

EDITORIAL

Looks Like History Repeating

History has a habit of repeating and it looks like we are about to witness a recurrence of something that made Morrow county a special place on the map around the turn of the century.

If the writer's memory serves him well, it was in November 1901 that the late W. O. Minor captured the sweepstakes with a two-year-old Shorthorn heifer at the International Livestock exposition in Chicago. The heifer was raised at the Mountain Valley Shorthorn Ranch, now the F. S. Paker place, just below Heppner, where Mr. Minor developed a herd of registered Shorthorns that became famous wherever that breed of cattle was prominent. Many Shorthorn breeders in the West and in British Columbia strengthened their herds through purchases from the Mountain Valley herd, for Minor was a pioneer breeder of the strain in this region. His show stock won blue ribbons in far flung sections of the country—in Chicago, Louisiana, St. Louis, California shows, the Oregon State fair, the Spokane and Yakima fairs in Washington, and many other places. And he was always on the lookout for new blood to keep his herd in the foreground.

There was Sally Girl, a cow which cost Mr. Minor \$1700 and which lost her life in a minor flood which occurred three days prior to the historic Heppner flood of June 14, 1903. Several years later he invested \$3500 in Golden Goods, a grand champion bull of the middle west. This animal was kept out of the way of flood waters and lived to a ripe old age. Some of his offspring became show winners, bringing laurels to breeders in other sections.

Now comes Jim Valentine with a herd of Shorthorn cattle—the only purebred stock of that breed in the county, so far as this paper is informed. Valentine has been in the Shorthorn business less than ten years but he is following the pattern set up by Minor in sparing no expense to introduce the best blood he can buy. Some of his animals have shown up well in the larger shows and his stock is in demand by other Shorthorn breeders or by those who are engaging in the practice of cross-breeding with white face stock to produce heavier meat animals.

In a region where the Hereford type is overwhelmingly predominant, it is quite significant that this herd of Shorthorns is attracting attention from far and wide. We will not say that Valen-

tine is following in the footsteps of Mr. Minor, but that history is repeating insofar as the development of an outstanding Shorthorn herd is concerned.

Weather Always Good

When all else fails us we still have the weather to talk about and it seems that some of our residents have even been bragging a little here of late. Word reached the John Day Valley Ranges of the lack of winter conditions in these parts and that led that newspaper to indulge in a bit of boasting on its own. Says the Ranger:

"Residents of the Heppner area have been bragging for some days that pussywillows were in bloom in that section. We wish to state that pansies were in bloom in Canyon City December 4. As a matter of fact since the cold snaps of October and early November the weather has warmed to spring-like degrees. The thermometer has hovered around 40 and 50 degrees, nights as well as days; precipitation has been almost torrential; grass is green on the hillsides and city lawns. It looks like an open winter, but we are saying that with fingers crossed as we have December and January ahead of us."

We don't know who has been guilty of the bragging, although we can verify the pussy willow story and the fact that like the John Day valley this region is experiencing pleasant weather. The writer learned years ago not to go into rhapsodies over the weather in December but to enjoy each day of good weather because each good day at the end of the year meant that much less winter to endure.

Once when we were younger we waxed poetic about a warm December spell we were having at Joseph. A south wind was blowing over the high Wallows and the mercury hovered between 60 and 65 degrees. It was something of a phenomena but turned out to be an ill wind. It was about 3 p.m. on Wednesday when the sonnet was written. Men working on the roof of the print shop building said the temperature was 64 at that time. By 3 o'clock the next afternoon the thermometer stood at 20 degrees below zero and hovered around from there to 30 below for the next two weeks. Since that time we have kept the lid on the muse although the temptation has been strong, as in the current weather situation. And it is satisfying to note that Editor Chandler of the Ranger

BREEDING PROGRAMS GET NEW 4-H CLUB EMPHASIS

The 4-H club member in each Oregon county who develops the best livestock breeding program will receive a scholarship to the 1947 4-H club summer school at O. S. C., announces L. J. Allen, acting state club leader. The awards are sponsored by Safeway Stores. Winners will be selected by county committees on the basis of project work, management of livestock projects, completeness and accuracy of record books, participation in club activities, and the

had the presence of mind to qualify his boasting about the John Day weather.

It is gratifying to learn that the patients in Ward 7, Morrow county's ward at the Veterans hospital in Walla Walla, will have flowers for Christmas through the generosity of citizens of this county. Thirty poinsettia plants and 21 wreaths have been provided by popular subscription. The provision made this early should not deter others from sending either plants, wreaths, or cut flowers to these brave lads, some of whom are facing their last Christmas. There is little else they can enjoy and it is certain they will not enjoy even the flowers when the fatal malady with which they are afflicted has run its course.

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Nancy Jean Griffin, Portland, now a sophomore at O. S. C., was runner-up in the contest for the Moses leadership trophy and gets a \$100 scholarship. This year in suc-

Qualifications of the candidates as revealed through an interview.

These annual scholarship awards for livestock breeding projects represent an important addition to the program of club training. Allen commented. Wartime emphasis was on market stock projects—baby beeves, fat lambs, and fat hogs. The new awards for breeding stock projects will focus attention on the long-time benefits that these projects provide by encouraging the club member to start a herd that can be continued and developed in adult life.

cession a second place award in this contest has come to Oregon.

In past years five first awards were won. Jack Walborn, Portland, won a free trip as one of the eight national winners in home beautification. The same award went to Morris Notz, Clackamas, one of two western regional winners in the

national 4-H garden contest, and to Margaret Freudentahl, one of four sectional winners in dairy production. She is also scholarship alternate.

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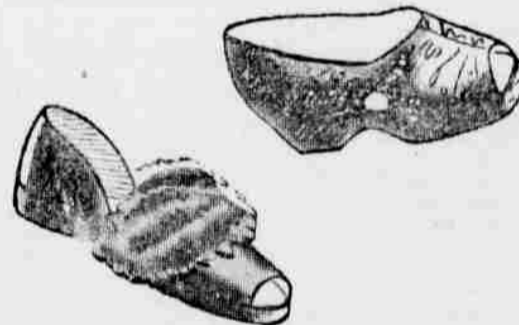


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