

## Seed Industry Representatives Tour Seed Centers of Western Europe

Corvallis - Five Oregon seed industry representatives are scheduled to tour seed centers of Western Europe during this month to study trends affecting United States seed exports to the region. The goodwill, fact-finding tour will take the team into England, the Netherlands, West Germany, and France. The group left May 2 and will return June 1. Main objectives are to study increased uses for Oregon-grown seed in the region, possible effects of European Common Market trade agree-

ments on U.S. foreign seed sales, and a first-hand study of international seed regulations governing seed imports into European countries. Delegates are Robert Cale, Albany, and Amos Furness, Silverton, both seed growers; Robert Peterson, Corvallis, representative of Northern King of Albany; Fenn Emerson, of Chas. H. Lilly Company, Albany; and Rex Warren, Oregon State University extension farm crops specialist. The trip was planned through the Oregon Seed

council in cooperation with the USDA Agricultural Service. In addition to furnishing services of the survey team, the Oregon seed industry is contributing \$3,000 toward expenses of the study. **FAS Helps In Cost** Foreign Agriculture Service is sharing costs through Public Law 480 funds obtained from foreign sales of U.S. farm products. A percentage of income from such sales is earmarked for overseas market promotion. Oregon groups helping finance the study are the Oregon Seed League, Oregon Ryegrass Association, the Highland Bentgrass Association, the Cheung and Red Creeping Fescue commissions and Oregon seed dealers. Part of the team's salesmanship program for Oregon seed includes distributing samples of nine seed varieties, along with brochures and other information, through offices of agricultural attaches in host countries. "We hope to work out agreements with agricultural experiment stations in those countries to test Oregon seed for possible widespread use," Warren stated. Samples are Highland bentgrass, Rainier red fescue, Pennlawn red fescue, Linn perennial ryegrass, Oregon

annual ryegrass, Gulf annual ryegrass, alta fescue, Potomac orchardgrass, and Latar orchardgrass. Ten pounds of each variety of top grade seed will be distributed in 1/2-pound lots. **To Study Agreements** The team will study seed certification agreements for seed moving in international trade under a program sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development of which the U.S. is now a member. They will attend the International Congress of Seedsmen at Evian, France, May 27 to 30, that is expected to attract seed producers and dealers from 25 countries seeking first-hand information on how the European Common Market may affect trade relations and movement of seed. The tour will include observation of trial plantings of Oregon perennial ryegrass made in England and Germany in recent years. Oregon has hosted similar teams from England and Germany during the past few years. A French team will tour seed centers of the Pacific Northwest in June. They will be guests of the Oregon Seed Council from June 5 to 14 and of the Washington Crop Improvement Association the following week.

## 250 People Attend Tour Of Valley Hereford Ranches

By JOE COWLEY  
Mail Tribune Farm Editor  
Approximately 250 people, some from as far away as Nevada, attended the all day Cal-Ore Hereford association tour through the south end of the Rogue valley Sunday. Cold, blustery weather caused the cattlemen and their families to turn out in heavy coats and jackets, but did not dim their interest and enthusiasm. Eddie Meeker, Phoenix area cattleman, said similar tours throughout the United States turn out 150 at the most. Last year's tour into the north end of the valley and part way into Josephine county turned out many more, tour leaders reported.

The chilly weather which had spread a light, spring blanket of snow on surrounding hills did not dim the enthusiasm with which cattlemen and visitors attacked the tender steaks and hash-brown potatoes turned out over open fires chiefly by Bill Bigham, Eagle Point cattleman, and Earle Jossy, Jackson county extension agent. Members of the tour party, some with babes in arms, crowded up to the plank tables set on bales of straw as a sharp wind swept across the Don Nichols' ranch adjoining Emigrant lake. **Sale Preview** The tour was actually a preview of the annual Cal-Ore Range Ready Bull sale set for Oct. 12. First tour stop was at the Arrowhead ranch which has long been a scenic landmark on the Phoenix-Hillcrest rd. The ranch is owned by Dave Holmes of Bear Creek Orchards and managed by Eddie Meeker. The tour wound through the pastures and corals flanking the red farm buildings. There they saw the results of line breeding with Beau Donalds with which Meeker started in 1956. In October of that year he purchased 30 head of Beau Donald females and a herd bull from the famous Curtice Martain ranch at Stevensville, Mont. Later he purchased two herd bulls and 13 heifers from the same ranch. He is aiming at a 150 cow herd. Meeker told the tour that 14 steers gained a 111 pound average in 90 days and 17 head 56 pounds over the same period. **Chloe Small Ranch** Next stop was at the Chloe Small ranch in Fern valley. Chloe about two years ago purchased 20 Curtice Martin heifers, and one bull of the same line as the Arrowhead ranch herd (Beau Donald) a year ago. The former California contractor is aiming at 80 cows which he hopes to turn over to his son later on. Small's animals showed the same thickness and good bone that the Arrowhead herd showed. Small noted the uniformity of this type of animal no matter on which ranch it is found. He displayed his four-year old bull and heifers weighing 1,100 to 1,300 pounds at two years. The noon stop was at the Don Nichols' ranch adjacent to Emigrant lake. Mr. and Mrs. Don Nichols are another young couple who have tied

their future to development of pure-bred beef stock in the Rogue valley. Nichols has range rights for 122 head of cattle in the Keen creek range of the Hiatt lake area. Spookin to the touring cattlemen Sunday afternoon, Nichols stressed his animals are range-ready. Unlike the owners of some ranches on the tour, Nichols makes his entire living from sale of his animals. The Nichols' herd consists of 80 head of registered Hereford cows of Old Line Chandler and Crowe breeding. These cows are descendants of the 10 head of Old Line Chandlers Don purchased from 1944 to 1946. **Raised Replacements** Since then Don has raised all of his replacements except for nine head of bred heifers purchased from the Dudley-Parker ranch, Gazelle, Calif., in the fall of 1959, and 12 head of Old Line Chandler—Mark Donald 91st bred cows purchased from other Ashland breeders—Howell and Lydia Cook—in June, 1961. "I try to keep in mind that the purpose in raising livestock is to convert low cost roughage into sellable stock," the young rancher said. The Howell Cook ranch on Butler Creek rd. in the Valley View area is a small, but promising operation which literally received a "shot in the arm" from the revived Cal-Ore Range Ready Bull sale last fall. Cook's six bulls in

the sale averaged \$660. One bull placed third high Hereford and sold for over \$900. Cook had been gradually dispersing his Old Line Chandler herd up to the time of the sale. But, seeing the sale results has decided to build his herd up again. Cook is a lumber-grader. The Mel Tinker ranch of four acres at the home place is another small, but promising operation. Tinker leases additional acreage. He has 30 head, counting calves. The well-painted buildings, lush green pastures and variety of farm animals give the ranch a picture-book farm appearance. **From Ireland** Tinker got his animals from the Dick Ireland Hereford ranch up the road so features the President Mischief and Gold Colonel polled Hereford lines. He started his herd two years ago. He is a former "powder monkey" in California oil fields, worked in produce and is now working on landscaping in California. Dick and Gloria Ireland are a good example of a couple making it on their own. Dick recently has added to his polled Hereford bloodlines of President Mischief and Gold Colonel by adding Domestic Anxiety and Domestic Mischief bloodlines from the Barnett Hereford ranch from Melvin, Tex. Cattlemen were impressed by a large bull Ireland displayed out of a President Mis-

chief cow and a Gold Colonel bull. Ireland has been raising Herefords since he was nine years old and is now 26 years old. He has been making his living from them for the last five or six years here. This fall Ireland expects to have a 125 or 130 cow herd on his 400 acres. He recently purchased equipment to irrigate 270 acres of the 400. Every year the Cal-Ore Hereford tour definitely points out a small, but strong purebred beef industry which is gaining momentum. Much of the farm land purchased by newcomers to the valley is used for developing purebred

beef stock. The interest and participation in Sunday's tour is a sure sign that pure-bred beef will be part of the Rogue valley's future.

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## County 4-H's Top Dairy Show

Jackson County 4-H's topped all three showmanship classes at the Spring Dairy Show in Grants P.s., May 19, reported Gerald Brog, 4-H agent.

Richard Bottger, Ruch, was judged winner in the senior division and won over Sue Ann Morrow, junior division winner and David Strickland, intermediate champion for the championship trophy donated by the Rogue Valley Jersey club. Both Miss Morrow and Strickland are members of the Rogue River 4-H Dairy club.

The Applegate Dairyaters received the award for having the largest percentage of club members participating in the show.

Jackson county placings in this first show of the season were:

Seniors: First, Richard Bottger, Ruch; second, Georgia Hubbard, Antelope; third, Mary Ann Cantrall, Ruch; fourth, Jerry Moore, Eagle Point; sixth, Karen Jossy, Antelope.

Intermediates: First, David Strickland, Rogue River; second, Don Turner, Rogue River; third, Adrienne Brion, Applegate; fourth, Clare Lou Martin, Rogue River.

Junior Division: First, Sue Ann Morrow, Rogue River; second, Steven Strickland, Rogue River; third, Laura Foerst, Applegate; fifth, Allison Brion, Applegate; sixth, Beth Krouse, Applegate; eighth, Marilyn Winingham, Applegate; 10th, Henry Hopewell, Eagle Point.

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