

West Polled Group To Hold Conference Here, Oct. 27-28

Approximately 500 people are expected to attend the Western Polled Breeders' conference here Oct. 27 and 28, according to Lyle Hoyt of the American Polled Hereford association.

The two-day meeting in the armory and at the county fairgrounds is expected to draw cattle men from the 11 western states.

Object of the conference, according to Hoyt, is to have well-qualified breeders present the plans, objectives, and techniques used in raising polled hereford stock which other stockmen can use for their own benefit. Another purpose is to assist production of better polled herefords everywhere, he said.

"There will be no college men nor extension men on the program," he commented. "All speakers will be successful breeders."

Breeders To Talk
One of the outstanding breeders on the program in the armory Oct. 27 will be F. L. Robinson, Kearney, Neb. He is expected to talk about breeding programs, drawing on his 40 years of experience.

Following him will be Russell Pfeiffer, manager for the Carnation Farms at Carnation, Wash. The farms owned by the Carnation Milk company are setting up an elaborate polled hereford breeding program similar to their dairy cow breeding program. The farms are world-famous for the latter program, Hoyt said. Pfeiffer will speak on looking ahead into the planned breeding program and using lessons learned in the dairy stock breeding program.

Freeland Farnsworth, Porterville, Calif., will explain how records can assist in the breeding program. He has kept a set of records over a period of 20 years on his operation.

Principal speaker at the Sunday evening banquet will be Don

Chittenden, secretary of the American Polled Hereford association, Kansas City, Mo. He will speak on "Looking Ahead with Polled Herefords."

The banquet will honor officers and directors of participating associations in the west. These include: American Polled Hereford association, Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association, California Polled Hereford association, Oregon Polled Hereford association, Idaho Polled Hereford association, Washington Polled Hereford association, Round-up Polled Hereford association with headquarters at Pendleton and West Cascade Polled Hereford association of western Washington.

Allyson Smith, publisher and owner of the Pacific Stockman livestock magazine will be toastmaster. Also speaking Sunday night will be Dick Hibbard, Imbler, Ore., national director of the American Polled Hereford association representing the district of Oregon, Idaho, Washington and western Montana.

Tentatively Scheduled
Tentatively scheduled to speak Sunday night is J. C. Holbert, Davenport, Iowa, rated as one of the three top after-dinner speakers in the United States, Hoyt said. He is also considered the largest individual feeder cattle dealer in America, Hoyt added. His topic would be what the commercial breeder thinks the purebred man should be doing.

Monday morning's session will start at 8:30 a.m. with a talk on the feeding and care of herd bulls and brood cows by Kenneth Vaughan, manager of the Elm Lane ranch, Fresno, Calif.

Following him at the speakers' table will be Jim Roan, former manager of the Four Daughters' Polled Hereford ranch at Ellensburg, Wash. He will speak on tips on feeding and fitting sale cattle.

Next speaker on the program

Pigs Said Neurotic, Hypnotism Employed

Most neurotic creatures are pigs, according to George Crocker, who describes himself as England's only full-time pig hypnotist.

"If their quarters are cramped or they suddenly see a stranger or somebody says hard words to them, it upsets them terribly," the hypnotist said. "I hypnotize pigs regularly to keep them fit and happy," he told those attending the recent Smithfield Livestock show in the United Kingdom.

will be Otha Grimes of Ogechee—farms of Fairland, Okla. He will speak on what production testing can do for a polled hereford herd. According to Hoyt, he has done more production testing than any other polled hereford breeder in America.

Another speaker in the Monday morning session will be M. P. Moore, Circle M ranch of Sanatobia, Miss., and vice president of the American Polled Hereford association. He will talk on some factors behind the nation's top polled hereford sales. He is rated as having the world's record top polled hereford sale for the last five years, Hoyt said.

Discussion Scheduled
A three-way talk will be held Monday afternoon on practical suggestions for raising polled herefords. Speakers are Chuck Eggleston of Polled Hereford World magazine, Kansas City, Mo.; Bob McKellar, northwest representative for the Pacific Stockman magazine and Sherm Guttridge, northwest representative for the Western Livestock Journal. The panel will be open to questions from the audience relative to their problems, Hoyt said.

Following the panel discussion cattle demonstrations will be given by Ralph Cook ranches, Medford; Bill and Gayle Woods, Eagle Point; Richard Ireland, Ashland; E. N. Lippert and Sons, Yankee Creek ranches, Medford; Table Top ranches, Medford; Mira Flores ranches, Medford; R. E. Smiley ranch of Grants Pass and the Applegate ranch of Jacksonville, Ore.

From Aug. 28 to Oct. 2, 1893, tornadoes in the United States killed 3,000 persons.

---CHIT CHAT---

By JOE COWLEY
Farm Editor

Editor's Note: The following is some talk or "chit chat" overheard from farmers in Jackson county about different items of agricultural interest. Much of it was picked up at Monday's county agricultural committee meeting in the courthouse.

Most of the early varieties of corn are in the silo in Jackson county. Average price of Bartlett pears is estimated at \$3.60 a box. Some still have cattle on pasture. In Klamath Falls they can't sell 'em. 18 cents is about tops for steers. This is for large steers. Good to low good steers weighing about 800 to 900 pounds. Number of trucks carrying cattle seen moving through the county. Considerable speculation as to who is shipping cattle into the county. Cows pretty weak at recent sales. Started dropping a month ago.

Charlie Hoover reports lot of "junk cattle" seen in Kansas recently as he was traveling through the mid-western and western states. Saw a lot of feed lots in Idaho but few cattle in them. According to a current stock publication, Montana, Utah, Idaho said to be considerably below average in the number of feeders available.

Number of cattle observed at the big sales in the county but nobody seems to know where they come from. A farmer-visitor to Long Beach, Calif., recently observed meat selling over the counter at \$1.50 a pound. Not even the beef men in California will buy at that price. On the hoof here beef is selling about 18 cents to 20 cents a pound. The sliced bacon is running 97 cents a pound. Lucky to get 27 cents for hogs.

Bulls all higher. Running about \$100 a head over last year. Lakeview sale, cattle running less this year than last year. Fertility test on bulls knocked down many 25 to 30 per cent in price.

Market about firm on dairy cows. Hogs down. Government urges farmers not to raise a lot of 'em. Charlie Hoover says mid-west is booming. Labor high. Big operators can't afford to raise hogs in quantities. Getting plenty of feeders in Arkansas. In Idaho, he says, feeder pigs are being marketed about 17 cents to 18 cents now, according to what he observed. In most of 11 western and mid-western states visited observed few feeder pigs. Didn't visit Nebraska where there are supposed to be plenty.

Each farmer can take a page out of the packing houses concerning careful management, a farmer remarks. Hoover remarks that after visiting 11 states, he is sure we have the best pasture here in the valley. Only California has corn as good as ours, he says. Can thank the Southern Oregon Experiment station for that.

Hoover says he discovered why cows are selling so high in the mid-west. Cow beef is mixed with a barbecue powder like that used in barbecued sausage. Makes delicious cow-burger. Gonna get some. All going for bacon-type of hogs, Charlie H. says.

Hoover also reports "farmers are feeling good in the mid-west in spite of hard feelings indicated in the egg tossing at Benson. Average Jackson county farmer has drifted away from raising hogs although Hoover and others advocate hog raising under current conditions. Used to be called "mortgage raisers." Probably high cost of grain drove the hog off the average farm, one farmer commented. That and the fact you can always smell a farmer, who raises hogs or silage, at least a mile away, another wryly commented.

Sheep don't look too hot. \$3 a 100 in the last four weeks. Fat lambs locally are selling about 18 cents. Quality lambs demanded. Ordinary pasture and feeds won't do. There are about 10,000 lambs in the valley and all of these are expected to go to Klamath to feed.

Government has set up a new program for farmers having comparatively small acreages of wheat. Under the new program wheat can be used on the farm for feeding, seeding and human consumption for allotment purposes. The Soil Bank program is frozen at 50 million acres nationally until the wheat prices decline.

Seed crops. Last month too dry for cutting, this month too wet. May be hay shortage by next spring. All hard seed, however, is not germinating. Have a chance to save most of seed crop if it is dried and thrashed.

Milo crop in California hit pretty hard with rain. Alfalfa is hurt locally. You're asking for trouble if you harvest the last of September. Acreage is down and yield down in hay locally. When recent rains hit part of one farmer's hay crop he used a manure chopper and spread it all over his fields.

Dairying. Every dairyman in the county seems to be borrowing more money. Cows and more quota. Farm Home Administration was scheduled for Roseburg last night. The directors hope to be more liberal with government money. Don't have much. It is estimated it costs \$35,000 to start a family farm in Jackson county according to FHA officials here.

Arden Dairy company buying into Grants Pass is expected to help this area. Should send a lot of milk into Eugene. Milk surpluses in Jackson county dropping. Good replacement cows now bringing \$175 to \$200. Not many good cows for sale. Mexico recently brought a lot of cows from Idaho. Union Pacific railroad has worked out a deal for cheaper rates on heifers being shipped into eastern Oregon and Idaho from Wisconsin.

Clover and grass hay is selling for about \$24 in the barn in some cases. Klamath hay is selling for \$16. Hay in eastern Oregon is bringing about \$12 a ton. Madras has a lot of hay this year. They're losing a lot of Klamath hay.

Those who sold turkey eggs on consignment last spring are still trying to get their money back.

Commission Meet To Be Held Friday For Beef Raisers

A hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Gold Hill Grange hall on need for creation of an Oregon Beef commission, farmers are reminded.

This will be a series of 17 hearings conducted by the state department of agriculture and held throughout the state from Oct. 15 to Nov. 1, according to Director Robert J. Steward.

The commission proposal affects all who are producing beef for the market, including those who sell dairy cattle for meat.

If the commission should be created, producers could be assessed up to 10 cents per animal on all sales for slaughter or for shipment out of the state. These funds would be restricted to use on solving problems associated with marketing of beef. The petition also places other limitations upon the beef commission.

The Oregon Cattlemen's association filed the petition in July asking for hearings and referendum on the commission. The scheduled hearings will help the commission determine whether there is need for a self-help program for the Oregon beef industry. If the department decides in favor of the petitioners, the proposed commission must still be approved by a producer vote.

The hearing applies to dairymen as well as stockmen since a number of dairy cows are also sold for beef.

Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which includes Cleveland, leads all other counties in the country in the amount of vegetable gardens under glass.

Chick Feathers Used For Wide Purposes

They say there's a use for everything and nobody knows it better than the farmer. Now this applies to chicken feathers.

During recent years chicken feathers have changed from waste to a part of fertilizer, feathers cooked and ground into a nutritious protein meal for livestock feed. Now they are being tanned.

In this new form they are considered more durable than wild duck down—which costs about \$5 a pound—in sleeping bags and arctic clothing.

The feathers are cleaned, dipped in preservatives, made water repellent, swelled and distorted and given more curliness by alkalies, and tanned in a new process developed by scientists at the University of Cincinnati. The Army gives top priority to this downy filler.

U. S. FARMER OLDER

The American farmer is getting older, according to census figures. The average age of the U.S. farmer today is 50 years, according to these figures. He was 49.6 years old in 1954, 48.3 in 1950, and 48 in 1940.

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Wheat Increasing In 1958 Acreage, OSC Man Reports

Oregon wheat farmers are increasing their 1958 acreage despite prospects of lower wheat prices, says M. D. Thomas, Oregon State college agricultural economist.

Thousands of Columbia Basin acres planted to barley last year are going back to wheat following changes in the 1958 Soil Bank program, the economist reports. Farmers can no longer increase barley plantings equal to their reduced wheat plantings under the "bank's" acreage reserve program.

The result has been a sharp drop in Soil Bank participation by Oregon's Columbia Basin wheat farmers. Arnold Bodtker, Portland, chairman of the state agricultural stabilization and conservation committee, reports only 22,000 wheatland acres signed into the acreage reserve for 1958 compared to 112,000 acres for 1957.

Wheat acreage may also be increased by a new aspect of the government allotment program. Farmers may now grow up to 30 acres of wheat providing all this wheat is used on the farm where produced. None of it may be sold or traded. Deadline for signing such an agreement was Oct. 15.

As in the past, farmers with allotments of less than 15 acres may harvest up to 15 acres and sell the wheat without penalty. Meanwhile, the national average support price for wheat can go as low as \$1.78 a bushel compared to \$2 for the last two crops, according to the U.S. department of agriculture.

Possibilities of Pacific Northwest wheat selling above support prices have also dimmed with prospects of decreased exports in 1958. Indications are that Public Law 480 which permits acceptance of foreign currencies for wheat will be discontinued next June, Thomas says.

Mongold Jersey Cow Sets Milk Record

W. D. Mongold, La Pine Jersey Farm, Route 1, Eagle Point, has a registered Jersey cow that has a record of 9,216 lbs. milk with 580 lbs. butterfat.

The record was announced by The American Jersey Cattle Club on La Pine Dandy Sirette which began her official herd improvement registry test at the age of 5 years, 4 months. The production was for a 305-day period.

Four other cows in the same Jersey herd were cited by the national breed organization for meritorious production records completed during the past three months.

The Oregon State College supervised the HIR tests of the above Jersey herd in cooperation with The American Jersey Cattle Club, Columbus, Ohio.

Oregon Poultrymen Plan Outlook Meet

Hard-pressed Oregon poultrymen will meet Oct. 25 at Portland to examine the 1958 outlook and possibilities for boosting sales and to debate advisability of seeking government production controls.

The outlook meeting of the Oregon Poultry and Hatchery association will start at 2 p.m. at the Mallory hotel, according to Noel Bennion, Oregon State college poultry specialist and association secretary.

Lloyd Geil, Chicago, manager of the Poultry and Egg National Board, will present a "blueprint for more sales." Another program highlight will be pros and cons on whether the industry should seek government production controls. Debating the issue will be poultrymen Howard Hughes, Hillsboro, and Bill Rogers, Eugene.

Bennion will report trends in production and prices, and Steve Cooper, manager of Brentwood Egg company, Portland, will give the market egg outlook. Dick Hanson, Corvallis, Oregon director of the American Poultry Hatchery federation, will report highlights of the federation's recent convention.

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Extension Classes Feature Soils Talk

The fall series of adult education classes on farm crops and soils began Monday evening, Oct. 7, in the Crater high school agriculture department classroom, according to Kenneth Noteboom, vocational agriculture instructor.

The first two-hour session starting at 8 p.m. was devoted to beginning soil fertility. A combination movie, lecture and discussion presentation was made by Ed Griggs, Crater high school vocational-agriculture instructor.

Approximately 17 people were present. Mrs. R. W. Larson and Mrs. Kermit R. Bickel enrolled with their husbands.

Nine more well-planned sessions remain in the course, Noteboom said. Anyone wanting information on farm crops and soils are welcome to attend.

Government Feature Planned For 4-H

A new educational feature of the Oregon 4-H club program will be initiated March 7 and 8 when older 4-H club members hold their first conference on government in Salem. Meeting theme is "Know Your State Government."

Purpose of the two-day session is to bring together candidates for trips to the National 4-H Club Conference next June in Washington, D. C. Workshops for 4-Hers and representatives of state government will be held during the conference.

Each county will be represented by one boy and girl, 16 or older. From this group, two young men and women will be selected for Washington trips.

Burton Hutton, state 4-H club extension leader at Oregon State college, said the new activity is designed to help Oregon's 29,600 4-H club members learn more about their state.

Poultry Bits Told By Wisconsin Man

A University of Wisconsin poultryman recently gathered up bits of poultry history.

Among these items are: Eggs were sold in barrels until 1900. The first incubator was advertised in this country in 1847 as an egg-hatching machine.

Farmers thought then it would be impossible to raise chicks without a hen. However, the first artificial incubation was practiced by the Egyptians and Chinese over 2,000 years ago.

Other items: Spanish explorers brought chickens to this hemisphere in the 1500's. Varro advised Roman poultrymen in 50 B.C., "The chicks ought to be driven into the sunshine, to make them stronger." In 1862, one author remarked, "We conceive it a good hen that will lay 150 eggs the first year, 130 the second, and 100 the third year, after which she should go to the pot."

Local Man Elected To Angus Group

Earl W. Hardin of Medford, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announced Frank Richards, secretary.

Hardin was one of the 205 purebred Aberdeen-Angus breeders in the United States elected to membership during the past month.

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Short Course Set For State Judges Of Horse Shows

The Old West's traditional love of "good hoss flesh" is undergoing a revival in Oregon that has boomed horse trading, horse shows, and brought an increasing need for horse judges.

To meet the needs of this new generation of "horsepower" enthusiasts, Oregon State college has scheduled a special short course on horse judging, Nov. 18 and 19, in cooperation with the Oregon Horsemen's association.

Instruction on how to select a horse, training and care of horses, and training of horse judges will be featured, reported Joe B. Johnson, OSC professor of animal husbandry and short course chairman.

Shortage of local official horse judges to handle Oregon's 50 or more horse shows each year requires frequent scouting of other states for judges, Johnson says.

Most recent upsurge in pleasure horses has come in Oregon's statewide 4-H club program. More than 1300 Oregon 4-Hers were enrolled in saddlehorse projects during the past year and increased interest in 4-H horse shows at county fairs this year prompted inauguration of a State Fair junior horse show.

Johnson says enrollment for the course will be limited to 120 persons, 18 years or older, to permit individual attention to students during afternoon "judging workshops." Lectures are scheduled for mornings.

Course instructors will include Leonard Milligan, noted quarterhorse breeder and judge from Colorado; Joe Biles, Portland, one of the west coast's leading trainers of show horses; Gene Stark, head of Washington State college's horse program; Jesse Bone, Oregon State college department of veterinary medicine; and A. W. Oliver, OSC dairy and animal husbandry department.

Advance registration blanks and details may be obtained from Johnson at the department of dairy and animal husbandry, Oregon State college, Corvallis. Enrollment fee is \$10.

Green Buttermilk Sold By New Zealand Farmers

New Zealand farmers wrote about last week also appear to be resourceful chaps.

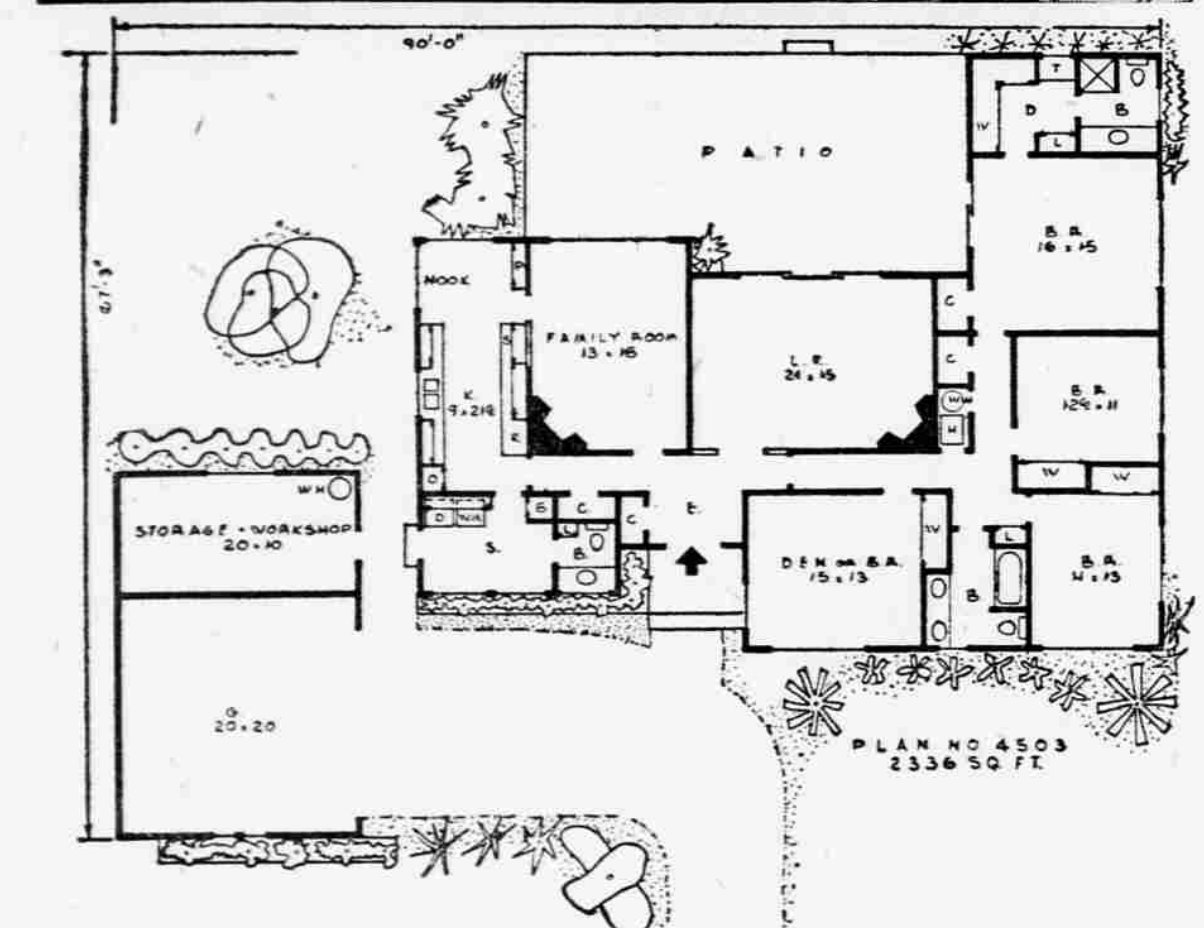
New Zealand is selling 160,000 pounds of green buttermilk to Malaya, according to a recent farm publication. This is powdered and a green dye added and shipped that way. It's used in Malaya as poultry feed and the green color is to make it distinguishable from milk.

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This Week's Town, Country House Plan



By HIAWATHA ESTES

Natural materials mark this 2336 square foot home with distinct individuality. Slabs of rich-hued flagstone face the chimney and part of the garage, extending to form planters for colorful flowers and greenery. Wide boards in vertical pattern contrast with the rough textured rock roof. A long horizontal frame unifies the front window grouping.

From a wide, covered landing, double panel doors lead to the entrance hall.

The center hall separates the quiet bedroom area from the work and activity part of the house. Half walls separate the living room from the entry to admit light to the hall.

places add cheer to both the living room and family room.

Cupboards, counter work surfaces, a pantry and modern built-in appliances combine for work-saving convenience in the kitchen-breakfast nook. Wide banks of casement windows keep rooms bright and sunny.

In the unusually large service room there is ample space for washer, dryer and ironer, as well as a frozen food storage unit. A handy half-bath provides a place for the children to clean up in muddy weather without tracking through the central part of the house.

The double garage is connected to the house by a breezeway. A boon to the man who dreams of having his own home workshop is the 10-by-20 foot workshop room adjacent to the garage.

The master bedroom, which opens to the patio, contains a dressing room, private bath and extra wardrobes. Three additional bedrooms allow for family growth. In a smaller family one bedroom could be converted to a den or study. All bedrooms are comfortably large, with ample wardrobes and high-set casement windows.

Closets for linens, storage and a forced air heating unit open from the center hall.

Complete working drawings of the above plan can be obtained at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set, when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available for a period of four months from this date. Please allow two weeks for delivery. If the above home does not entirely meet with your satisfaction, a new home plan book TOWN and COUNTRY HOMES may be purchased for \$1. Send all orders for either plans or books to: Hiawatha Estates, P. O. Box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.