

Burlap Bags Mended, Put Back in Use

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A burlap bag has no home. That was a comment of Charles Boyce, Aurora, whose business it is to acquire used burlap bags and repair and restore them in sound condition for additional usage.

The business was started in 1954 with \$1000 of borrowed capital and two employes. Now the firm has 10 employes, handles about 75,000 bags a month and uses two trucks to distribute its reclaimed product into Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California.

Used burlap bags, says Boyce, are acquired from a number of sources—importers, farmers and mills. They are taken to the Aurora plant which once was a pickle factory and there are cleaned, sorted, mended, baled and sold again to all sorts of consumers in the market for burlap bags.

New Economy Records Set, Review Says

Activity Jumps During 1956; Employment Stays at Peak

Economic activity set new records in both the district and the nation during the closing months of 1956 according to the January issue of the Monthly Review published by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Employment in the nation remained at a peak level, and district employment showed a less-than-seasonal decline in November. Retail sales during the Christmas season exceeded last year's by a small margin.

Bank loans rose in December, but the district rise was much more moderate than that in the nation; and the post-holiday drop in district loans was larger than usual. Construction activity was vigorous, although residential housing and the lumber industry are not sharing in the boom.

As a result of the increase from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent in the maximum interest rates permitted on savings deposits effective Jan. 1, 1957, Twelfth district banks holding more than 90 per cent of member bank time deposits have raised their rates. Over 75 per cent of the time deposits in district member banks will now draw 3 per cent, and at least 17 per cent will earn 2.5 per cent. A substantial number of district nonmember banks have also raised their interest rates paid on savings deposits.

Another article based on the Federal Reserve System's mid-1956 survey of agricultural loans reviews the financing of farmers' current expenses by Twelfth district commercial banks. The volume of loans for current operating and family living purposes and loans for the purchase of feeder livestock in this district has doubled since 1947 when the first survey was taken.

Gathered Info
The survey gathered information on several important characteristics of these loans. Because the loan maturities were geared to the length of production periods, most current expense loans were for periods of one year or less. The size of loans varied widely, depending on the size and type of farm; but the largest average size loan outstanding was to operators of meat animal farms. The average interest rate on current expense loans in the district was 5.9 per cent.

Among the factors which influenced the interest rate paid were the size of the loan, the type of farm, and the tenure of the operator, that is, whether he is an owner-operator, a tenant, or landlord. About 9 per cent of the loans were overdue or had been renewed because of unexpected circumstances.

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Their Job Is Mending Burlap Bags



Shown above are Edna Piepke of Canby and Mrs. Joseph Sonnen of Aurora. They are burlap bag menders. In this picture they are working on coffee bags from Santos, Brazil. Coffee bags are only one of many different types that are repaired at Aurora. When these bags are repaired, they will be used by an Oregon firm manufacturing mill run feed. (Capital Journal Photos)

Farm Calendar

- March 2—Rabbit school for 4-H club members, leaders and parents, OSC.
- *13-14—Annual Sale Cal-Ore Hereford Breeders, exhibit on 13th, sale on 14th.
- *14-15—Statewide 4-H Tractor Tour, Portland.
- May 6-8—Oregon Cattleman's annual convention, Eugene.
- *7—Josephine Co. Looks to the Future Planning conference, 10 a.m.
- 17-18—Annual Oregon Home Ec. association meeting, Marion Hotel, Salem.
- June 2-5—4-H—FFA Wheat League Show and Sale, The Dalles.
- *11-21—4-H Summer School, OSC.
- *24-26—Western Society of Crops Science annual meeting, OSC.
- 26-28—Eighth Annual Fertilizer conference of Pacific N. W., Penson Hotel, Portland.
- 26-28—Pacific Branch, Entomological Society of America, Multnomah Hotel, Portland.

Mt. Angel Cow Sets New Marks

A Mt. Angel registered Holstein cow, Nuggett Tritonia Florence Segis 2719088, has recently completed official records bringing her lifetime production totals to more than 100,000 pounds of milk. The cow, owned by C. J. Bernia, Mt. Angel, produced 100,863 pounds of milk, and 4,134 pounds butter fat in 2,483 days on the official test.

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HENRY CLAY NOTED AS BREEDER

Hereford Wheel Completes Full Revolution in Year '56

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The Hereford cattle wheel of history completed a full revolution this year when the first shipment of Polled Herefords left the U. S. bound for England.

Herefords originated in England many years ago as a beef cattle breed having horns on both bulls and cows. They were imported to the U. S. 140 years ago, Henry Clay, noted Kentucky statesman, being one of the early breeders in this country.

Basic Breed on Ranches
As the range country of western U. S. opened up during the '80s Herefords were the basic breed on the great cattle ranches. Their husky horns were useful weapons for protection against predators. A favorite ranchhouse picture of earlier days showed a lone Hereford cow with long, sharp horns defending her small calf against a menacing ring of wolves with evil eyes and dripping fangs.

Civilization came to the cattle business, feedlots supplemented the open ranges and owners soon realized that wide horns did not

4-H Enrollment Completed in Polk

Polk county has completed enrollment for 4-H clubs, with the enrollment of 417 members, the largest in the history of the county. Last year there was a total of 359. Twenty-three clubs were organized this year.

Plans were made recently for completing the county 4-H health program with the Dallas May festival, tentative date for which is May 11. Health posters will be judged at that time and the county health contests held. Foods and clothing club members will also display their exhibit at this time and there judging and demonstration contests will be held.

make for close harmony. Angry and frustrated animals used sharp horns to gouge each other in the beef steak and choice meat on many prime ribs was raked to the bone by the time cattle reached the killing floor.

Careful cowmen cut down horn stab losses by the obvious method of cutting off the horns. But this necessitated handling the animals, was a rough game for both cows and cowboys and at best was a messy business with some loss of time and tissue.

Contab Topic to Be Ag Production

Future development of Polk county's 11 million dollar agricultural production and what it means to business development of the county will be stressed at the county-wide outlook and planning conference February 27 at 10 a.m. at the Majestic theater, Dallas.

The meeting is open to all residents of the county. Joe Harland is chairman of the planning council, which has 11 committees considering the future development of agriculture, home living, youth and many allied activities.

According to genetic laws, a polled (hornless) calf occurs once in about 20,000 matings of horned cow and bull. But once the hornless characteristic shows up it is dominant over the horns, a bull pure for the polled or hornless character, mated to any number of horned cows, produces naturally polled calves.

Herd Formed
In 1900, Warren Gammon of Iowa, sent inquiries to all Hereford cattle breeders in America asking for naturally hornless cattle. From those located, 3 bulls and 8 cows were selected as foundation animals for a new Polled Hereford breed. The latest tally shows that more than 1/2 million Polled Herefords have now been registered.

During the past summer, 3 English cattle breeders traveled 7,500 miles and visited 41 Polled Hereford ranches in this country as they purchased 21 animals for establishing a foundation of Polled Herefords back in the old country. They required that animals trace at least 14 times to Polled ancestry.

So, at long last, though they have lost something in the journey, Herefords have returned home from the U. S.

NOT RANKED IN ORDER

Capizzi Tells State's 10 Worst Insect Pests

Oregon's most important crop and forest insect pests last year, picked on the basis of the importance of the pest rather than the crop affected, were named this week by Joe Capizzi, survey entomologist with the state department of agriculture.

No attempt was made to rank the pests in order their importance.

In a second 10, he named insects or insect groups which he rates as most important to "man, animal and household."

In the crop and forest list, the alfalfa weevil, mountain pine beetle and onion maggot replace

root weevils, grasshoppers and the Douglas fir beetle which appeared on the 1955 "important pest" roll call.

The agricultural pest list includes: Alfalfa weevil, aphids, cherry fruit fly, codling moth, mites, mountain pine beetle, onion maggot, pear psylla, spruce budworm, and symphylids.

The top 10 pests of man, animal and household, again not in order of importance named by Capizzi are: Cattle grubs, mosquitoes, earwigs, houseflies, termites, roaches, primarily the German variety, sheep ked, northern fowl mite and cattle lice.

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