

# Hynd Bros. Layout Said One of 'Country's Best'

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Hynd Bros., who have been chosen by a Morrow County Livestock Growers association committee as Livestockmen of the Year, have one of the finest ranch layouts in the country and one with a rich background of tradition.

The following gives some of their history in the county, together with details of their operation, and information on how they have followed practices to make it what it is today.

### Background Information:

The original Hynd Brothers were four brothers who came from England to Canada then to the United States in 1898. The brothers, Will, Dave, Charles and Jack Sr., formed a corporation in 1902, and their first purchase was the Sand Hollow ranch, which was sold to O. W. Cutsforth in 1944.

This original ranch, consisting of 6500 acres, was the headquarters for their sheep outfit which reached approximately 10,000 head at one time of their operation.

Two of the brothers married, Jack Sr. and Charles, but Will and Dave remained single to their deaths. The operation now known as Hynd Bros. consists of Herbert and Jack Jr., sons of Jack Sr.; Ewing, son of Charles, and E. R. Schaffer, son-in-law, who married Annie Hynds, daughter of Jack Sr. Each of the present owners have children but none of them are at present involved in the operation.

The corporation officers are Herbert Hynd, president; Ewing Hynd, first vice president; E. R. Schaffer, second vice president and Jack Hynd, Jr., secretary-treasurer. The four original brothers retired in 1946, and Jack Sr. and Charles, the two remaining of the original four brothers, live in Pendleton.

### Ranch Development and Management:

The original operation that was incorporated in 1902, the Sand Hollow ranch, was used as sheep range. This ranch was sold in 1944 to Orville Cutsforth. In 1907 the Ukiah ranch was bought, consisting of 2500 acres. Charles Hynd took management of this ranch which was used for summer range for sheep for a few years but soon changed to cattle and has been used as a part of the summer range operation. Adjacent to the Ukiah ranch is the Texas Bar forest allotment which summers 165 pairs.

In 1909, Dr. Frank Kistner, Heppner, asked Jack Hynd Sr. to lease his Willow Creek ranch with at least a part of the rent to be taken out in pay for sagebrush reclamation and eventually seeding alfalfa. The lease was culminated and in 1917 the ranch was bought in and was made "headquarters ranch" where four and five bands of sheep lambled each year until 1958 when the sheep were sold. This was, and is, also headquarters for wintering the cattle. At the time of its purchase this ranch consisted of approximately 2,000 acres. In the Cecil area now they have about 27,000 acres, most of which is winter and early spring range, much of which is leased. In later years two small ranches on Willow Creek were added to the original. This ranch is known as "Butterby Flats," named from High Butterby where the original Hynds family lived in England.

Holdings were added in an orderly manner to further develop one of their fine ranch layouts. It is ideal from the standpoint that it provides a high mountain summer range, foothill rangeland for early spring and late fall and an ideal wintering setup on the desert near the Butterby Flats headquarters. Added to the operation was the Freezeout ranch, consisting of 4,000 acres, which was purchased in 1919. It is used for summer range. In the mid-forties the Luckman ranch of 3,000 acres was purchased. This ties in with the Freezeout ranch. The brothers have 750 acres of deeded land at Granite in Grant county which was a part of their summer sheep operation which consisted mainly of forest reserves.

The operation now has 240 acres of irrigated land, the main ranch being used for hay production for wintering the cattle and some for sale; two small places on Willow Creek that are

in pasture; 80 acres of wheat-land; 7,000 acres in the Freezeout and Luckman ranches, 2500 acres of summer ranch in Ukiah plus Texas Bar allotment for 165 pairs; 750 acres at Granite; 27,000 on the desert, with their operation extended into Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla and Grant counties.

Continuously improving this ranch, the Hynds have developed 11 springs, dug 12 wells or drilled them and added concrete or steel tanks and pumps to provide a source of good clean water at all times. They have 15 to 20 ponds on the summer range. Three running springs through the Ukiah ranch provide an abundance of water that assists in distribution of cattle on the range. Original small grain fields at the Luckman, Freezeout and Ukiah ranches seeded to grass, as well as some seeding on the desert, totals 280 acres seeded over the past few years. The entire ranch operation is fenced and cross-fenced and a planned management grazing program is carried out. There are 85 to 100 miles of line and cross fences on these ranches.

There have been setbacks from time to time in putting together this operation. The first came in 1941 when Hynd Bros. was forced to sell 9,000 acres of desert range land near their headquarters for use by the Navy as the Boardman bombing range. Not only did they lose this rangeland but also improvements such as wells, fence and grassland improvement. Two years ago, because of a need for development, the State of Oregon persuaded them to sell 11,000 acres of this desert rangeland as a part of land being secured to encourage industrial development in the area. The Hynds, however, retained use of this range for a five-year period. One year of that period has passed.

Through proper range use the winter and spring desert range has been improved consistently. Once pitted by sand dunes, this land has been treated in such a manner by proper use that an excellent grass cover can be found on the entire operation under control by Hynd Brothers.

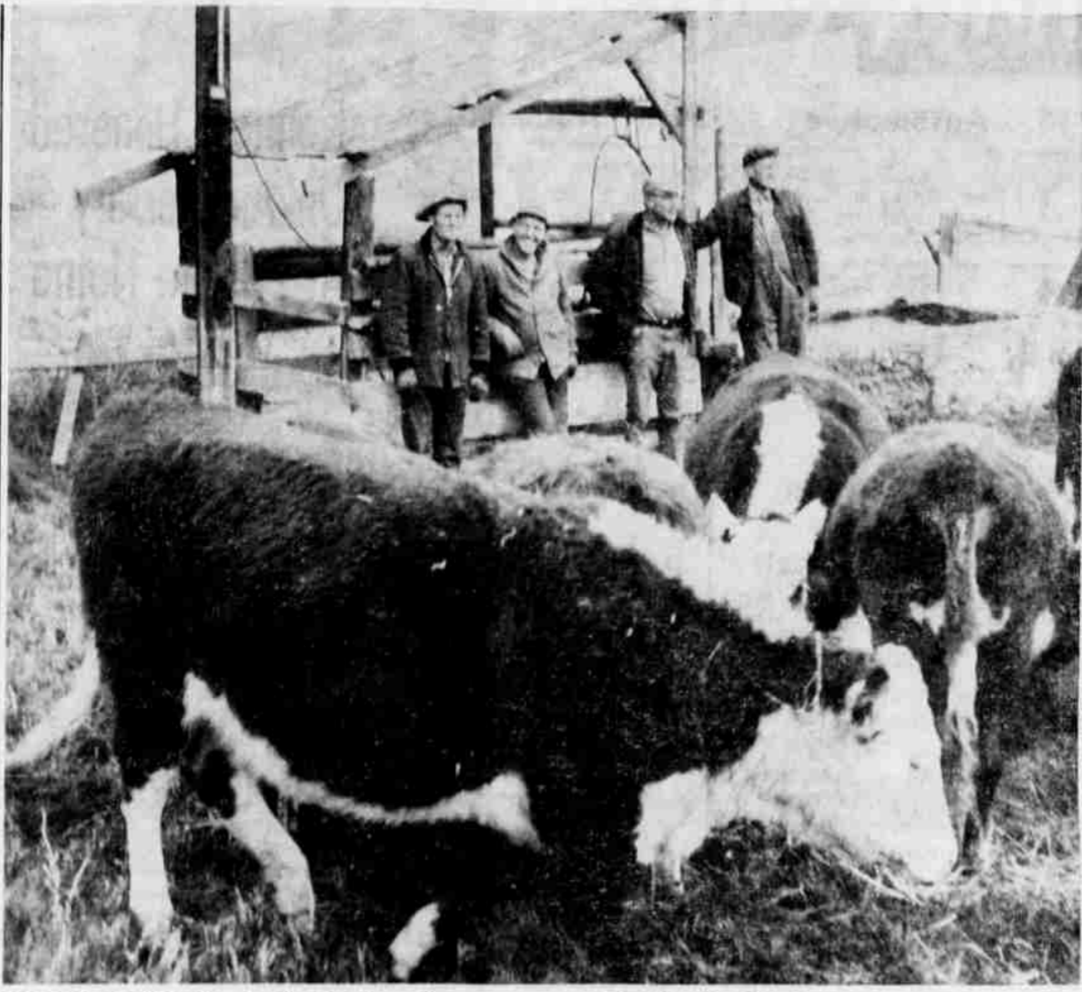
### Livestock Management and Improvement:

The type of operation is cow-calf with the calves being sold to a repeat buyer for several years. First delivery is made on approximately September 20 when calves are weaned from the cows summered at the Freezeout ranch. The rest of the calves are then delivered on October 20 as they are gathered on the Ukiah operation. Top market has been received each year, being sold by telephone as the quantity is established with this buyer.

At present there are 799 cows and heifers and 28 bulls. Every year a percentage of the cows are culled out, consisting of drys and older animals. One hundred head of heifers, on the average, are kept for replacements so that each cow is replaced every nine years. In making selections, the Hynd watch for good milkers and as a result have built up a cow herd that has plenty of milk for calves. Calving is done on the range if possible to get away from diseases which many times occur when calving in the feedlot. There is an average 94% calf drop.

Cows are wintered on the desert from approximately December 20 to June 1. The Texas Bar forest reserve calls for 165 head on June 1 and these are the first to be trucked from the Cecil ranch. Cattle are subsequently trucked to the Freezeout ranch and to Ukiah. The cow herd is trailed to the winter range in late December. Two-year-olds are kept close to the headquarters or in the feedlot if weather is such that they must be kept so that they can be watched. Cows are brought to the feedlot as they calve or are ready to calve if the weather is severe.

Calf quality is good with many selected to be fed out as 4-H calves. Replacement heif-



TWO-YEAR OLD Herefords, due to calve soon, are watched by the Hynd brothers on their Butterby Flats ranch near Cecil. The men, named 1962 Morrow County Livestock Men of the Year, are (from left) Ewing Hynd, Herb Hynd, Jack Hynd Jr., and E. R. (Schaf) Schaffer. The men are standing by a 30 ft. dug well with concrete trough. It has an ingenious device, consisting of float and siphon, that keeps water fresh, clean and free from freezing.

ers are calthod vaccinated for Brucellosis, vaccinations are made for black leg, malignant edema and shipping fever. A number brand is used for identifying cows and calves for selection of replacement heifers as well as a record of age.

Bulls are selected from breeding that are dwarfism-free and for size as well as for a background from good milking cows. Ewing Hynd, who is responsible for running the cattle, likes to buy groups of bulls of the same breeding. He has been having trouble in later years buying the kind that he likes. Those with big bone and that weigh a ton when mature.

While the range sheep were sold in 1958, a small farm flock of ewes is kept on the Cecil ranch.

### Citizenship and Community Services:

The Hynd Brothers are active in many county and community activities, a few of which follow: Jack Hynd Jr., is a member of the advisory school board at lone and secretary-treasurer of the Columbia Basin REA, a community service he has performed for many years. Herbert has been active in the Morrow County Livestockgrowers association and has been chairman of several committees. At present, he is on a special tax committee which is working on equalization of livestock property taxes. Ewing is past president of the Umatilla County Livestockgrowers association and was selected as Umatilla County Cattleman of the Year a few years ago. His wife, Beulah, is immediate past-president of the Oregon CowBelles.

### General:

The Hynd Bros. operation is one of the oldest corporations, if not the oldest, existing in the state of Oregon and perhaps in the entire Pacific Northwest. The men are proud of this and indicate that with such an operation as theirs, they must learn to give and take if the partnership is to be a successful, aggressive one. They point out that this is a working corporation with all involved active in the management and the operation. They radiate a pleasure and satisfaction in the continued development of their ranch and improvement of their livestock operation. Jack Sr., now 87 years old, was one of the original directors of the Morrow

Grazing association, organized in 1937, with the prime objective of range improvement in the large area which now consists of the Boardman Bombing Range and area adjacent to it. At that time migrant bands of sheep and other livestock were depleting this rangeland grazing the entire year.

Established ranches of the area organized to lease county and railroad lands, forming allotments with Bureau of Land Management rangeland, to establish regulations on the use of the range which has continually improved. The Morrow Grazing association of which

much credit can be given to Jack Hynd Sr., continued until three years ago when it was discontinued because of the sale and other use of lands which were originally used by these operators.

Ralph Richards of the Soil Conservation office here attended a 3-day snow survey school in Bend this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schoen, Redmond, spent the week-end here with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thompson, and family.

## Monument

MONUMENT—Mr. and Mrs. George Stirritt and Mr. and Mrs. Fred McWillis spent New Years day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Asher at their home between Dayville and Kimberly.

Helen Brown returned in December after spending three weeks with her son, Chester and family, in Hawaii. She spent Christmas with her son, Pete and family in Portland.

Theron King and Mrs. Iva Barnard drove to Pendleton Thursday to visit with his son, Earl Frank King and with Mrs. Theron King.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor DuBosch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roach spent the holiday vacation with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman DuBosch and daughter.

Mrs. Ellen Stubblefield spent Christmas with her son, Norris Stubblefield and family.

New Year dinner guests at the M. Stubblefield home were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Osborn and son of Fox, Mrs. Vera Gardner, Joe Elder, Harold Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. George Stubblefield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shanks and family of The Dalles flew up one day during vacation to visit his brother Fred Shanks and family and other friends.

The MMM club met Thursday at the home of Helen Brown. Next meeting will be February 7 at the Grace Stirritt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matteson, Doris Capon, Clara Flower, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forest and children were in Heppner Thursday morning on business.

Henry Durst drove to John Day Saturday to visit his wife, Ella who is a patient at the Medical Center.

Lynn Forest is a patient in the Vancouver, Wn., Veterans hospital and Mrs. Forest is staying at Brightwood with her daughter, Patsy.

Lee Jones of Bend was here for the week-end visiting his sister, Mrs. Theo Owings.

Miss Judy McInness and Miss Mary Emery returned to their schools at Caldwell, Ida., after vacationing with their parents.

A son, William Mark Neal, was born December 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Neal. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinton and Mr. and Mrs. Maney Neal.

Baptism was held at the Monument church Christmas evening for Mrs. Norris Stubblefield and three daughters and Miss Kathleen Thomas, daughter of Mr.

## Sew-Alongs to Start Club Exhibit Articles

The Sew-Alongs started the New Year out with a meeting at the schoolhouse on January 5. We worked on practice article seam finishes and selected our pattern and fabrics for main 4-H article which will be exhibited at our 1963 fair.

The next meeting will be held on January 18 when we are to have our patterns and fabrics for our main article. We will fit the pattern and cut main article and study the principles of fitting.

With Jane Rawlins as our leader, we now have 10 girls enrolled in either Phase IV or Phase V. These girls are Lynn Burkenbine, Joan Stockard, Carol Rawlins, Judy Smith, Rogena Wilson, Jean Stockard, Brenda Young, Susan Drake, Nonda Clark and Margaret Green. Five of these girls are also enrolled in Flower Growing II. These include Joan Stockard, Carol Rawlins, Jean Stockard, Susan Drake and Nonda Clark. The girls learned flower arranging last year and did an excellent job at the 1962 fair. Judy Smith, reporter

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice left Tuesday for Wickenburg, Ariz. They were taken down by their son, Edward, and will remain for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thomas. Dinner guests at the Rev. Kenneth Thomas home on Christmas were Mrs. Thomas' father, Rev. Brown and a brother and sister from Washington, also an aunt and two uncles from California. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and two children left Saturday evening for their home at the Sacramento Air Base after spending two weeks here visiting their parents and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams and Walter and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin and sister Margaret.

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