



QUALITY HEREFORDS—The Frank Day herd in Siskiyou county is famous for its quality, according to local cattlemen. It is typical of Shasta valley herds. (McKinney photo)



LOADING OUT—This group of Herefords are being loaded for market. Cattle trucks are replacing cattle drives in which the settlers of Shasta valley participated. (McKinney photo)



HOY'S HEREFORD RANCH
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RANCH SIGN—This sign marks the Hoy's Hereford ranch run by A. B. Hoy and son in Siskiyou county. Eldon Hoy, ranch manager, was raised in the business. This is the first registered herd.



GRAZING CATTLE—A large group of the lush valley which runs from the Mt. Herefords are shown grazing on Shasta valley Eddy range to the Klamath river. (McKinney photo)

Siskiyou County Town Noted As Cow Capitol Of World

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Gazelle, in central Siskiyou county, is a modest, unassuming little town. However, it is becoming known as the cow capital of the world.

There are 70,000 head of beef cattle in Siskiyou county. Fully half of that number are in Shasta valley. A conservative estimate is 30,000 head. An additional 2,500 head of dairy stock also graze there. And Shasta valley is less than 30 miles long from where it starts at the Mt. Eddy range to where it loses itself in the Klamath river.

Plenty of cheap, available water, rich volcanic ash soil, and a mild climate for so far north, early cattle industry development, plus a band of dedicated cowmen shoved it along.

The first registered cattle brand in northern California was recorded for Samuel Jackson at Nearby Edgewood in 1852. A grandson of the original Samuel Jackson, Samuel C. Jackson, Siskiyou

county supervisor, still runs cattle on the same range as did the Samuel Jackson of more than 100 years ago. Forerunner of the present Foulke cattle company at Gazelle was the Edson company which registered a brand in 1854. This holding changed to Edson and Foulke company, and to the present Foulke cattle industry. The change was slight and gradual.

The region must have been a famous pre-historic grazing empire long before the Jacksons and Foulkes came. Scientists have found remains of mastodons near Gazelle that roamed the valley so many years ago it is difficult to fix a time. Of course, they didn't carry a registered brand.

John Cavanaugh, early-day settler at Edgewood, was the first exponent of fine cattle in Shasta valley. He ran to Durhams. But it remained for the late A. B. Hoy to establish the first registered herd. The Hoy Hereford ranch near Edgewood caters to fine bloodlines and superior cattle. It was established in 1920 and is managed by a son, Eldon Hoy, who was raised in the beef industry.

Eldon Hoy said he had to bulldog a steer before his father would let him shave, or have the family car on Saturday nights. Building up to the numbers mentioned in the beginning, one has but to drive through Shasta valley to see the numbers of cattle. On the Valentine ranch near Big Springs are more than 1,000 head. Other ranches have nearly as many and every ranch has a few "cows." A drive out among the junipers growing up between lava rocks, one sees the white faces of Hereford, or the stubby bulk of Black Angus, although scattered.

Among forward-looking cowmen who cater to good stock are: Frank Day, Jess Martin, Leonard Shelley, the Flocks, and Longs in Little Shasta; Ralston, Giger, Hessig, and others around Grenada. They make this Shasta Valley town a cow center. Morris Prater has long been identified with beef cattle as have many others. All prefer the cattle business to any other.

The old saw that one can always tell a cowman — but you can't tell him much, does not hold true. They are scientific cattle raisers who study all the angles as much as a fruit grower. It is a highly competitive business and those who remain must keep abreast of the times.

State Corn Show Set For Dec. 1

Corvallis—Oregon corn producers will show the best of their product at the 21st annual State Corn Show Dec. 1 at the Clackamas County fairgrounds in Canby. The Clackamas county corn show will be held at the same time. The show will open to the public at 8 a.m.

In addition to seeing the cream of Oregon's 1962 corn crop, the public can watch judging contests, inspect exhibits prepared by Future Farmers of America chapters and view other educational exhibits, according to Don Brewer, Oregon State university extension certification specialist and chairman of the show committee.

The judging contests will begin at 10 a.m. Adult growers, 4-H club members and FFA youths will compete in separate events.

Growers of yellow field corn will enter 10 ears of their 1962 crop for honors in this class. In this event, the state is divided into four districts with each district winner then competing for the sweepstakes prize, Brewer explained.

Working with Brewer on the show committee are Clive Cook, Clackamas county extension agent; Lud Heyman, Albany corn seed grower; Lewis Nichols, agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Leonard Kunzman, Salem, of the state Vocational Agricultural Department; Glenn Klein, OSU, state extension agent in 4-H and former Jackson County agent; Ed Blinkhorn, Oregon City, representing the agricultural committee of the Oregon Bankers association; Otto Kraxberger, Canby grower; Rex Warren, OSU extension farm crops specialist; and Dr. Fore.

Last year's sweepstakes winner in the hybrid-yield contest was Gayle Pratt, Stanfield 4-H club member, who produced a yield of 156.8 bushels per acre. Joe Hobson, Jr., Ontario, won the 10-ear exhibit sweepstakes honor.

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Many Valley Men To Participate In Fruit Session

Several Jackson county growers and processors are scheduled to take active parts in the 77th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society at Oregon State university Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 28-30.

More than 1,000 persons representing all phases of Oregon's multi-million dollar horticultural industry are expected to attend, according to James Smart, Salem, society president. Registration opens at 8 a.m. each day at Withycombe hall. Educational exhibits will be on view in the food technology building.

Mechanical harvesting and use of agricultural chemicals and research reports will highlight the meeting. Sessions of the society's apple and pear section will open Wednesday afternoon and continue until Friday noon. The small fruits, stone fruits and vegetable sections will start meeting Thursday morning and conclude Friday afternoon.

Of special interest to growers this year will be reports on wind damage to Oregon orchards, along with researchers' comments about new varieties and rootstocks which might be used to replace damaged trees, Smart said.

Pear Decline
In the opening apple and pear section meeting, the program will start with 1962 reports on pear decline from Thomas A. Shalla, plant pathologist with the University of California at Davis; Earl C. Blodgett, superintendent of the Prosser, Wash., quarantine station; C. B. Cordy, Jackson county agent, and R. C. Lindner, plant pathologist at the Wenatchee, Wash., Tree Fruit Experiment station.

Quentin B. Zielinski, OSU horticulturist, will report on new strains of apples and pears. Growers will receive a guided tour through the OSU greenhouses to see the virus control work being conducted by John A. Milbrath, OSU pathologist, who will also speak on heat treatment for virus elimination.

Thursday morning, the session will open with a discussion of orchard weed control and then will hear a report on a time and motion study of harvesting methods from Donald Langmo, OSU agricultural economist. Insect resistance to chemical sprays will be the topic for representatives of three chemical companies. Ken Smith, Medford, will preside at the Thursday morning session.

Friday afternoon, Peter Westgard, entomologist at the OSU Southern Oregon Experiment station, and F. E. Ellertson, entomologist at the OSU Mid-Columbia Experiment station, will discuss insect control with emphasis on mites and pear psylla. New trends in the control of scab and mildew will be a report from Duane Coyler, U. S. Department of Agriculture plant pathologist stationed at Hood River.

O. C. Compton, OSU horticulturist, will report on tree fruit nutrition and Elmer Hansen, OSU horticulturist, will report on controlled atmosphere storage for apples and pears. Arieh Zerem, agricultural extension agent from Israel, will discuss types and adaptabilities of dwarfing rootstocks.

Donald Berry, Jackson county extension agent, will participate in a panel discussion of concentrate spraying in the Thursday stone fruits

section meeting. There will also be reports on new sweet cherry varieties. Friday, the section will turn to such subjects as mechanical harvesting, prune varieties and rootstocks and a report on the serious sweet cherry disease observed in 1962.

Soil fumigation will be one of the subjects discussed in the Thursday small fruits section meeting, along with factors affecting behavior of chemicals used in agriculture. Friday there will be reports on mechanical harvesting and effects of storage of strawberry plants.

During the society's general sessions, Sen. Wayne L. Morse will speak on the 1962 trade expansion act and what it means to Oregon's horticultural industry and a panel will consider "A Legislative Program for Horticulture." Panel members will be headed by State Sen. Walter Leth, Salem, a society trustee.

Outstanding strawberry growers in the state will be honored at the strawberry luncheon Thursday noon. Guest speaker will be Manuel Moran, Mexico City processor, who will tell of the development of the strawberry industry in Mexico.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. will be the main speaker at the annual banquet Thursday night. A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Hartman Cup for outstanding service to the industry. Stephen G. Nye, Medford, immediate past president of the society and chairman of the cup committee, will make the presentation.

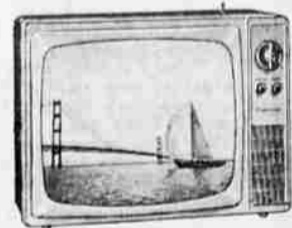
Paul Culbertson, Medford, is a society vice president and is serving as chairman of the resolutions committee and a member of the legislative committee. David Lowry, Talent, is first vice chairman of the research and scholarship committee and a member of the resolutions and legislative groups.

Talent Man Chairman
J. Bruce Cyphers, Talent, is chairman of the apple and pear section committee. Working with him are Orville C. Hamilton, Central Point; Michael Thorniley, Talent; Martin Luther Jr., Medford, and Cordy as secretary of the committee. Hamilton is also a member of the nominating committee.

Members of the stone fruits section committee are C. Lyle Kinney, Medford, and Don Korh, Talent. Ward Spatz, Medford, is on the committee for constitution and by-laws revision, and Shelby Tuttle, Medford, is on the membership committee.

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