

### Auctions to Claim Well Known Herds

**Cattle to Be Sold Because Health of Owners Dictate**

The two bugaboos, ill health and no help, which have become well-known to Willamette valley farmers—will again drive a group of dairy cattle to the auction block.

On February 20, starting at 1 p. m., 29 head of cattle will be sold at the Otto Beaty farm 1 1/4 miles north of Chemawa Indian school.

Beaty has not been well for over a year. During the early fall Mr. and Mrs. Beaty and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brock made arrangements to combine their select Jersey herds and to operate on the Beaty farm. But Mr. Beaty's health continued poor and he had an opportunity to sell the farm. He decided to take the offer and the Brocks and Beatys decided to sell most of their salable cattle, retaining only a family cow and a few small calves.

For the past three years Lamontion Aim, owned by Louis Schacht of Mulino, has been herd sire. He will be sold at the sale and there is also offered two sons and seven of his daughters.

Several of the cattle have been classified and a number have been show winners, including three grand champions at Marion county spring shows. Nineteen cows are in milk.

Oscar Wigle is contributing six head of young cows that belong to his son Clold, a paratrooper who has been recovering in an English hospital from wounds sustained in France. Mr. Wigle has been trying to keep the herd together until Clold returns, but his health will no longer permit to carry so much work.

Col. J. W. Hughes of Forest Grove will cry the auction and M. G. Gunderson, Silverton, is managing it.

### Eight-Point Program Given Dairy Farmers

The eight-point dairy program recommended for Oregon includes: Grow an abundance of high quality roughage. Balance your herd with your feed supply. Keep production records on each cow in your herd. Practice disease control methods. Produce milk and cream of the highest quality. Adopt labor-saving methods. Take care of your land. Develop a sound breeding program.

### Farm Bulletins

February 15—All counties. Final date for reporting performances under the 1944 agricultural conservation program. Report at the county AAA office.

February 15—Meeting at LaComb, Oakville and Harrisburg of Linn county farmers of these districts intending to participate in the 1945 AAA benefit program.

February 18—Marion county Jersey Cattle club meets at Stanley Riches home, Turner.

February 19—At Halsey and Lebanon. Meeting of Linn county farmers of these districts intending to participate in the 1945 AAA benefit program.

February 20—Meeting at Lebanon, Lyons and Sweet Home. Same as above.

February 21—Sweet Home. Meeting same as above.

February 21—Turkey growers meet at Lebanon chamber of commerce rooms. Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, speaker.

February 21—Oregon Farmers Union annual meeting at Salem. Originally planned for two day session, Corvallis.

February 22—Oregon Dairy Manufacturers association, 34th annual meeting 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Woodmen of the World building, S.E. Alder street, Portland. Banquet cancelled.

# Willamette Valley Farmer

News and Views of Farm and Garden — BY LILLIE L. MADSEN



View of the stables and barns on the Lee U. Eyerly ranch southwest of Salem, also shows some of the 20 horses in the Eyerly string. Arabians make up a portion of the present list of horses on the Eyerly ranch. The house in the background is the former Ilahae clubhouse, and stands high on the hill with a fine view of the valley and mountains.

## Ranch Finds Place for Arabians

**Eyerlys to Build String of Horses To Twice Size**

By Lillie L. Madsen

"The Arab horse is a type by himself. He is distinctly different from all other horseflesh, not only in the formation of his bone structure, but in his temperament. He stands alone. The build of the Arab is perfect. It is essentially that of utility. He is a perfect animal; he is not large here and small there. He is the quintessence of all good qualities in a compact form. Nature, when she made the Arab, made no mistake, and man has not been able to spoil him."

This is what Homer Davenport said in "My Quest of the Arab Horse," published back in 1909. He had just returned from several months on the Arabian desert, purchasing Arabian horses. Even before he left Silverton to become a famous cartoonist, he was noted for his knowledge of horses.

This is also practically the same thing Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eyerly said in February, 1945. They had just returned to the board fence after a round with their Arabian horses in the barn lot on their ranch — once the Ilahae golf course — southwest of Salem. Eyerly added that "the horse is back to stay, the afterwar demand will be great" and mentioned him as a recreational animal.

There are those who may take issue with Eyerly on this last statement: those who claim the horse is a necessity.

I mentioned as much to the Eyerlys as we watched their horses frisk about beyond the white fences.

"That's all right with me," Eyerly grinned, "just so long as they claim the horse."

**Former Garage Man**

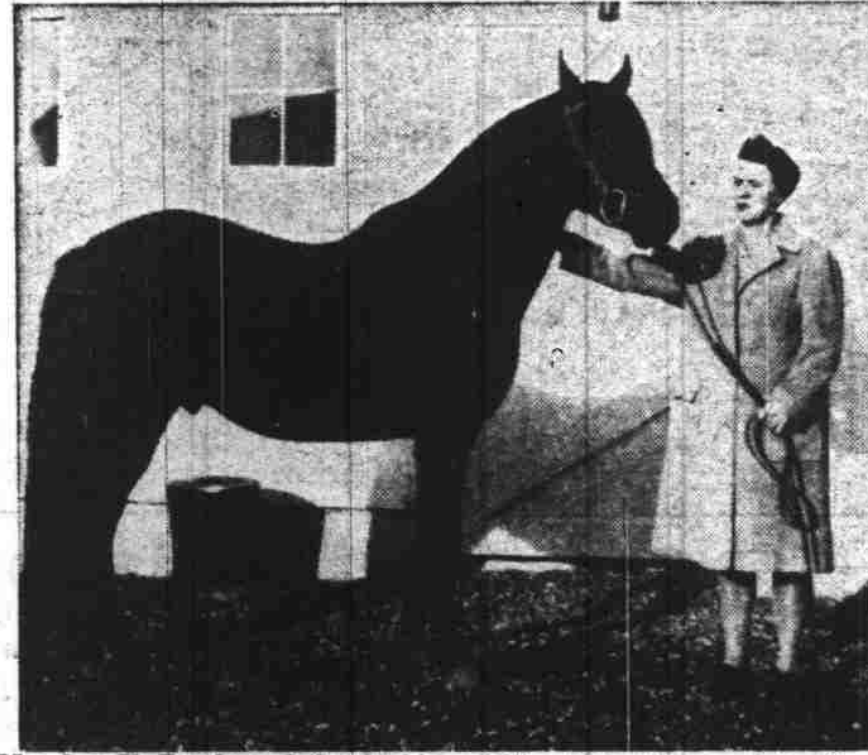
Some who knew Eyerly first as a young garage man—or the owner of a commercial airplane project—or even as the inventor and manufacturer (which he says was purely accidental) of the familiar dizzy-makers at state fairs, may think that horses are just a fad with him. But they are wrong.

Horses, he says, are in his blood, and adds by way of explanation, "As I watched Mrs. Eyerly gracefully handling Islam, I decided she too, was that way."

Islam, a dark bay stallion, is all that Davenport says Arabian horses are. Mr. and Mrs. Eyerly, although readily admitting they didn't pay that much for him, say they wouldn't sell him for \$5000.

The Eyerlys bought their first Arabian horses—three mares—in 1938 in Tacoma. They paid \$3000 for them and call it "a bargain."

There are now ten foal mares on the ranch. In all there are 20 horses which include two well



Mrs. Lee U. Eyerly and the Arabian stallion "Islam", one of the fine horses now owned by the Eyerlys and kept on their ranch which includes about 100 acres.

known Palominos, Sonny and Honeyboy. The latter, is a favorite around Salem where he has been seen in various exhibitions in recent years.

**Favorite Palomino**

"Honeyboy," says Mrs. Eyerly, "is almost one of the family. He'll never be sold. He will be permitted to die on the ranch."

The Eyerlys plan to build their string of horses to a minimum of 15 brood mares, which will make a run of from 40 to 50 horses in all. Selling horses has already begun on the ranch and colts now racing about, will be trained and sold in about three years.

While Arabians will be the chief interest, there are a few other horses on the ranch which are not fullblooded Arabian.

Arabian blood improves any horse, Mr. Eyerly says. The Arabian is more durable, more intelligent and has better confirmation. Nine hundred and fifty pounds of Arabian horse can outwork 1200 pounds of just horse. Interbreeding the coldblooded, poorer types of horse to the Arabian will greatly improve the valley horse breed, Eyerly insists.

Mr. Eyerly is not of the opinion that the horse will ever go back as a utility farm animal. But neither does he believe the present interest in him as recreational material will wane after the war. Rather, he says, it will increase. And the horse will always have its uses on the ranch.

The Eyerly farms comprise about 1000 acres of land of which 600 are in the home ranch, and 400 "over across the hill." Mr. Eyerly admits, that while he retains the managership of the farm he is no farmer in the true sense. But his foreman, Frank Sollenberger is, he says. The ranch has to pay for itself. The hilly part

of the farm land is in fescue grass, in filberts, prunes, with some oats for feed and some hay. There is also, as there should be on all good horse ranches, some timothy—about six acres. But timothy does not do well in the Willamette valley and horses seem to like alfalfa just as well.

**Farm Produce**

There are also 55 acres of mint which will be increased to 100 acres.

And while the horse business goes on, the big plant out south of Salem, where once amusement equipment was rapidly turned out, is now a defense plant, turning out, with assembly line precision, huge quantities of government war materials.

Harry and Jack, sons of the Eyerlys manage the plant, Eyerly says. But he is there constantly himself, busy. After the war, he indicates, he can devote all of his time to raising horses. Just now, Frank Sollenberger is a better farmer, he smiles.

Natives hunting wild yak in Tibet generally go in pairs, for the beast, unless mortally wounded, will charge furiously at his attacker.

Applications for certifying Willamette vetch in Marion county must be in the county agent's office by February 20, says Ben A. Newell, assistant county agent. Government purchases this year will take only vetch that has been field inspected and certified as Willamette vetch.

**Cooperative Is In 25th Year**

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## In Salem Markets

Lambs, 11 to 13 1/2 cents; ewes, 9 to 6 cents; cows, beef type, 8 to 11 cents; dairy type, 5 to 8 1/2 cents; veal 13 cents; hogs \$15.45 (paid top price for weight 160 to 250 pounds); sows, 11 to 14 cents.

Claude Steusloff, reporting for Valley Packing company said that all livestock was very scarce with dairy cows more nearly normal than anything else. Hogs were particularly scarce with federal inspected slaughterers reporting 54 percent less this past week than in the corresponding week a year ago. Scarcity holds true in this area too, Steusloff said.

George Shafer of Silverton marketed 10 hogs averaging 230 pounds at five months and two days. The sow had 15 pigs and raised 10 for market with this litter bringing \$336.

A. L. Page of Jefferson marketed truck load of hogs as did also V. P. Walker of Junction City, with C. J. Casselaine of Stayton marketing a load of hogs and sheep.

Ed Lindstrom of Lincoln brought in a load of hogs averaging 281 pounds at six months.

Justin Rowland of Rickreall marketed a truck load of veal, lambs and ewes, the ewes, dry, averaging nearly \$9 a head.

Earl Andrews of Dallas marketed a pickup load of hogs at 13 1/2 cents.

W. H. Thurston of Independence sold a couple of dairy cows this week. Thurston, while in the market told that a couple of his cows had browsed on fir cones and needles from trees which he had cut down and aborted their calves.

**Himelwrights Guests**

MISSION BOTTOM — Mrs. Frank Massel had as her dinner guest Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Himelwright and daughter Beulah of Wallowa county. He is a representative at the legislature.

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## Date Set For AAA Program

The remaining dates for meetings regarding the 1945 AAA program for Marion county have been arranged to include:

Jefferson, at Jefferson city hall, February 15; Mount Angel, at Mount Angel city hall, February 20 and 21; St. Paul at St. Paul city hall February 21 and at Butteville grange February 22; Salem at Bethel school February 17; North and South Silverton at chamber of commerce room, February 22 and 23; Stayton at Stayton city hall, February 14 and 15; Turner at Roberts grange, February 15, at Turner high school, February 16 and at Rose Dale school February 17; Woodburn at Woodburn city hall February 23 and 24. All the meetings are during the afternoon and evening with the exception of February 20 at Mt. Angel when the meeting

will be all day and evening and February 15 when the meeting at Roberts grange hall will be only in the evening.

The AAA now provides that in order to be eligible for payment farmers must sign their 1945 farm plan by May 1. W. M. Tate, Sublimity, is chairman of the Marion county committee.

## Rats Do Damage Worth Million

The main cause of rat infestation on farms, as pointed out by the specialists, is favorable rat harbors, safe refuges near an abundant food supply. Common rat harbors include places where they are protected from cats and dogs, beneath buildings, piles of fence posts, lumber, old machinery and rubbish, beneath piles of sacks, boxes in barns and granaries. Over a million dollar damage is contributed to rats yearly.



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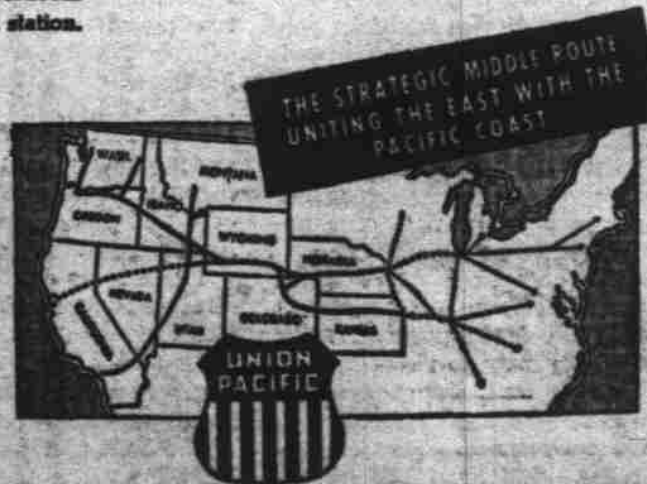
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