

Tests Indicating Malheur County Modified Brucellosis Free Area

All commercial dairy herds and approximately 65 percent of the beef herds in Malheur county have been tested under the stepped up program to eradicate brucellosis, according to records at the testing laboratory in Ontario. These records also show that less than 1 percent of all cattle tested have been reactors.

In order to become certified as a modified brucellosis free area, all dairy animals, all purebred beef herds and at least 20 percent of each commercial beef herd have to be tested. This test must show less than 1 percent of reactors in less than 5 percent of the herds to get the certification. When the county qualifies for a modified certified rating it will facilitate movement of cattle into all other areas, according to George Bain, county extension agent. To date 14 Oregon counties and nine entire states are certified.

Directives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture require that not more than 18 months elapse from the time the testing program starts in any county until all herds are tested, according to Dr. Robert F. Mowrer, area supervisor. This means, Mowrer states, that all beef herds must be tested before turnout time in the spring of 1958 to comply with the directive.

Anyone wishing to get herds tested or calves vaccinated may write to Dr. Mowrer at Ontario, notify their local veterinarian or the county agent's office. Dairy heifers have to be vaccinated between the ages of five and eight months, beef heifers from four months to one year. There is no charge for the vaccination or testing program. An indemnity is paid on all reactors if they are disposed of in accordance with requirements of the program.

Hereford Breeders To Meet Tonight

A meeting of the Eastern Oregon Hereford Breeders association has been scheduled for tonight, Jan. 8, at 8 o'clock in the office of George Bain in the Ontario city hall.

All members have been urged to attend the meeting, which association secretary Margaret Matthews has termed "important". She also said refreshments would be served at tonight's meeting.

Association officers elected for 1958 include Bill Stewart of Ontario as president and Clay Tschirgi of Fruitland as vice president.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman entertained at New Year's dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Shirley of Nephi, Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. Parley Feik and June.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lancaster and family were guests for New Year's dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Randall in Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLos Vinson-haler entertained as their guests from Thanksgiving until Christmas her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hilder Erickson of Pocatamos, Iowa.

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Two Nyssans Lead Corn Production At Oregon Show

Four Malheur county corn growers, led by two Nyssans, produced yields of more than 150 bushels per acre in entries in the Oregon state corn show, according to Leeds Bailey, county extension agent.

Highest in the county and winner of the state 4-H division was Dean Sisson of Nyssa. His field averaged 171.9 bushels per acre and was closely followed by LeRoy Custer of Ontario who grew 170 bushels.

Frank Byers of Nyssa led county adult entries with 166.8 bushels. Second place went to Paul Halverson of Ontario with 158.

The Standfield area walked off with state honors with a 195.7 bushel yield produced by Jerry Cooper.

Bailey said an analysis of corn production data obtained on the yield contest entries indicated that the farmers used high nitrogen rates and a large number of plants per acre to get the high yields. Most growers who produced over 150 bushels used from 100 to 180 units of nitrogen and grew from 20,000 to 23,000 corn plants per acre.

Ag Department Establishes Six Stock Districts

A recent ruling by the state department of agriculture has established six livestock districts in Malheur county, roughly following the irrigation areas in the county's northeastern section, with the rest of the county open range.

In these six livestock districts it is "unlawful for cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats or hogs to run at large or to be pastured upon the public highways or to run at large or go upon the lands of another without the permission of the landowner."

The state order also states that no livestock districts exist in public roads passing through federal lands or in land subject to Oregon laws but entirely inclosed by federal land, unless otherwise provided by federal laws and regulations.

A complete description of the livestock districts may be seen in the formal order at the office of the Malheur county clerk at Vale or at the state department of agriculture headquarters in Salem.

In addition to a study of state laws and county records, the department held a public hearing in Vale Dec. 17, before reaching its recent decision as to the existence of livestock districts in Malheur county.

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4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

State Leaders Conference Set

The annual State 4-H Leaders conference will be held in Corvallis Jan. 22, 23 and 24, according to word just received from the State 4-H club office.

The annual banquet will open the conference Jan. 22, with Joe Rogers, Independence dairy farmer and legislator, as featured speaker. Rogers will describe his trip to the National 4-H club congress in Chicago last month, where he was an award winner as a 4-H alumnus.

Four leadership areas of interest to parents, youngsters and leaders will be considered Jan. 23. Discussion groups will center their attention on such topics as "Understanding Club Members," "The Club Member and the Leader," "Club Members Work Together" and "The Club Leader and the Parents."

On Friday, Jan. 24, older club members from over the state will participate in an evaluation of the older youth 4-H program. Adult leaders will work with extension specialists in program planning for many of the 4-H projects. The annual meeting of the Oregon 4-H Leaders association will be Friday afternoon.

Leaders from Malheur county who would like to attend this conference should get in touch with the county agent's office in the next few days. We need to know how many would like to go so we can make hotel reservations and arrange transportation.

Junior Leaders Social a Success

The junior leaders basket social at Vale last week was a success in spite of bad weather and a relatively light turnout.

Neil Peterson of Nyssa called square dances and taught members some of the basic steps. Everyone seemed to enjoy this recreation thoroughly.

Dick Fulwyler was very effective at auctioneering off baskets the girls had brought and the evening wound up with a very enjoyable dinner.

Funds from the sale of the baskets will go to help finance activities of the junior leaders.

The regular monthly meeting of the junior leaders organization will be in Vale next Thursday, Jan. 16.

Leaders Council to Meet

The first meeting of the Malheur Leaders council for the current year will be held in the city hall in Ontario Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Main items of business will include program of work for the coming year, plans for concessions at the annual bull sales and selection of delegates to the State Leaders conference at Corvallis.

The possibility of holding a series of district leader meetings will be given special consideration. It has been suggested that community or district meetings of 4-H be arranged to talk over new project material, programs for club meetings and informal discussion of any other local problems the leaders may have.

Such a series of meetings might be particularly helpful to newer leaders.

Brown Attends Bend Farm Bureau Session

Lawrence Brown, chairman of the Adrian Farm Bureau center, represented his group at the state Farm Bureau membership captain's meeting held in Bend Monday. He accompanied Joe Hobson of Ontario, third vice president of the state Farm Bureau and several other Ontario center delegates.

Membership quota for the five centers in Malheur county stands at 600 with the campaign for members to be conducted through January. Maurice Judd is membership chairman for the Adrian center.

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Breakdown Shown of Malheur County's Agricultural Products Value in 1957

Crop	Acreage	Yield	Est. Value
Sugar Beets	16,496	404,631 Tons	\$ 5,260,000
Wheat	13,500	540,000 Bushels	991,980
Barley	14,000	770,000 Bushels	646,800
Oats	3,300	214,500 Bushels	139,300
Corn (Grain)	8,500	595,000 Bushels	874,650
Corn (Silage)	8,000	160,000 Tons	1,120,000
Red Clover	2,685	13,425 Bushels	217,480
Alfalfa (Seed)	5,500	35,750 Bushels	506,250
Alfalfa (Hay)	50,000	175,000 Tons	2,265,000
Other Hay	35,000	35,000 Tons	350,000
Potatoes	10,500	1,720,000 Cwt.	2,980,000
Onions	2,500	600,000 Cwt.	1,200,000
Misc. Crops (Fruits, Veg., Hops, Mint)	8,000		1,000,000
Livestock (Cattle, Sheep, Hogs)			7,600,000
Dairy	20,000 Cows		4,500,000
TOTAL			\$29,624,460

Beef Commission Registrations Now Reach 383

Three hundred and eighty-three beef and dairy cattle operators had registered up to Saturday for the referendum vote on formation of an Oregon Beef commission, according to George Bain, county extension agent. Registrations close Jan. 21.

The actual vote will be taken sometime in February, Bain says, since the enabling act requires at least 20 days to elapse from the time the registration closes until the referendum vote.

An Oregon Beef commission, if voted by producers, would authorize the collection of not more than 10 cents per head on all cattle sold for slaughter or shipped out of state at the time of brand inspection. The fund collected would be used for beef promotion, marketing research

Jersey Club Sets Annual Dinner And Elections

The Malheur County Jersey club will hold its annual meeting Jan. 10, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Palomino cafe in Ontario, where members will be served a luncheon.

After the program, election of officers and awards for the highest producing cows the past year will be conducted, according to Mrs. Bill Toombs.

DAIRY COWS SELL HIGH

Dairy cows from the Dwight Seward herd went on sale Tuesday afternoon as scheduled. Forty-four head of Holstein and Jerseys brought an average of \$300, with the top cow bringing \$425, purchased by Jess Lowe.

According to Auctioneers Bert Anderson and Guy Sparks, who conducted the sale, a large crowd was in attendance.

Adrian Soil Conservation District Election Scheduled for January 14

A referendum on the proposed Adrian Soil Conservation district has been approved by the State Soil Conservation committee, according to Ray Duncan, chairman of the Malheur Soil Conservation district and a member of the state committee. Duncan said the election will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Ballots are being mailed out to all landowners in the proposed district prior to the election date. Farmers will be able to cast their vote by mail or at a polling place at the Brown Realty office in Adrian, according to Duncan.

Perle Davis of Ridgeview has accepted the duty of polling superintendent. He will be assisted by a polling board consisting of John Fahrenbruch, Bernard Anderson, Eugene Pratt and R. D. McKinley.

Farmers present at the hearing on the proposed district No. 13 nominated Orlee Sipes, Dick Kreigh, Helen Tiffin, Walter Bishop, Wilbur Chappin and Jack Strode as possible supervisors for the new district.

Three supervisors will be elected at the time of the referendum if the vote is favorable to the creation of a district.

Co. Agent Offers Farm Record Book

Copies of the Oregon farm record book are now available to Malheur county farmers in the county agent's office. This record book, designed by the Agricultural Economics department of Oregon State college, can be used by farmers reporting their income on either the cash or the accrual basis.

Harry Sandquist, Malheur county agent, says the book is prepared to make it possible for farmers to have a complete, yet simple, record of their financial transactions. The entries made in the book during the year are easily transferred to income tax forms for either state or federal returns. A book to list the farm inventory for a six-year period is also available from the county agent.

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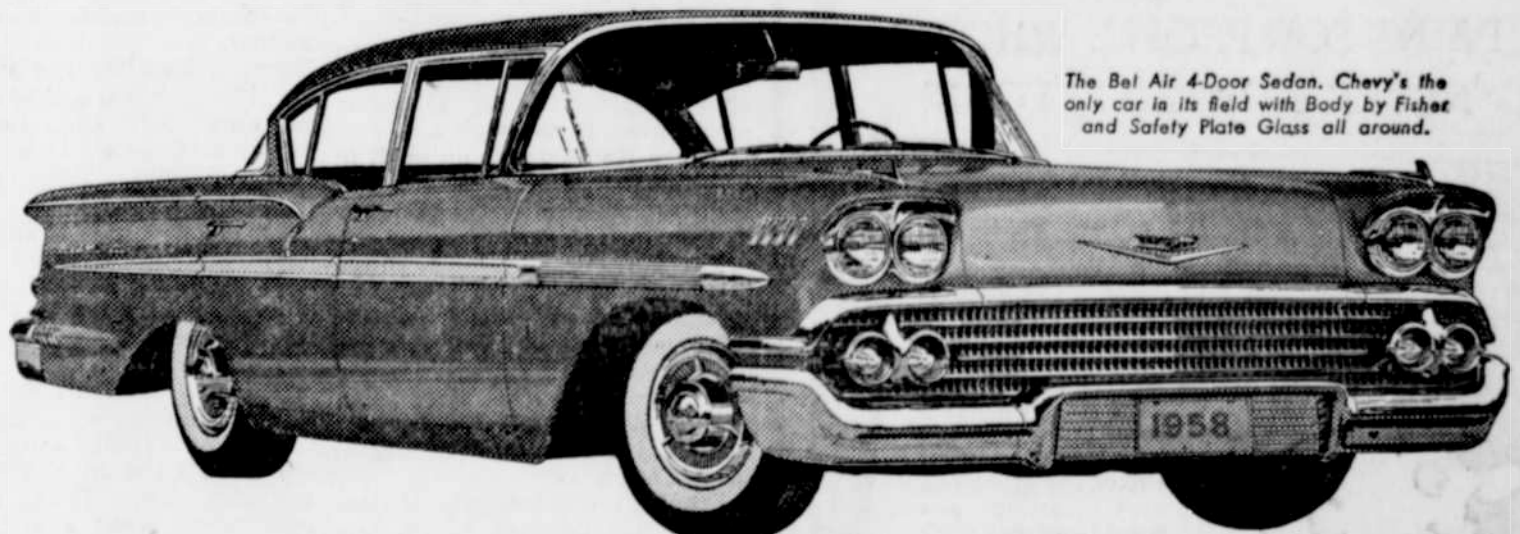
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Thursday, Jan. 9, 12 noon—Complete dairy and machinery dispersal sale located 11 miles north of Vale, Ore., on John Day highway to the Willow Creek store, then 1½ miles west on 9th Ave. Floyd Anderson, owner. 27 dairy cattle including 26 Holstein and Guernsey cows, registered Hereford bull. Farm machinery includes 2 Ford tractors, complete equipment, Surge milker, 25 10-gal. milk cans. Hay, several items of household furniture. This 40-acre grade A dairy farm for sale, cash rent or trade for city property.

Friday, Jan. 10, 1 p.m.—Public dairy sale, located 8 miles west of Vale, Ore., on Burns highway, ½ mile north of old Hope store and ½ mile west. John Garrett, owner. 35 head of dairy cattle includes 24 cows, 1 Durham heifer and 10 2-year-old Holstein heifers to freshen in March and April.

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1 p.m.—Holstein dairy and machinery sale, located 3 miles south of Nyssa on the Adrian highway to Enterprise Ave., then 1½ miles west. Edison Child, owner of 18 head Holstein dairy cattle including Holstein bull, 18 months old, eligible to register; one 4-year-old cow; 16 springer heifers from 20 months to two years. Machinery consigned by W. H. Fox includes 1948 "H" Farmall tractor, Ford truck, fertilizer spreader, plows, planter, etc.; 60-gallon rendering kettle.

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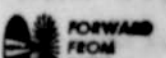
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