

# Morse, Kicked in Kneecap by Horse, Tours Farm in Maryland

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Washington-(Special)—Sen. Wayne Morse has been kicked by another horse.

But this time the most anyone will be able to suggest is that he rattled his kneecap.

Eight weeks ago a horse kicked Morse in the leg—so injury which some of his political adversaries, notably Clegg, Luce last spring, have suggested rattled his kneecap.

Again, it was another horse which inflicted the wound on the veteran horseman. He was kicked when he walked behind a chestnut mare which had been brought to Morse's Maryland farm for breeding with his 15-year-old prize-winning stallion, Morse's Chief.

But the injury did not prevent Morse from taking a visitor on a limping tour of his growing livestock spread 33 miles north of Washington, D.C., in the rolling Maryland countryside.

**Doesn't Live on Farm**

The senator owns 74 acres, which he bought four years ago after renting the land some years. This was about the time the Morses sold their ranch in Washington where their three daughters grew up before making homes of their own elsewhere. The senator and Mrs. Morse don't live on the farm, they have an apartment in the capital. But on the farm they have converted a milk house into a cozy week end cabin where they can eat or the senator can spend the night if he is nursing a sick animal. The farmhouse is occupied by his farm manager, Herman Hubbell, who has been with him four years.

In addition to his own land, which is entirely in pasture

and fields, Morse currently rents acreage on two nearby farms for additional pasture and for growing corn and other feed.

Over these fields range his 100 chunky horses, each with a tag to identify it for various purposes. Noted in the cattle in England, Morse got only about 250,000 horses in this country, Morse said, but the number is rapidly increasing. Morse is in the market for 50 more Devons because he has a plentiful feed crop on hand for this winter.

He also has about 60 sheep, and some 100 hogs, a coop full of fancy chickens and a number of fancy birds dressed for the oven, several ponies and donkeys, several milk cows and an assortment of dogs.

With the aid of a cane, which became more of a crutch than a crutch, Morse conducted his tour in proud fashion from the barnyard, where he stood that mighty horned Devon bull which won first prize at the Oregon State fair, to the far pasture where his beautiful Palomino mare frolicked about with a new colt.

Much of the tour was conducted in a long black 1948 Cadillac which serves as his field inspection vehicle. It and three tractors and other farm machinery he owns were obtained at bargain prices by careful shopping around, mostly at sales, Morse said.

The senator even shops around to save money on feed. He is conducting an experiment on feeding his hogs wheat flour and stale bakery goods, obtained from local bakeries, and soft coal. They get no corn. Flour is half the price of corn, and Morse is convinced the hogs fattened faster on this new diet. Even so, he conceded ruefully, he lost money on hogs this fall

when the price dropped to 13c a pound. The coal supplies minerals for the hog diet, he explained. This winter he plans to try mixing this reject bakery flour with his cattle feed to fatten his Devons.

**Seeks More Meat on Cattle**  
His chief Devons experiment is in trying to develop poled cattle with as much meat as horned cattle. The advantage of poled Devons is that, not having horns, they don't bruise other cattle and don't require as much room when they nuzzle up to a commercial feed box. Horns can be removed, but this involves veterinarian fees, the risk of illness for the cattle and probable loss of weight.

Throughout the tour, Morse issued instructions to his farm hand for chores he wanted performed while he was away in Oregon this fall—selling two milk cows, filling the pit "silo" in which corn is stored, moving a young bull out of the herd of heifers and into the barnyard, keeping accurate notes on which heifers have been bred on what days, pulling down some barbed wire so the ponies won't cut themselves.

But no dilettante from the city, Morse comes by his cattle-rearing honestly. His father brought him up on a Wisconsin farm where they raised fine horses and Devons that won prizes at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition.

**Cane Forgotten**  
Before the afternoon was over, Morse had forgotten his cane. He had run after a sick chicken, had trotted toward a young colt to get it to run, so as to demonstrate to the visitor what a fine carriage the colt had; and had helped throw two calves to the ground in order to perform a simple, painless operation by which they will grow up as steers and be none the wiser.

For a man who knows the business, cattle raising represents a solid financial investment. Several other senators, realizing this, bought eight registered Black Angus cows and made a deal with Morse to put them with his herd for feeding and breeding. Morse and the owners then split the calves. Partners in this arrangement are Minnesota Senators Hubert Humphrey and Eugene McCarthy and ex-Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, who practices law in Washington.

But more than financial investment and an obvious love of animals appears to motivate Morse's week end labors in the country. He uses it as an outdoor change of pace from his indoor exertions in the Senate. As he puts it, as we chugged across the field in his "Black Orchid":

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# Oregon Democrats Face Problem of Choosing Delegates

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Salem—(UPI)—One of the most pressing problems now being faced by Oregon Democrats is how they will choose the 52 delegates they may send to their national convention set for Los Angeles next July.

Word came recently from the Democratic National Committee that Oregon will have 17 full votes at the convention instead of the 16 at the last one.

Party leaders seem to be in favor of splitting the Oregon delegation to get twice as many people with one-half a vote each. Adding the 18 alternates allowed would give a grand total of 52.

The only ones with sure berths on the delegation so far are National Committee man C. Girard Davidson and National Committee woman Virginia Grant. These two probably will be allowed to pick their own alternates.

Thirty-two Elected But this still leaves 32 delegates to be elected with half that many alternates to be chosen. Previously every delegate could choose his alternate.

Democrats around the state-house say electing so many delegates will be a touchy and interesting problem with so many potential presidential candidates capable of splitting the party.

Front runners are Sens. John Kennedy (D-Mass.), Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) and Adlai Stevenson of Illinois. No matter how large the Democratic delegation, it will be bound to vote for the winner of the Oregon preferential primary on the first ballot, until this candidates releases the votes, or until he gets less than 35 per cent of the convention votes.

**National Delegate Hike**  
A good many prominent Democrats in favor of various candidates may seek posts as delegates and their election would determine the political complexion of the big delegation.

An example might be State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukee) who is a Kennedy man himself. But many candidates could result in a wide split among the delegates to favorites. Committeeman Davis has suggested the problem of two delegates choosing an

alternate might be solved by the whole body of delegates getting together to choose them.

Nationally the increasing of Democratic delegates from 1,978 to 1,511 favors northern candidates. Most increases were made in the North although each state got at least one additional vote.

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