned out to pasture at the Weber Bros. Parker Creek ranch east of Alturas.

The bulls are maintained in a range condition with a maximum of exercise. They range in large

fields that have both meadow pasture and rocky hill side feed.

They receive a supplementary feeding each day of five pounds of grain. The bulls are cared for, checked, and fed each day by herdsman Emer Thomas who is hired by the bull sale committee. Every four weeks they are gathered and weighed. The gain of each bull is recorded by the farm adviser's office.

Buyers state that besides the recognized benefits of the bull that shows a large rate of gain and the conformation desired by the breeders, one of the great assets of the bull sale is that the bulls are in top-notch breeding condition at the time of the sale. The buyer is not paying for the unnecessary expense of a fat show type bull that must be put on a

diet before he can be put on the range.

The cost of feeding the bulls the five months they are on the rate of gain test is \$125 per bull which includes feed, veterinary care, labor, and spray.

Forty five days before the sale the bulls are brought into a feed lot where they are fed meadow hay and grain. Three weeks before the sale the feet of each bull are trimmed by a professional foot trimmer. At all times any bull showing any sign of illness or loss of weight is checked by the official veterinarian, Dr. Erwin Swanson. He maintains a check on the bulls the full time they are on pasture and verifies their good health at the time of the sale.

The day before the sale the bulls are again graded for conformation

and condition by the sitting committee. Sam Thurber, Shasta-Lassen counties farm adviser; Reuben Albaugh, extension animal husbandman from the University of California at Davis, and Surprise Valley rancher William Cockrell.

The bulls are then set into their sale order on the index rating giving equal consideration of their conformation and the rate of gain established over the five-month feed period.

One thing noted by A. H. Burmister, sale manager is the increased buyer interest from outside the Modoc County area. Three years ago, Burmister reports, five per cent of the buyers were from outside the area; two years ago 35 per cent, and last year 50 per cent of the buyers came from outside the county. "They tell me they're coming back this year too."

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Junior Shorthorn Group Names 2 To Membership

OMAHA, Neb. — Diane and Maralea Dehlinger of Klamath Falls have been named junior members of the American Shorthorn Association, nation-wide registry for Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn beef cattle. Acceptance of full status membership was announced here by C. D. Swaffar, executive secretary.

Their membership carries member-breeder registration privileges and names them cooperative participants in nation-wide promotion of the breed.

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Milk Office Is Moved

The milk audit and stabilization division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture from the Agriculture Building to 1176 Chemeketa Street N.E., Salem, two blocks from the Agriculture Building.

Crowded conditions in Agriculture Building necessitated moving this division, which will be considerably enlarged because of the 1963 Milk Stabilization Program. When the department's new building is constructed the milk audit and stabilization division will again be housed with other divisions.

K. W. Sawyer, department chief, and seven other staff members are affected by the move.

Aug. 1 is the date set for milk marketing areas and prices announced last week by Sawyer to go into effect. The administrative order setting the prices and establishing the marketing areas followed a series of four hearings.

Producers who do not want to operate under market pooling may petition for a referendum to establish a distributor pool. The petition must be filed within 45 days after market areas are established. Two-thirds of the producers in the market area must approve a switch to a distributor pool for it to become effective. Market pooling establishes an equalization program with all producers sharing and sharing alike in payouts on quota milk. The producer quotas will be set by the Department of Agriculture. Under a distributor pool the

Wheat Provision Explained

LAKEVIEW — In response to questions raised by farmers regarding stored "excess" wheat and other wheat program provisions, Erwin Abramson, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, recently gave the following brief explanation:

1. Since marketing quotas will not be in effect for the 1964 wheat crop, wheat that was grown in excess of marketing quotas in 1963 or previous years will be subject to the original penalty provisions until July 1, 1964. After that date, stored excess wheat may be released without penalty and with no loss of acreage history on the farm where the wheat was produced.

2. If the 1963 wheat crop from a farm is small enough, because of underplanting or underproduction, arrangements may be made for

milk quotas are set by the distributor and only the prices set by the department are in effect.

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