

Hornbrook Couple Collects Horse Bits; Owns Arab Stallion

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Hornbrook - "I was born in a stable, and been there ever since," says tall, white-haired R. E. (Tex) Ewell with a chuckle. "Is the story of my life."

That's when his interest in horses began - when he was born - some 72 years ago in Richmond, Va. As a young man, he drove for the old Sells-Floto circus, and later drove a "6 and 8" for the Standard Oil company. So it was only natural that, as a hobby, he should choose something connected with horses - and he began to collect bits.

His first collection was a small one which he sold in 1915 when he joined the Richmond Blues, a division of the U.S. Cavalry in World War I. After the war, another collection was started and later it, too, was sold.

But his interest has been whetted, and several years ago, Mr. Ewell took up his hobby again. Gathered from all over the world, his collection now totals 260 bits, and is still growing.

Ring Bit
Of interest historically is what is perhaps the oldest in his collection - a ring bit, found in Marrakech, Morocco, and sent to him by a friend. Weighing 3 1/2 pounds, the bit was finished with stone before the days of files. A history accompanying the bit indicates that it went into Jerusalem with the Crusaders in the days when knights and their mounts were clad in armor.

Another, of cast bronze, is from Arabia, and is estimated to be 400 years old. From London, an elaborate one trimmed in brass bears the inscription, "V. R. Victoria Regina - and reportedly was used by a general of the British army during the long reign of Queen Victoria.

Cavalry Pieces
Many of the bits are the old time "horror" bits that tore a horse's mouth to pieces, and there is also one piece representative of those used by the U.S. Cavalry and dating from the Civil War.

A "conversation piece" in his collection, and a source of amusement, is a pair of spurs which came from Mexico to Ashland about 1850. The story of the spurs, as told to Tex, was that the wearer of the spurs found himself in a bit of trouble in Ashland, and found his sudden flight on foot hampered by his 10 1/2 inches long, 1 1/4 pound spurs; so he quickly shed his impediments. They were picked up and kept by an interested bystander, and on her death many years later, were given to Ewell by a member of her family.

Arab Stallion
Deeply interested as they are in their hobby, the real pride and joy of both Tex and his wife, Glenna, is their dark chestnut Arab stallion, Malaikah. Bred at the Kellogg ranch at Pomona, Calif., Malaikah's grandsire, Raseyn 597 in the General Stud book, was Kellogg's first importation from England. His sire was Ferseyn in 1381 in the GSB and his dam was Rancee 1860.

Now 15 years old, Malaikah has been a member of the Ewell "family" for the past three of the six years they have lived in Hornbrook. Their home, on the south side of the Klamath river, was built in 1890, and is the only one of the original buildings left of the old lumber town of Klamath, which was wiped out by two disastrous fires many years ago.

Edited Page
For eight years, Ewell wrote the Arab page for the Western Horseman magazine, from the time of the first issue in 1934 until the death of the owner and editor, Paul Albert, in 1942. This gave him an opportunity, Ewell felt, to try to correct the erroneous impression held by the number of people around the country that Pintos and Albino are Arabs.

As a sideline, Ewell has

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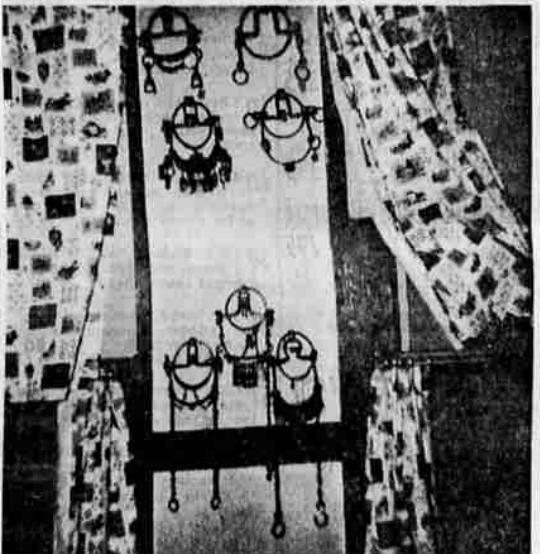
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PROUD OWNERS - In addition to their collection of horse bits, the Ewells also are the proud owners of this Arab stallion Malaikah, bred at the famed Kellogg ranch at Pomona, Calif.



FROM ARABIA - Mrs. Ewell displays a cast bronze bit from Arabia, one of the prize bits in the family's collection.



UNUSUAL COLLECTION - Displayed here are some of the fancier bits in Mr. and Mrs. Ewell's collection. They have 260 bits in all, and the collection is still growing.

done a great deal of leather work, such as the making of saddles and bridles, although he has had to curtail much of his work in leather because of arthritis in his hands.

Mrs. Ewell helps her husband with the horses, and also gives riding lessons.

Gift Established By Salem Resident

Corvallis - A new poultry research scholarship that will carry a stipend of \$2,400 for the 1962-63 school year has been established at Oregon State University by the estate of a Salem man.

The study grant was provided in the 1961 will of Artemus Dalton Wilcox of Salem, in memory of his brother who was graduated in 1914 from the college in poultry husbandry.

The scholarship will be known as "The Chester M. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund." It will go each year to an outstanding student in poultry husbandry, according to F. E. Price, dean and director of agriculture.

Low Cost Student Loan Program Planned

Portland - UPI - A low cost loan program for students has been announced here by two banks.

Ralph J. Voss of the First National Bank and E. J. Kolar of the U.S. National Bank revealed the plan.

The loans would go to needy students who have satisfactory records. No collateral would be needed. The money would be repayable in 36 monthly installments starting five months after graduation, at six per cent simple interest.

COUNCIL TO MEET

Portland - UPI - The annual mid-summer meeting of the National Industrial Council's State Association groups will be held here Aug. 13-17.

PP&L Manager at Grants Pass Doubts Feasibility of PUD

Grants Pass - A proposed people's utility district in Josephine county would be feasible under certain conditions, according to the state engineer's office. The ruling has opened the possibility for a vote on the PUD this fall if sponsors of the measure are able to get 5 per cent of the voters in the area to sign petitions before Aug. 28.

William Meyer, district manager for Pacific Power and Light Co., had this to say about the report:

"In looking over the report made by the state engineer it seems evident that the proposed PUD scheme for Josephine county could not possibly make good on the rate reduction claims made by its proponents during the public hearings, and would be a very marginal operation.

"The report indicates that approximately \$16 million in bonds would be required to take over the company's properties by condemnation and to provide materials and supplies and needed working funds. The length of time that would be required to pay off such an amount of debt is estimated in the report to be at least 30 years.

"It is important for the residents of Josephine county to understand that the state engineer has drawn attention to the fact that the proposed district would also have to make its own arrangements for its power supply since there are no power generating plants in the county. Pacific Power generates the electric power it supplies in Josephine county at its power plants located in other counties and delivers it over the company's own lines.

"The engineer's study also states that the cost of delivering a power supply into the county has not been included in the estimated cost of operating the district nor in calculating the total bonds needed for the district."

University Loans Assist 3,210 Students in Year

Eugene - More than one-half million dollars in university administered loans assisted 3,210 University of Oregon students during the past school year.

J. O. Lindstrom, university business manager, announced that a total of \$539,267 was loaned.

The university's student loan fund supplied \$237,045.53 to 2,670 students. Loans from the National Defense student loan program totaled \$302,222 and went to 540 students.

In 1960-61, the total of all loans was \$533,142, or \$6,125 less than the 1961-62 total.

Total Given

"Today the University of Oregon loan fund is over \$1,200,000," Lindstrom said. Of that, roughly \$400,000 represents gifts made by friends of the university and a little over \$800,000 represents United States National Defense loans.

Student loan funds are administered by a student loan committee. Factors considered before loans are granted are the student's scholastic record, his reputation for reliability, his need for aid and ability to repay, and the effort which he has made to assist himself.

Any student who has been enrolled in the university for at least one term and has a cumulative grade point average of at least a C may obtain an emergency loan for a period of three months or less. To be eligible for a long-term loan, a student must have a grade point average of at least 2.50, which is halfway between a B and C. The interest rate for long term loans is four per cent.

Swells Fund

Last summer, the University of Oregon was allotted \$250,000 under the National Defense student loan program, swelling the already existing fund to more than \$800,000.

Students who apply for these loans are judged on a priority system established to meet federal standards, based on the prospective major interest of the applicants. First consideration is given to students planning to become regular teachers in elementary or secondary schools, and second consideration is given to students intending to major in science, mathematics, or modern foreign language.

As long as the student spends his full time in college, he need not make payments on the loan, and his first payment does not come due until a year after he leaves college. He may then repay the loan over a 10-year period at three per cent interest.

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