

SHEEP PROVIDE INTEREST AND LIVELIHOOD HERE

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Traveling Highway 101 in Southern Curry County sheep are seen in numbers on the hillsides and munching grass where the roadbed has not blotted out the growth of vegetation. Rarely do these animals cross the highway nor are they concerned about the travelers speeding around the curves. They somehow know

parts when he was five years of age. These people know pioneering in Southern Curry and they also know sheep raising. Delmar Colegrove Sr. is seventy-six and it is said by his family that he can outwork any of his sons or grandsons.

Sheep shearing in July is an interesting time at the Whaleshead Ranch. In some ways it resembles the olden days of harvest of the grain crops when the threshing machine with its crew moved to the wheat ranch to separate the grains from the chaff. Probably most interesting of all to young members of the family is that there is bound to be excitement of new faces, much going and plenty of good food for all.

Present day sheep shearing is done by electricity with equip-

some of the Colegrove sheep indicating they had not been rounded up for that purpose a year earlier. Long tails were in evidence on numerous sheep, an indication that they, too, had missed the roundup in the spring when lambs had tails cut.

Delmar Jr. is not quite sure just how many animals he has as they have the run of the ranch. He stated that he had approximately one thousand six hundred. His son-in-law, Warren McMeely, has a similar number, roaming over his acres.

Sheep to be sheared the next day are corralled the evening before after the heat of the day. Horsemen, dogs and the jeep are used in the roundup. Weather lambs (males for market) are separated from the others by use of the dodging chute. Tagging takes place before shearing.

Before released to pasture the sheep are dewormed and given pellets about two inches long and one-half inch in diameter as a preventive against liver fluke.

This disease is caused by a parasite working on the liver, taken into the body through water.

Food prepared by the ladies of the household for the Whaleshead Ranch sheepshearers was really delicious and abundant in variety and quantity. Prepared at the McNeely home it was taken hot to the sheds near the ocean where the men helped themselves to roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salads, choice of desserts and coffee.

Curry County Hillbillies was the name given to the comical float prepared for Lily Blossom time parade by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Juncy, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hurst with Stanley Colegrove as the driver of the jeep. Cougar and ear hides draped the car and occupants leaving little room for the four hunting and sheep dogs.

Stanley got another bear last week that was after sheep on the old Colegrove Ranch. He was happy to oblige as it was Delmar Colegrove that started his son out on hunting.

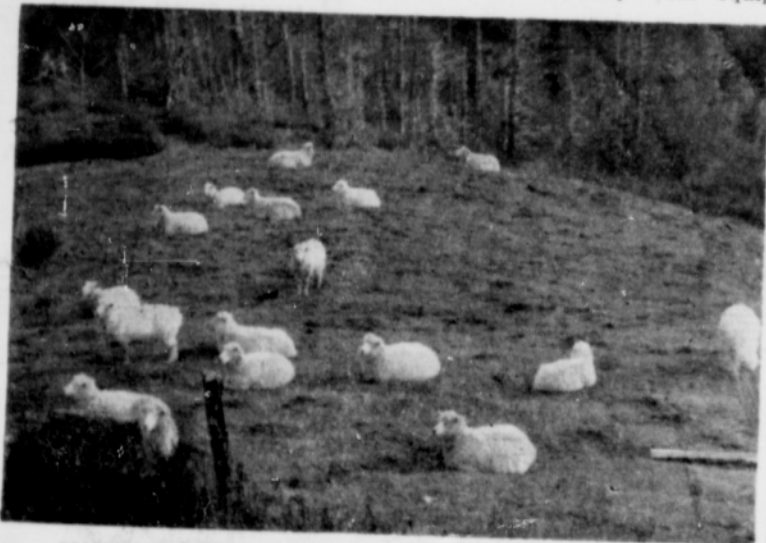
Brookings Water Dam Sabotaged

The Brookings Water Company's Ransom Creek dam was damaged a week ago, by persons as yet unknown.

Immediate news of the sabotage was held, pending investigation by Deputy Sheriff Wes Smith, who is still investigating the case.

The vandals removed three boards from the dam, opening the reservoir, and also damaged pump motors at the installation.

According to water company officials, only the coincidence of heavy rains during the period kept the city from suffering a water shortage because of the sabotage. However, the vandals made no attempt, evidently, to damage the company's main reservoir and pumping installations.



SHEEP ENJOYING BEING LAZ AFTER FORAGING
Credit Brookings Studio

these noisy monsters are not to be feared.

It is the bear and the cougar that are after the sheep. The bear is not the docile vegetarian thought of generally but a fast traveling furious animal when tracked by hunter with dogs. Stanley Colegrove, has killed numbers of bear in the course of years to protect his sheep. During a two weeks period in July his reward was two bear and one cougar. This may mean lying in wait all night and tracking for hours. The dogs are tired after such an excursion but they love it.

The Whaleshead Ranch, termed such because of a rock at sea resembling the whales head in shape, covering approximately

ment and crew furnished by contractors. Power for shearing sheep on the Whaleshead Ranch was furnished by a gasoline engine. Four shearers were at work, each taking care of about one hundred twenty-five head per day. Remuneration is thirty-five cents per head with double for bucks plus board. Definitely is this skilled as well as hard labor. An abdomen sling extending from the rafters gives support for the shearer as he bends holding the animal and guiding the apparatus. Sheep do not mind having the wool removed from their bodies, at least, they do not give any trouble. In fact, they seem to like weighing on the average of fourteen pounds lighter as they frolic when turned out of the corrals.



Stanley Colegrove displays his dogs that tracked down the bear after sheep on the Whaleshead Ranch. Credit Brookings Studio

Blue Tongue Again Threatens Sheep

A new outbreak of blue tongue, a virus disease of sheep first reported in the United States last year, has occurred in the lower Sacramento valley and Fresno-Bakersfield areas of California. About 20,000 sheep in 18 flocks all immediately placed under quarantine, were involved when Dr. J. E. Stuart, California state veterinarian, notified the Oregon department of agriculture in August.

This means that Oregon sheepmen should keep a close eye out for any signs of blue tongue and any producer finding symptoms should immediately report to his local veterinarian, warns Dr. R. J. Peterson, Oregon state veterinarian.

Death loss in the California outbreak has not been heavy this year; not as bad as last year. The August outbreak is the first there since it was discovered in California last year.

The Oregon department of agriculture veterinarians have inspected a number of flocks in this state in recent days, so far with no signs of blue tongue here.

This disease spread by a gnat, is seasonal, so far the only sure

control is freezing weather which kills the gnat. Early symptoms include swelling and sores about the lips and nose, a tongue blue in color and possible redness at the coronary band of the foot and eventual lameness.



Taken about 1921 this picture is of the three cougar killed by Stanley Colegrove. The man behind to the left is unidentified. In line left to right are Bill Ziegler, Tom Hull, Dan Warnock, Don Holcomb and Charles Warnock by the side of the Model T.

3,800 acres, is owned by Delmar Colegrove, Jr., and Warren McMeely. This is part of the old Colegrove ranch belonging to Delmar Colegrove located eleven miles north of Brookings with part of the land above the highway but most of it on the ocean. Stanley was born on this ranch and began hunting at an early age as the old time picture indicates. His father came to these

Then, too, there is no place for ticks to hide with the wool gone. Each fleece is gathered, tied in a bundle so that it may be graded separately. These are compressed in wool sacks by foot power so that they represent 385 to 425 lbs. when stuffed.

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