

OSU Economist Reports Dairy Herds In State Lowest in Number Since 1910

Oregon now has the smallest milk cow herd since 1910 as more dairymen quit the business during 1962, reports Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State university extension agricultural economist.

As 1963 began, Oregon dairy farmers counted 162,000 milk cows and heifers two years old or older, 45,000 one to two-year-old heifers and 58,000 dairy heifer calves, according to the annual livestock population census taken by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dairy heifers and calves kept for replacement are down 5,000 head from a year earlier, suggesting a further drop in milk cow numbers in 1963, Marks observed. Dairy replacement stock on farms and ranches is at the lowest ebb since the late 1920's.

Oregon's milk cow herd has shrunk 44 percent from the 1943 peak of 290,000 head, with most of the decline taking place in the last eight years, he said. The nation as a whole is also seeing a decline in milk cow numbers, he pointed out, with

the nation's herd now the smallest since 1907.

Only one state, Wisconsin, showed a slight increase in milk cow numbers at the first of the year. Only Arizona, California, Delaware, Hawaii and Nevada reported no change in the number of milk cows from a year ago.

Oregon's 1962 milk production per cow was at record levels, but not high enough to offset the decline in animal numbers, Marks said. The state's milk production last year dropped three percent below 1961 and the total of one billion, 87 million pounds was the smallest since 1925.

Nationally, dairymen produced a record flow of milk last year for a total of 125.9 billion pounds, the economist noted.

SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schoen were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gerdes of Caldwell. Other guests there were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shane, also of Caldwell.

Mervin Peterson Honored Sunday On Anniversary

By Mrs. G. E. Mackey

ADRIAN—Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson entertained Sunday in honor of their son, Mervin, on his birthday anniversary. Guests included Messrs. and Mrs. W. E. Piercy, Mervil Hutchinson and Karen and Mrs. Edna Cowling.

Mmes. James Webster and Bob Webster visited Friday with Mrs. Jimmy Waddell and new baby of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Teske and Cindy of Nyssa visited Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willis.

Mrs. Del Grannis and children arrived home Wednesday from Sunnyside, Wash., where they had been visiting her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cawdrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Guilford of Boise were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Deffer.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sessions were Gary Webster and Amber McKay.

Arrives in Okinawa

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey received word from their son, Lance Corporal Joe Mackey that he had arrived in Okinawa where he will be stationed for the next year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mackey visited Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gage of Boise.

David Looney went to Bend during the weekend to compete in the district Elks scholarship contest.

Mrs. Mary Henderson, who has been confined to the hospital for some time, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker and Pam drove to La Grande Sunday to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton and Johnny of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hamilton of Wilder were Sunday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ashcraft.

Visitors From Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brownfield and daughter of Olathe, Colo., arrived Tuesday evening to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brownfield, for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright visited Sunday evening with her mother, Mrs. Alma Hibbard of Notus.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Martin and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lovitt and Alan were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mackey and family.

NEW MEMBER JOINS ADRIAN LIVESTOCK CLUB

One new member, Lois Seuell, joined Adrian Livestock club at the fifth meeting held March 5. Her project will be dairying.

Plans were discussed for a cooked food sale held Saturday at Looney's Shopping Center. A dairymen's judging contest was conducted at the Tuesday session.

Joe Hite will give a report on swine at the next meeting of the club.

—Jane Timmerman, Reporter.

Big Bend

By Miss Helen Hatch

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reed and girls of Nampa, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bauman and son of Nyssa were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater and Billie.

4-H club members met last Thursday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Raymond Cartwright. Lorraine Cartwright and Elizabeth Flores demonstrated baking apples.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bauman of Nyssa called Tuesday evening of last week on Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater.

Baptist Circle Meets

Roswell Baptist Mission circle met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lester Campbell with 21 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oberst and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oberst of Nampa were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kadel and children of Caldwell and Mrs. Anna Chaney were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright were Saturday evening dinner guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cartwright and family.

Mrs. Letha Weir entered Malheur Memorial hospital last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Packwood attended a birthday dinner Sunday for Billie Perez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perez of Parma.

Visitors From Spokane

Mrs. Dick Knapp and Mrs. Edith Lobeck of Spokane visited March 6 with Mrs. Phil Clucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clucas and family attended funeral services for her uncle, Harry Sassaman, March 5 in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGinnis and grandson, Stevie Davis, left Sunday morning for Joseph, Ore., to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Junior McGinnis and family. They plan to bring back their horses.

Mrs. Duane Rice and family and Mrs. Larry Unger of Parma visited Sunday afternoon with their aunt, Mrs. Mary Thompson. Mrs. Anna Hamilton of Nampa spent Monday with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton and family.

CALLED TO ASHLAND

Mrs. Bill Wahlert and Mrs. Charles Quinowski went to Ashland last week to help care for their mother and grandmother, Mrs. May Barry who is quite ill. Mrs. Quinowski returned home Sunday while Mrs. Wahlert remained for another week.

JUNIOR STITCHETTES MEET

Junior Stitchettes 4-H club members met Monday after school at the home of Joyce Cleaver. Susan Woodell presided during the business session.

During the meeting, the girls discussed their favorite color. Next meeting will be April 1 at the home of Joyce Cleaver.

—Shirley Cleaver, Reporter.

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Explorers Assist At Big Bend Park

Lloyd Parrill of Adrian took his Post 436 Explorer Scouts to the Big Bend park area Saturday, March 2, to assist with work now under way on the grounds.

The Explorers include Tony Mitchell, Bob Callahan, Orville Carroll, Joel Price, Doug Hoden, Gene Worden, Jerry Eden, Isaac Martinez, Billy Boatright, Dave and Bob Sant, Parrill's son, Danny, was also present.

Others who worked on the park area that day included Charles Witty, Denver Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Pug Swigert.

Following a noon potluck luncheon, the group continued to cut back tree shoots, burn brush and also finished cleaning out the fence row.

The new fence is just about half completed. Spraying tree stumps and well repair will be done at a later date.

NAMPANS VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Roberts and Kelly Lynn were recent Friday evening visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts. Kelly Lynn was born Jan. 31, 1963, in a Nampa hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simpson and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Wesley Walker home in Adrian.

ATTEND LPG MEETING

Wilton Jackson attended a meeting of the Oregon Liquefied Petroleum Gas company last Thursday and Friday in Portland. He was accompanied to the session by Gene Patterson of Ideal Gas company of Bend.

RETURNS FROM VISIT

Mrs. Angie Cook returned recently from MacKenzie Bridge where she had spent the past 10 days. Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook of that city are parents of a son, Mark Allen, born Feb. 26. The infant joins a sister, Mary Sue, in the home.

VETERANS GROUP GATHERS FOR DISTRICT 4 MEETING

Veterans of World War I and auxiliary members of Ft. Boise barracks 2726, Parma, were hosts at a covered dish luncheon served Sunday at the community house in Parma.

There were 104 members and two guests present at the district 4 meeting. Topics of interest to the group were discussed during the business session.

Barracks represented included Parma, Caldwell, Nampa, Boise, Meridian, Mountain Home, Glenns Ferry and Homedale.

Next district meeting will be April 21 at Boise.

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