

Beef Commission Decisively Defeated By Statewide Vote; Malheur, Second In Cattle Numbers, Opposes 299 to 32

Oregon cattlemen voted decisively against forming a beef commission, Robert J. Steward, director of the state department of agriculture, announced Feb. 27 following a meeting of the board chosen to review the referendum ballot. The vote was 2152 against and 942 for.

Steward said that about three-fourths of those who registered their production voted. Nearly 3100 producers who own 377,010 cattle (taxroll basis) voted. Well over the one-third total state production (part of a dual requirement to pass the proposal) was represented in the ballot.

Malheur county cattlemen voted 299 to 32 against forming the commission. Malheur is second only to Harney county in the tax count of cattle totals with 44,329 tabulated. Harney, which has 46,928, voted 110 to 68 against the commission.

The petition for creation of a beef commission was sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's association.

Both beef and dairy cattle owners were entitled to register and vote.

Steward issued this statement after he was advised of the vote: "I think it is unfortunate that the livestock producers of Oregon have seen fit to turn down a formula designed to enable producers to help themselves. The commodity commission concept in Oregon is clearly subject to local control by the producers themselves."

"I predict that in the foreseeable future we shall see a national checkoff plan for beef promotion; while that may be very desirable Oregon producers as such will have little if any voice in the amount of the assessment or in the manner in which funds will be spent."

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Kelly and Mrs. Shorty Brandt attended funeral services for George Marcum in Ontario Monday afternoon.

Bartlett Named Farm Official For Bank Chain

Carl Bartlett, a cattle rancher for the past nine years, has been appointed agricultural representative for the First National bank of Portland in the mid-Columbia area of the state, it was announced by C. B. Stephenson, president of the statewide banking system.

Bartlett will replace Lester E. (Bud) Tibbets, who has represented the bank in the area for the past four years. Tibbets has been promoted to assistant cashier and general loan officer at the banks Nyssa branch. Bartlett will be headquartered at The Dalles.

A graduate of Oregon State college and a native of Baker, Bartlett has resided in the Nyssa area since 1949. He operated a cattle ranch here until 1953 and for the past five years has been a partner in a cattle feeding operation in the area.

Weed Control Meet Set for March 26

Oregon State college and the state highway department will hold a weed control meeting in Ontario's city hall March 26, as one of a series of such meetings in eastern Oregon in cooperation with the state department of agriculture.

At the meeting which will begin at 9:45 a.m., Emery Johnston of the highway department will present highway spray policies. Other speakers will include Bill Kosesan of the highway department, Rex Warren of OSC speaking on herbicides and their safe uses, and George Moose, agronomist with the department of agriculture, speaking on special weed problems in Oregon.

Examinations will be given at the close of the meeting for those who wish to apply for a custom applicator's license.

Mr. and Mrs. Doreld Steinke and family of Vale visited Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves were Saturday evening guests at the home of Owen Gann.

Varied Projects Lure Fifty-Two Local FFA Boys

The Nyssa chapter of the Future Farmers of America had 52 students enrolled in vocational agriculture this past year, according to the local chapter's annual report released this week.

Forty-seven of these boys live on farms and nine of them have graduated. Forty-five of the local boys completed farming programs this fall.

The local FFA boys made a total of \$30,095.85 for the year with 624 head of livestock and 186½ acres of land farmed as projects.

The FFA chapter had 17 students with dairy projects totaling 51 head of dairy animals. These 17 students made a total of \$2,649.18 from their projects. Eleven had beef cattle as projects with a total of 36 head of cattle and a total income of \$2,464.29.

Other student projects for the year included:

Seven with sheep, totaling 50 head and a combined income of \$471.87; 22 with swine, totaling 413 head; two with 74 rabbits, totaling \$26.06; six with 41 acres of grain providing a combined income of \$1,503.90; two with nine acres of hay, totaling \$660.

One student had one acre of alfalfa seed that showed a profit of \$43.81; two had eight acres of grass seed for a total of \$703; five planted 52½ acres of silage crops, totaling \$1,785.69; one made \$68 with a single horse as a project; one with bees made \$24.54; one made \$230 from 22 acres of truck crops; one with a ½-acre garden project made \$90.47; two made \$2,985.19 from 6½ acres of potatoes; two with eight acres of onions totaled \$2,478.74; and seven boys with 16½ acres of beets totaled \$2,677.03 for the year.

109 FHA Chapters Slate Meeting For March 7-8

Future Homemakers of America chapter at Nyssa high school will be one of 109 Oregon chapters participating in the annual state meeting March 7 and 8 at Oregon State college.

FHA is composed of high school girls taking home economics classes. The state membership now totals 4,294 girls.

The local chapter has 49 girls enrolled. May Yoneyama is chapter president and Mrs. Virginia Steffens is chapter advisor. Barbara McPartland is state secretary this year and will be attending the state meeting in that capacity.

Theme for this year's 13th annual meeting will be "Now Is the Time to Learn." One of the highlights of the sessions will be the awarding of state homemaker degrees, the state's top award for high school home economists. To qualify, girls must complete special work in school, home and community programs.

Bob Hamilton and family of Madras were Monday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton and family.

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Oregon Trail—Local Members Make Yearbooks For Riding Club

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The Owyhee Riding club held its regular monthly meeting at the Oregon Trail hall Friday evening. The business meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner. Attending from this community were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes and sons.

Mrs. Vic Marshall and Mrs. Gilbert Holmes spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Holmes making yearbooks for the riding club members.

The Merry Matrons club met at the home of Mary Smiley Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 26, with Kathleen Chenault as co-hostess. Fifteen members answered roll call with a coincidence. The afternoon was spent socially. Lunch was served by the hostesses. Next meeting will be March 12 with Hazel Farr as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams attended the open house reception honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Keck Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Holmes and Jerry returned home Thursday from Strevell, Idaho, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Royce and son for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Olson and children of Tule Lake, Calif., visited recently at the Torvald Olson home.

Dean and Larry Holmes were dinner guests Wednesday evening.

Hudson Robb left last Friday for Moses Lake, Wash., where he is visiting at the home of his son, James and family.

of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gressley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Herrman. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Powell and baby, all of Nampa, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McConnell of Nyssa were Sunday dinner guests at the Clyde Bohannon home.



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