

Problems of Sheep Men Are Debated

Questions Important To Wool Growers Discussed

Controlled brush burning, sheep thievery laws and tag discount on wool were the chief problems discussed at the afternoon session of the bi-county Wool Growers' association conference held here Saturday.

Dr. E. Bucknell of Willows opened the after-lunch meeting with an address on the wool outlook for the coming year, and felt that there would be little increase in wool prices. He explained that the present rise was due solely to a large order from the American Woolen Mills company.

Secretary of the state growers association, W. P. Wing, led a discussion on sheep thievery laws by stating that many requests from Mendocino, Humboldt and Sonoma counties have been registered to strengthen the laws which at the present require a bill of sale for every transaction. This requirement, however, is not being enforced according to all reports. No definite action was taken, but referred for future study.

Brush Burning
Frank C. Clarke, president of the state wool growers' association, stressed the importance of controlled brush burning to sheepmen, and referred to a case where for 45 years there has been no decline in productivity of the range. This, explains Clarke, is due to steps taken to prevent over-grazing and encroachment of brush on grass lands. Clarke felt an increase of the less desirable species of brush as a result of the burning. "Progress has been made in bringing about a better understanding of problems of the livestock men by the state forestry service with regards to this burning."

Four advantages of controlled burning, as listed by Clarke, were protection of forest fires, reduction of insecticides, reduction of hazards of series fires, and improvement of the ranges and carrying capacity.

Potent Resolution

In terse terms, the wool growers passed a resolution to ask the state forest service, through M. B. Pratt, to submit a program to the organization for controlled burning and that Pratt's office submit a weekly report on activities in controlled brush burning. Also, that a man who is familiar with the county be put in charge to assist the sheepmen in burning. The group feels a county man is most essential.

Because the grade of wool has dropped since the law making it a misdemeanor for buyers to take a tag discount on the wool, a committee was appointed to study the matter and to report to the state association their recommendations. I. C. Burke of Bonville will head this investigating group, assisted by Frank Hawn of Ukiah and Chester Linsler of Bell Springs. This committee will hold its first meeting Saturday at the farm advisor's office.

State Demonstrator Confers With 4-H Club Leaders

Leaders of 4-H clubs from Willits, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley and Ukiah met at the court house Wednesday in conference with Miss Jean Stewart, home demonstrator at large in the extension service of the University of California.

Under Miss Stewart's direction, the leaders are given instruction in the work and kept in touch with the most advanced methods along the line of work in which 4-H clubs specialize.

Conservation Staff Surveys 8300 Acres

A mid-season report of the Ukiah project of the Soil Conservation Service shows that plans by the staff technicians have been completed for 8300 acres comprising 35 farms. These plans include work on both water and soil demonstrations.

Of the 35 farms for which surveys were conducted, 18 have signed the cooperative agreement, a contract between the farmer and the government. Assisting these farmers have been 37 WPA laborers.

Membership in the volunteer Soil Conservation association has increased to 38 growers, and farmers have been joining at the rate of four a month. Further information concerning this grower organization can be secured from Dr. Logan S. Carter.

St. Louis Man to Make Home Here

C. Samuel of St. Louis has come to this county to make his home with his sister, Mrs. N. I. Reid, on the ranch in Potter Valley. E. W. Reid, Mrs. Reid's husband, passed away in August, not long after the couple had completed a new home at the ranch.

Samuel is most enthusiastic over the country which he is visiting for the first time.

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Caylor of Point Arena Elected Vice-President

J. J. Caylor of Point Arena was this week elected vice-president and executive board member for Mendocino county for the year 1938-39, in the Redwood Empire Assn.

Election took place during a recent meeting of the association's directors in Mendocino county.

Vice-presidents in each of the other counties of the Redwood Empire are also being elected this week by the respective directorates in each other county.

The members of the new executive board will "take their seats" and convene for the first time about 4:30 p. m. Friday, after Convention Assembly, during 18th annual convention of the Redwood Empire association in Eureka Friday and Saturday.

The executive board, which meets monthly, is composed of the following: The president, the junior past-president, the treasurer and five executive board members-at-large to be elected at the first meeting of the new board of directors from the nine counties on Saturday afternoon; also the nine county vice-presidents, each of whom is elected by respective directors from each respective county.

The unit presidents and the attorney are ex-officio, as are all past-presidents.

The general manager attends all meetings of the executive board.

Pierce Gridders Cancel Sat. Game

For the third time this season, Coach "Bud" Christensen has had a scheduled football game cancelled. A letter from the Pierce Joint Union high school Wednesday morning notified the Wildcats that their Saturday game with Pierce at Arbuckle is called off.

The other two tussles which were cancelled this year were the two Healdsburg games which had been slated for October 8 and 22.

Coach Christensen called Mendocino Wednesday morning in an attempt to schedule a Friday game. Because Coach Neil Parsons' squad is in the six-man league, the Wildcats would spend an evening practice session learning several fundamental plays from a six-man formation. On October 29, the local eleven will trek to Fort Bragg to meet Coach Andy Anderson's Timberwolves.

Change in Location Of Baby Conference

A change of location for the Baby Conference in Ukiah is announced. "Because the grammar school is filled to capacity during the school days, the conference will be held at Saturday Afternoon clubhouse Monday, October 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. and 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon."

Dr. Edith Young of the state department will be here and will be assisted in examining the babies by Mrs. Fern Busch, school nurse, and Mrs. Norman Buhn, representing P. T. A.

Their First Born Arrived Sunday

Their first child, a baby son weighing six pounds and 14 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weger Sunday morning at three o'clock in Ukiah General hospital.

Dr. G. K. Abbott is attending physician. Mrs. Weger is the former Bula Mae Risky.

Federal Survey Compiles History of Mendocino

A history of Mendocino county from the time of its organization, May 16, 1859, down to the present is being compiled in a federal survey conducted by John W. Clairage of Eureka.

The workers are going over the minutes of the board of supervisors from the day that body first met in official session. Early history as reflected by these records will include names of early county officers, appointed or elected; leaders of the county, establishment of schools, roads, towns and election precincts; erection of county buildings; first fairs and other public meetings.

Following the review of the supervisors' minutes the records of all county offices will be gone over to

Bangs Test Shows Few Sick Cattle

Only 3 of 1215 Tested Show Positive Reaction

Astonishing results from the Bang's disease testing of the coast dairy cattle revealed that only three of the 1215 heads analyzed showed positive reaction, according to word received Tuesday afternoon by R. D. Foote, assistant farm advisor, from Dr. C. U. Duckworth, chief of the state division of Animal Industry.

These 1215 head represent 45 herds of dairy cattle of the Point Arena-Manchester area, and the three reactors were from two herds. This testing which started October 4 and continued through to the following Tuesday was the first in the entire state conducted on a sectional basis.

The Point Arena-Manchester Farm Center, the extension service, the farm advisor's office and the dairymen of the south coast all co-operated in this extensive undertaking.

Dr. Kenneth McKay of the University of California extension division was in charge of the testing project, while Dr. H. C. Winttingham of Lakeport conducted the actual bleeding.

Several hundred cattle were bled each day which required speedy delivery of the warm blood to the Sacramento laboratories in order to prevent hemolysis, a separation of the blood which ruins the specimen.

This testing is of great value to the coast dairyman in that it makes possible a healthier herd and also, it acts as a guarantee to prospective buyers that the herd is free of the dreaded Bangs disease.

The testing program also found 15 reactors to T. B. out of 693 head analyzed. These 15 were from two of the 21 herds, which is unusually high, but according to Foote, this can be explained by the high percentage of T. B. cattle in this one herd which had 25% diseased.

While on the coast, Dr. Winttingham investigated a disease that brought death to one of the cattle and found the cause to be anthrax, a disease which can be completely cured by vaccination, but such vaccination must be performed annually, for when a ranch is infected there is no way to sterilize.

There are still 229 specimens in the laboratories being diagnosed for Bangs from the Fort Bragg area which represents eight herds, and results are expected to reach Foote in the next several days.

Eureka Headquarters Of Social Security Six County Board

Mendocino county has been taken over by the Eureka field office of the Social Security Board, according to George A. Burkhead, manager of the Eureka office. The Eureka office now covers the six counties of Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Tehama, Shasta and Mendocino.

All applications for Social Security Account Numbers, as well as applications for Old Age Insurance lump-sum payments, for Mendocino county, previously handled through the San Francisco field office, will now be handled through the Eureka office.

The Eureka field office of the Social Security Board is located at 206 Federal building, Eureka, California.

MORBY PRESENTS PEAR PLANS TO STATE MEETING

Will Report to County Growers in Near Future

Olaf Morby attended a statewide pear growers' conference Thursday at a meeting called to discuss and plan for the handling of the 1939 pear crop.

Because of the short two-day notice of this meeting, Morby was chosen to represent the county pearman until the organization meets to elect an official representative.

At this state confab, Morby presented Mendocino's recommendation which would set up two state committees, one composed of the growers and the other made up of shippers and distributors. The growers committee would set the price and the committee of handlers would determine how many carloads they would be willing to handle at the growers price. The present scheme of one state committee consisting of growers, shippers and packers, has proved to be a hardship on the growers, according to Farm Advisor C. S. Mystko.

A county meeting of the pearmen is being arranged on the return of Morby to discuss marketing problems as gleaned from the state meet, with the view of setting up the necessary machinery to handle the 1939 crop.

Government Will Subsidize Winter Pear Shipments

Pacific coast winter pears will be subsidized to 18 states where their consumption has been relatively insignificant, according to an announcement made by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Benefit payments of 50 cents a box will be paid to growers shipping pears into the new outlets.

States designated to receive the subsidized fruit include: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Subsidies also will be paid for shipments to export markets, excluding the British Empire, European countries and Cuba.

Cost Will Total \$150,000
A goal of 300,000 boxes has been set for shipment to the new markets, making the maximum cost of the plan \$150,000.

The payments will be made to growers and handlers who are members of the Oregon, Washington and California Pear League, who sell their pears in the designated outlets.

Effective Immediately
The program becomes effective immediately and will continue through May 15th.

Purchasers within the designated domestic areas will not be allowed to reship or sell them for reshipment into domestic markets other than those specified.

Steward Released On Battery Charge

Defendant Bill Steward, dance hall owner who was being held on a battery charge, was acquitted Monday morning before Justice of Peace Will S. Van Dyke who, after hearing plaintiff Joe Bowen and the witnesses, rendered the decision.

The evidence was preponderous, according to Justice Van Dyke, and pointed more to a case of self-defense than battery when, on October 3, fists were flying over payment of a year-old debt.

Lake Farmers Set Wage Scale at 30c

A new wage scale of 30 cents an hour for farm workers in Lake county will take effect Tuesday as the result of action taken by the Associated Farmers at their last meeting.

This 30-cent wage was the highest possible price the employers could pay, according to the report of the committee who surveyed present conditions.

R. E. Patterson of Hopland was in Ukiah on business Wednesday afternoon.

DEATH SUMMONS MACK HOWARD OF PIONEER LINEAGE

Had Been Member of Odd Fellows for 57 Years

Mack Howard, prominent member of one of the oldest pioneer families associated with the development of Mendocino county and its early history, passed away in Ukiah Tuesday evening in his early eighties.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Howard, he was a native of McDonald county, Missouri, coming to California and settling in Mendocino county at an early age. The family arrived in the San Joaquin county in the fall of 1856, remaining there a year and later moving to Sonoma county and settling near Geyserville.

M. W. Howard and family arrived in Ukiah in the fall of 1859, establishing themselves on an extensive ranch three miles from Ukiah. Each son of the large family was closely associated with the farming life of the community, and owned extensive ranch holdings. One of the ranches in Ukiah valley is now owned by Everett Cox, and the family property included vast acreages on the coast section.

Of the generation of sons and daughters born to M. W. Howard and wife, Jim Howard alone is left, residing near Bridgeport. Before coming to Ukiah because of illness recently, Mack Howard made his home with his brother on the coast ranch. Five sons, Taylor, Mack, Jim, Scott and William, and one daughter comprised the family.

County Officer
Mack Howard held the position of County Recorder for about eight years. At one time he conducted a milk route, and was affectionately known to young and old alike as "Uncle Mack."

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at two o'clock from Everlast mortuary, Rev. Leonard Brown officiating. Graveside services will be conducted by the Odd Fellows lodge, into which order Howard was initiated in December, 1881, 57 years ago.

Wildcat Hoopmen Travel to Willits

For their second league basketball series, Coach Bob Sharp's C and D eagles will travel to Willits Friday night to face the favored Cameron fives in real test matches.

Probable starters for the C tilt will be Mason, Sprague, Van Dyke, Russe and Bishop, but Pardini, Harp and King will also see action. Lining up for starting positions in the D ranks are Sandkulla, Sanchez, Bonfield, Stowe and Roberts. Knudsen, Knight and Foster will also be on hand.

Fort Bragg sends her two lightweight squads here Saturday night for practice games.

Boy Scouts Plan Kid Brother Night

Troop 45, Boy Scouts of America, held the regular weekly meeting Tuesday evening at the municipal clubhouse. Highlights of the meeting were a talk by "Frenchy" Sanchez congratulating the troop on its activities and coming program. Mr. Sanchez has been appointed the new Troop committee chairman of Troop 45 by the Lions club, sponsors of the troop.

A serial play by several of the boys was inaugurated. Two or more episodes of this play will be presented each Tuesday evening for the next ten nights.

Announcement by Jewell Blankenship, Scoutmaster of the troop, was made and plans laid concerning the troop hike to be held Saturday, October 22, in the vicinity of Orr's Springs; also of an investiture ceremony for new Tenderfoot Scouts and installation of new troop officers next Tuesday evening.

At the same time, a Kid Brother night will be held, at which time all Scouts are urged to bring their kid brothers to the meeting. The troop cordially invites all parents and any others interested, to this meeting.

Present Tuesday evening was George David, district commissioner of the Boy Scouts in Ukiah.

Sonoma Co. Judges Rule Against Grape Pro-Rate

Mrs. Obarr to Be Laid to Rest in Coast Cemetery

Mrs. Myrtle Obarr, 64, well known coast resident, passed away in the Redwood Coast hospital in Fort Bragg Tuesday morning at 1:20 o'clock following a serious illness of several months.

Mrs. Obarr formerly lived in Ukiah, where she had many friends. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. E. Green, Ukiah; Mrs. Milas Green, Fort Bragg; Miss Bethena Arthur, Fort Bragg; a son, Merle Hasman of New Mexico, and a brother, Charles Henshaw of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Obarr made her home in this city for 15 years, during which time she resided at her home on Norton and Mason streets. She moved to Fort Bragg several years ago, disposing of her property holdings in this city a year ago. While in Ukiah she was an active worker in the Methodist church and was a past president of the Federated Methodist Women.

Briggs, Walleit, Mills Address 20-30 Club On Safety Project

Twenty-thirtians were addressed at their Tuesday evening meeting by Chief of Police W. T. Briggs, City Engineer C. E. Walleit and Sergeant Frank Mills of the highway patrol in connection with the "Safety Sally" project, under the direction of Al Vogel.

Chief of Police Briggs offered his support to further the safety program, while C. E. Walleit favored the house numbering campaign which the 20-30 group will bring before the city council meeting on Wednesday night.

Sergeant Mills outlined a program to educate the student safety committees and explained that the state highway patrol would cooperate in teaching the student groups. Final preparations were made for the hard-times dance to be held at the community clubhouse next Wednesday night to the music of the Californians.

Ukiah's Dog Hospital Is Complete Plant

Ukiah is boasting a bright new dog and cat hospital which opened its doors for business two weeks ago under the direction of Dr. E. C. Morris, a licensed veterinarian, who has as an assistant David Olsen.

This modern plant embodies a battery of eight small enclosed kennels, five larger ones of the new bench variety, and three very large enclosures for the more vicious canines. A fine operating table flanked with cabinets of serum, vaccines and anti-toxins completes this veterinarian's animal hospital.

Dr. Morris hails from Eureka where he had spent the last twelve years, several of which were spent in the state veterinarians' service.

MINOR OPERATION

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown underwent a tonsilectomy Thursday morning in the offices of Dr. G. K. Abbott.

"Old Gray Mare" Is As Good As She Used to Be

Contrary to the belief, the "Old Gray Mare" is as good as she used to be. If you don't believe it, ask any of the party of 24 that went for the breakfast ride Sunday morning to Vichy Springs.

The ride was sponsored by the newly revived Ukiah Riding club and a party of horseback riding enthusiasts left the fair ground at 8:00 a. m., arriving at Vichy Springs at nine, where breakfast was served by the Vichy Springs chef.

A round-table discussion of the Ukiah Riding club problems was aired and future plans discussed. Plans were laid for a club room to be built at the fair grounds. This club room will be open to all members and their guests. Construction

Collapse of Entire Program Predicted After Court Holds Organization Illegal; Refuse Injunctions

Collapse of the California grape prorate program is freely predicted following the decision of Sonoma county Judges Monday that the prorate organization is illegal, and the refusal of the court to issue injunctions sought by the state prorate commission to restrain Cloverdale and Geyserville growers from receiving and crushing grapes and disposing of the juice.

At the same time, Judge Hilliard Comstock and Judge Donald Geary, sitting en banc, continued in force a temporary injunction granted to Dewey Baldocchi and the Sonoma county Dry Wine Grape Growers' association.

Hop Growers To Get '38 Loan Fund

Terms of Loan Are Outlined for the Hop Men

A loan of \$2,300,000 has been made available to Pacific coast producers of hops on their 1938 crop certified under the federal marketing agreement and order. Funds for the loan have been made available by the Commodity Credit Corporation in accordance with provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

Loans will be available to growers in California, Oregon and Washington at the following rates: 23c per pound for prime grade hops; 21c for medium grade; and 19c for common grade. From the foregoing amounts, three cents per pound will be withheld as security for the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will make loans through the Pacific Coast Hop Stabilization Corporation at Oakland, California, upon the security of hops represented by warehouse receipts issued by approved warehouses.

Loans will be made without recourse, will bear interest at 4% and will mature June 1, 1939. Producers may obtain the release of hops delivered prior to June 1, 1939. After this date, all hops will be pooled and withheld as security to all indebtedness.

At the request of representatives of the hop industry, the loan program was arranged in efforts to further assist growers in the orderly marketing of their hops at fair prices, supplementing operations under the Federal marketing agreement and order for hops grown in California, Oregon and Washington, which became effective August 15, 1938.

Auxiliary Being Formed in Co. Merriam Camp

A Women's Auxiliary to the Republican County Central Committee is being formed through the efforts of Walter Sandelin, county chairman of the Merriam-for-Governor committee.

Prominent Ukiah women who have joined at this time include Mesdames W. D. L. Held, Walter H. Higgins, Mark Eglin, C. A. Bernhard, Effie Hughes, George Vevoda.

Noel Wylie of the Marx hotel in San Francisco was calling upon friends in Ukiah Thursday on his way to Eureka for the Empire convention.

Local Cases

Similar cases in Mendocino county come up for hearing October 21 in the local court. Restraining orders against the Grape Prorate Commission have been issued in suits filed by a number of local growers and vintners and to the Grape Prorate Commission against growers and wineries of the county.

Judge W. D. L. Held, who was presiding in the Superior court of Sonoma county, was an interested listener during part of the hearing on the prorate case, as was also C. M. Mannon, president of the Savings Bank of Mendocino county. Growers in attendance at sessions of the trial include: Julio Valeri, E. Venturi, F. C. Bull, A. Cantaroni, Mr. and Mrs. V. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, Charles and Albert Noller, A. B. Parducci, A. B. Stipp, Mrs. A. M. S. Kinsler, H. O. Lanza, Vincent Glorno, J. Guglielmo and A. Pucinelli of Morgan Hill.

CASE DISMISSED

The case of Michael F. Rinehart, charged with passing worthless checks in Fort Bragg, was dismissed in the Justice court of W. Ware. Rinehart was brought back from Long Beach to face the charge. Rinehart was formerly in charge of the College Inn at Fort Bragg.