

Cattle Census Remains Same in State; Hog, Sheep, Poultry Numbers Drop

Despite a drop in the number of milk cows, total number of cattle in Oregon remains the same as a year ago but there are fewer hogs, sheep, chickens and turkeys, say Stephen C. Marks and Elvera Horrell, Oregon State university extension agricultural economists. Cattle numbers stayed steady as increases in beef cattle offset the decrease in milk cows, the annual livestock inventory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows.

Oregon dairy farmers reduced their herds by 7,000 head during 1961, placing the state's dairy herd at its lowest since 1913, Marks said. A decline by 4,000 head in heifers and heifer calves kept for herd replacement indicates that a further drop can be expected this year, he noted. Dairy herd replacements are at lowest ebb in more than 25 years.

California, Idaho Also Decline

As the year opened, Oregon dairymen had 170,000 milk cows and heifers two years of age or older, 48,000 heifers in the one-to-two-year age group and 60,000 heifer calves. Idaho and California also counted fewer dairy cows, with only Washington dairymen increasing their herds.

Oregon's reduction in milk cows is in keeping with the two percent reduction in milk output in 1961. Milk production per cow at 7,140 pounds, however, was up one percent to a new record high.

On the other hand, beef cows two years or older numbered 572,000 as of Jan. 1, the highest number on record for Oregon. In the early 1940's, cow numbers in the state were about evenly divided between milk and beef, Mrs. Horrell said.

Fewest Sheep Since 1955

Oregon hog numbers dropped three percent this year and are the lowest since 1958. A six percent decline in the number of sheep and lambs was also reported.

ed, making the fewest in the state since 1955.

Oregon poultry numbers were also cut. Jan. 1 found six percent fewer chickens on hand and 16 percent less turkeys. The chicken count is now the lowest since the early 1920's, while the turkey count is the smallest since 1948. Turkey breeder hens dropped 17 percent from last year.

At the start of the year, Oregon turkey growers expressed intentions of raising six percent fewer birds than in 1961 or about 1.7 million, which would be about 1.8 percent of the U.S. total. Nationally, the 1962 turkey crop will be 12 percent smaller if growers stay with their Jan. 1 intentions.

Value of Meat Animals Down

The value of all meat and poultry animals on Oregon's farms at the start of the year was down two percent, Mrs. Horrell reports. Total value was higher on cattle and hogs but down on all other classes of livestock.

Nationally, the livestock pattern took a slightly different trend, with more cattle and hogs but fewer sheep. The cattle count revealed two percent more than a year earlier and the highest on record. Beef cows shot up four percent, while the number of milk cows dropped one percent to the smallest number in 53 years.

The number of hogs increased three percent, while sheep and lamb numbers were off five percent.

The total inventory value of all meat animals and poultry on the nation's farms and ranches was up five percent from 1961.

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Officers Elected By 4-H Members In Apple Valley

By Mrs. Waldo Smalley

APPLE VALLEY—Apple Valley 4-H club met March 17 at the Chet Liams home with 13 members present. Projects chosen by the youth were beef, hogs, sheep, sewing, cooking, arts and crafts, junior leadership, dogs and rocks. Several members have more than one project.

New officers elected were Dale Piercy, president; Carol Ann Booth, vice president; Becky Ray, secretary; James Mackrill, treasurer. Reporters are Patricia Millhollin and Dean Mason.

Members voted to meet the second Saturday of each month. A money-raising project will be a white elephant drawing.

Percy Booth, a junior civic leader, represented the Apple Valley 4-H club on Saturday and worked with other club representatives on the new Caldwell Golf course. They were all under leadership of Grant Hall, county agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Larkins arrived Saturday and are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Standal. They are moving Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arnold's household goods to Jefferson, Ore., next Saturday. The Arnolds plan to make their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leveaux and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Leveaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Otani and Mr. and Mrs. George Otani entertained with an open house Sunday afternoon in their new home.

Brother Visits Bostons

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston met his brother, Raymond Boston of Portland, Saturday at the Boise airport. He was enroute home from a business trip in Texas. He visited with them until Sunday evening when the Earl Bostons and his mother, Mrs. Anna Boston, took him to Boise where he boarded a plane for home.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston were Raymond Boston of Portland, Mrs. Dick Harris and children of Ontario, Mrs. Marion Shippy of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. John Boston and baby of Payette and Mrs. Anna Boston of Roswell.

Mrs. Laura Sticknoth of Boise spent the past week as a guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Endsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Poulson and children of Boise were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Endsley. Mrs. Sticknoth returned to Boise Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plagman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Parent of Fruitland. They helped Patty Parent celebrate a birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Manser of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Housman of Caldwell were Sun-

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Judd returned home Tuesday evening from California where they had spent the past two months. They visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Downer and family in Taft and also spent some time in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.

day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Arnold.

Mrs. Cecil Sheppard gave a birthday anniversary dinner Monday evening for her husband. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Williams of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. John Sheppard of Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVon Price of Ogden, Utah, were recent house guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price.

Visit in Ed Price Home

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Evans of Malad, Ore., were recent house guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smalley and sons of Payette were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boston and daughter of Payette were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cahill in Parma and were Friday and Sunday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston.

Mrs. Anna Boston was a weekend guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston, Mrs. Anna Boston, Mrs. John Boston and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boston and two daughters of Myrtle Creek, Ore., were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris of Ontario. They were helping David Harris celebrate his fifth birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Dowdle of Boise were Friday evening dinner guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Varlo Price and family of Big Bend were Thursday evening guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hillberg of McCall were recent Wednesday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moran.

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Mrs. Wilt Succumbs In Nyssa Hospital; Rites Set in Spokane

Services for Mrs. Madge Cattell Wilt will be conducted at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, March 23, 1962, at Smith and Company mortuary in Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. Wilt was born March 4, 1890, in St. Paul, Minn., a daughter of Alexander C. and Jane Westcott Ware. The family moved in 1900 to Spokane where the deceased attended schools and spent most of her lifetime.

She came to Nyssa five years ago and resided in a trailer home on the property of her son, W. A. Wilt.

Mrs. Wilt was a life member of the First Presbyterian church in Spokane, a long-time member of Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of Nyssa Legion auxiliary.

She was a lover of animals and was especially fond of cats, both living and ornamental. She had a large collection of feline figurines, numerous cat pictures and had made many scrapbooks pertaining to the animals.

Mrs. Wilt succumbed at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 1962, in Malheur Memorial hospital. She suffered a stroke in January of this year and had been hospitalized since that time.

In addition to her son, she is survived by a daughter-in-law, Betty Wilt, and a granddaughter, Barbara Marie Wilt of Nyssa. Her husband preceded her in death in March 1946. A brother, Alex C. Ware, Jr., also preceded her in death in the spring of 1955.

The W. A. Wilt family left Wednesday evening to accompany the remains to Spokane and to attend services there. The body will be cremated, at Mrs. Wilt's request, and ashes placed on the grave of her late husband.

At the Library . . .

"Solo for Several Players" by Barbara Jefferis. A story of flying and suspense in which a group of people combine their efforts to guide a girl alone in a plane to safety.

"The Bells of Rome" by Coran Erik Stenius. An often puzzling but somehow satisfying novel about a young Finnish art historian who is pursuing studies in Rome.

"India: Mirage and Reality" by Peter Schmid. A vivid uncensored description of today's India by a sharp-eyed Swiss journalist who made it his business to see more of the country than the Taj Mahal and the usual tourist locales.

"The Lotus and the Robot" by Arthur Koestler. In his recent trip to India and Japan the author aimed at analysis of the thought, spiritual beliefs and psychology of the people. Do their philosophies have any spiritual cure to offer the West, he wondered, and came to the conclusion, in this analysis of yoga and zen, that they do not.

"No Latitude for Error" by Sir Edmund Hillary. This is an account of the author's participation in Antarctic exploration from his first meeting with Sir Vivian Fuchs in 1953 until the conclusion of the Trans-Antarctic expedition in 1958.

New Volumes Going Into Circulation Saturday at Malheur County Library

New books going into circulation Saturday, March 24, at Malheur county library include the following:

"What Ivan Knows That Johnny Doesn't" by Arthur S. Trace. In support of his contention that children in the U.S. are not as well educated as their age mates in Russia, an American professor compares and analyzes curricula and textbooks from both countries.

"African Genesis" by Robert Ardrey. An investigation into the animal origins of man and his behavior.

"Carthaginian Rose" by Ilka Chase. With bantering gaiety and a singular disregard for perceptible observations, Miss Chase covers 10 years of travel in Europe and the Orient, recapitulating mainly the dining, wining, shopping, hobnobbing with prominent personalities and all the attendant pleasures and inconveniences experienced by herself and husband.

"The Toadstool Millionaires" by James Harvey Young. A social history of patent medicines in America before federal regulation.

"The Mighty Thor" by Julian Hartt. An account of the development of the ballistic missile.

"One Great Ground of Hope" by Henry P. Van Dusen. A study of the ecumenical movement.

"The European Philosophers from Descartes to Nietzsche" by Monroe C. Beardsley. Selections from the writings of 12 French and German philosophers.

"Black Jack Pershing" by Richard O'Connor. A candid biography of the United States' only six-star general since George Washington.

"The Healing Heart" by John Carlowa. A biography of Ora Ruggles, pioneer in occupational therapy.

"Gold Strikes and Ghost Towns" by Todd Webb. A photographic tour through the historic mining camps and ghost towns of the West.

"Strait Passage" by Nancy Dughi. A novel that tells the story of an American school teacher and her marriage to a high-born Arab.

"Son of Man" by Leslie Paul. The life of Christ.

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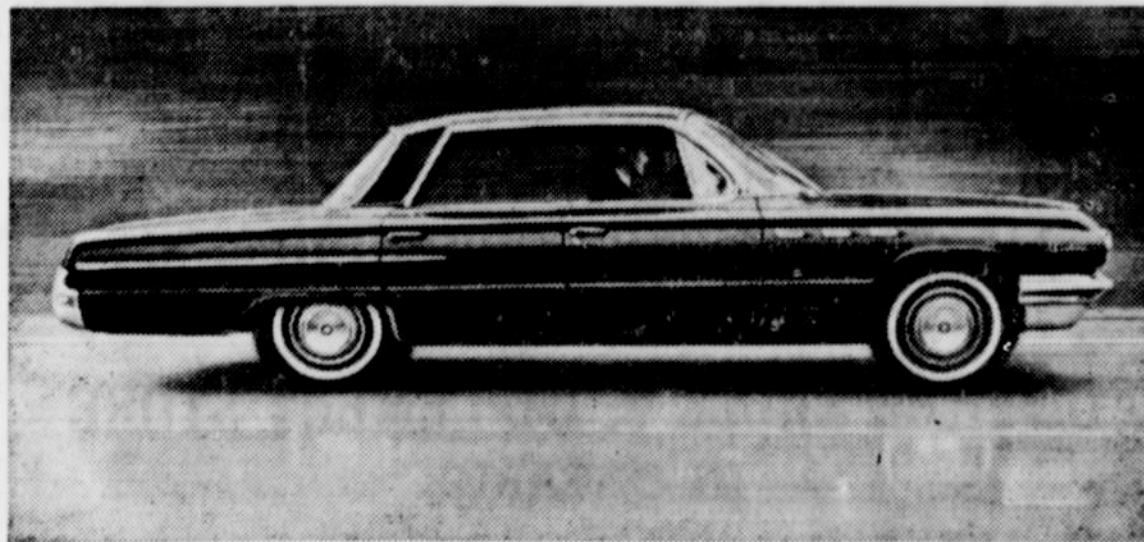
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