

Taking Cows Into Alaska Gives Farmer a Headache

Palmer, Alaska, Jan. 13 (AP)—Art Holbrook, farmer, vows he is going to bring cows into Alaska from the States this year by plane instead of by truck. "It'll be expensive," he said, "but I believe it will be a more comfortable arrangement for both the cows and me."

Holbrook, 41-year-old dairy farm owner, and his son, Leon, 20, left here last summer on a truck trip to the States. They were going to show Matanuska Valley skeptics that the cheapest and best way to get new stock was to drive outside and haul them back.

"We left Wisconsin Aug. 12 with five tons of three-year-old Holsteins aboard," he said. "We figured on a week's trip home, but it took 17 days, and those eight cows gave me more trouble than I've had in 20 years of farming."

Holbrook said the cows made a fearful racket as the truck jugged up the dusty Alaska highway. The entire round trip was 8,200 miles. He continued: "It was anything but a joyride. They rode with their heads sticking out through the stakes on the side of the truck. They bawled at every farm animal we passed. When they were thirsty, they would watch until they caught sight of a stream, then bellow for me to stop."

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Holbrook said he nearly lost the whole herd in Slave Lake, Alberta. When he let them out to graze, they streaked down the highway at a fast trot, apparently heading back to Wisconsin. "The whole town turned out to help us round them up," he recalled.

About 150 miles north of Dawson Creek, Holbrook burned out his truck engine. He was forced to wait in a Canadian road camp for more than a week until motor parts could be shipped in from Whitehorse, Y. T.

"The cows became resigned to life in a truck," he said. "When we lowered the tail-gate ramp in the morning, they would walk out, graze until evening, then climb back in the truck just like it was their barn."

Seventeen days after leaving Wisconsin, the cows arrived at the Holbrook farm here, in excellent health. But they were very illtempered the last few days of the trip. Holbrook said they were butting each other and eyeing him with open hostility. "But you'd be mean, too, after



Discuss Foreign Policy—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), Chairman Tom Connally (D., Tex.), of the senate foreign regulations committee and Secretary of State Acheson (left to right) converse before start of a closed door discussion, in Washington, of U. S. foreign policy. Acheson was expected to deal particularly with the Formosa and general China Situation in his meeting with the committee. (AP Wirephoto) dance director. The group in top photo looks like any group



These Speakers on Program at P-T Conference—When the college conference on Parent-Teacher cooperation meets at Monmouth next Thursday leading educators and experts will be on the program. Among them are those pictured above. From left, Dr. E. T. McSwain, of Northwestern university; Mrs. H. H. Hargreaves, president of Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers; and Dr. H. M. Gunn, president of Oregon College of Education.

Educators and Experts to Be On P-T Program, Monmouth

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Jan. 13—Leading educators and national experts in Parent-Teacher-community relations will confer with Oregon P-TA officers at the first Oregon college conference on Parent-Teacher cooperation here January 19.

Purpose of the conference is to bring about adoption of a community study course in every teacher-training college in the state.

Mrs. H. H. Hargreaves, Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers president, and Dr. H. M. Gunn, the state director of elementary teacher training and president of OCE, will be hosts to the conference.

Attending will be teacher training directors and delegates from every Oregon college now training teachers. One of the top national experts to speak at the morning session is Dr. Eldridge T. McSwain, famous for his work in community relations at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill. Dr. McSwain was a speaker at the Oregon Education association convention in Portland last spring.

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, a pioneer worker in the movement for this added factor in teacher education, will preside at the conference. Mrs. Moorhead, of Eugene, is first vice president of the Oregon congress.

Dr. Ray Hawk of Western Washington Teachers college, Bellingham, Wash., and superintendent of schools George Corwin of Monmouth-Independence, will be speakers at workshop sessions in the afternoon. Both attended the Northwest summer school under Dr. McSwain as delegates from Washington and Oregon P-TA congresses.

Leaders in education expected to attend the conference include Dr. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction; Dr. A. L. Strand, president OSC; Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of U. of O.; Dr. Roben Maske, president, EOCE; Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president SOCE; Dr. Harry Dillin, president, Linfield college; Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, president, U. of Portland; Sister M. Rose Augusta, president, Marylhurst college; Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president, Willamette University; Dr. Stephen Epler, Vanport extension center; Mr. Viron Moore,

Douglas Fir Market Firming

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—The Portland district of the U.S. army engineers reported today the Douglas fir lumber market is "firming up again" and pine is "continuing very tight."

The statement was based on a tabulation of only 30 opening bids this week on some 3,500,000 feet of lumber wanted for the armed services. The number of bids usually run 70 to 100 in number, they said.

Officials said pine bids showed a \$2 increase to continue the reflection of the recent increase in the pine market. Pine was expected to remain tight until air-dried lumber re-enters the market in a few months.

Next Tuesday the engineers will open bids on between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 feet of lumber, including packaging and crating material and some construction lumber for the armed services.

Stooping Over to Tie Shoes Restores Sight Lost 12 Years

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 13 (AP)—The simple act of stooping over to tie his shoestrings was credited today by a 41-year-old salesman with helping to restore his sight after 12 years of total blindness.

Foster M. Wilson said that when he stooped to tie his shoestrings recently he suddenly saw a beam of light. Then there was a fog and finally a light haze.

He rushed to the doctors he said had told him he would never see again. At first, the doctors said his newly acquired vision was "a temporary improvement at best."

However, Wilson said, the improvement continued and now

February and March Babies To Live Longer Than Average

New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—Babies to be born in February and March probably will live more than average long lives. There will be more geniuses among them. Probably more criminals, too.

This is a finding of a study of cycles, issued today by the Foundation for the Study of Cycles, Riverside, Conn. The work is season of birth, its relation to human abilities, by Ellsworth Huntington, of Yale.

Dr. Huntington says his conclusions are based on millions of births. He finds there is a rhythm

Farmers Petition Court for Control of Tansy Ragwort

County-wide control of tansy ragwort, poisonous weed rapidly spreading through Marion county, was asked of the county court Wednesday by a 12-man committee which presented petitions signed by 355 farmers on 54,158 acres of land. Eradication of gorse, a more limited pest resembling Scotch broom, was also requested.

From isolated patches totaling not more than 25 acres in 1945, tansy ragwort has scattered to an estimated 2500 acres in the county and livestock poisoning losses have increased proportionately. According to Ben Newell, livestock county agent, the weed was unknown in Marion county prior to 1940.

Originally the pest was probably introduced to Oregon in hay. Spread by wind and water borne light fluffy seeds it spread from south to north along the coast counties and thence inland following water courses. To date infestation is more extensive on the west than east side of the Willamette river. Santiam, Pudding and Willamette river bottoms are the worst areas in this county but it was brought out at the hearing that tansy ragwort seeds could be found in every square mile of western Oregon.

Tansy ragwort toxicity is due to alkaloid substances which are cumulative, animals developing an appetite for the plant during the poisoning process. Lethal dose for cattle and horses is five pounds of the plant. Some of the most potent poisonings in this county occurred on improved irrigated pastures grazed by dairy cattle. Sheep are not affected and in controlled trials have maintained health and vigor while being pastured on heavily infested areas.

The 1937 Oregon weed law provides that the county court may declare a county-wide weed control and appoint a weed in-

he has almost 20-20 vision with the aid of thick-lens glasses.

Wilson, married and the father of 18-year-old twins, said the doctors told him he lost his sight because portions of his eyes had become detached. The sudden movement of his head when he stooped over, served to "weld" the severed organs.

Man-Eating Crocodile Gulps Pop Bottle to Surprise of All

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 13 (AP)—Mark Anthony, the Cincinnati Zoo's 13-foot man-eating Nile crocodile, is just a baby, having lived only about 50 or 60 of his anticipated 200 years.

Like any baby, he likes to put things in his mouth. Things like sheep, or 40 pounds of horse meat. But now he's gone too far.

He has swallowed a pop bottle. Mark sheds his teeth as a deer sheds his antlers and he happened to be dropping a few when somebody dropped the pop bottle into his tank. His gums were sore, with new teeth coming through, so he used the bottle as a teether.

When his keepers tried to take it away, he would lie on it or hide it in his mouth. Keeper Robert Clemens said it would have been suicide for anyone to go into the tank to take the bottle away from Mark. Then the thing everyone feared happened.

Willard Owens, the head keeper, was watching Mark suck the bottle. Owens looked away a moment. When he looked back, no bottle.

Some think Mark can live for years with the bottle lodged in his reptilian interior. Others think it may clog his intestines and cause death within a few weeks or months.

At any rate, Mark is worth \$5,000. It would be a pity to lose him because of a two-cent soft drink bottle, Owens commented.



Like the Dodo, the rhinoceros iguana is dying out.

Three-Foot Long Lizards Of Great Speed Getting Scarce

Chicago—The rhinoceros iguana, native to the island of Haiti, is becoming a rare creature because it is highly prized as food. Director R. Marlin Perkins, of the Lincoln Park zoo, said the lizards were found in great numbers until after the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the West Indies. Comparatively rare

today, they became a table delicacy for the European invaders and their descendants.

The rhinoceros iguana was named after the rhinoceros of India and Africa. The two conical horns on their snouts and their mean temper and aggressiveness when disturbed resemble that of the larger beast.

The lizard reaches a length of over three feet and is capable of great speed and clever brokenfield running when pursued.

Boss Can Dress Like Simon Legree and Get Away With It

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—An imitator of Simon Legree got his skit approved today by the national labor relations board.

It's okay, the board ruled, for a boss to dress up like the mustache-twirling villain of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and go around among employes playfully cracking a whip.

A CIO union, the Textile Workers, hailed Walter L. Berry, Jr., before the NLRB for doing just that.

It was the day before an NLRB election at the Charron Manufacturing company, which makes plastic aprons and table cloths at San Diego, Calif. The union argued that the Legree stuff was a reason why the union lost the election. The vote was 78 for and 184 against the union.

Berry, the company's manager, said he got the play-acting idea after the union put out a pamphlet "picturing me as a wolf with saliva flowing from my mouth, and we interpreted it to be Simon Legree."

"We thought perhaps it was time to have a good laugh just as personal retaliation to the union for having pictured me that way," Berry testified in the case.

"I thought I would show the people in the plant the real thing." So Berry went out and hired himself a costume, a big floppy hat, long frock coat, drooping mustache, boots. Yes, even a whip.

Another witness said: "Well, I was sitting at a machine and I heard a commotion, and the girls began to scream and laugh, and I looked and saw Mr. Berry."

"He just simply went around and said, 'you must vote,' and he would crack the whip down on the table. That was the day before the election."

Next day, election day, the same thing. This time Berry had an office boy run along ahead of him and pretended to "hit his back while he was stooped over like a slave would."

"You gotta vote," was Berry's refrain during his Legree role.

The NLRB considered all this deadpan. Its ruling today said:

"It was considered to be no more than a humorous incident in the course of an election campaign. In our opinion, the event has not such significance or effect that it can be said that governmental procedures were so unfavorably portrayed as to make a free and untrammelled election impossible."

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