



CAL-ORE TOUR - Henry Owens, White City, displayed his young bulls during last Saturday's winter feeding tour of ranches at the north end of the valley. Henry be-

Chit Chat

By JOE COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

Last week we were down in the land of the cliff-dwellers and cable cars on business and monkey business. Monkey business, because the wife, Little Bit and Little Bit More wanted to see the famous San Francisco zoo which they did and which was worthwhile. We aren't sure who had the most fun, the people watching the monkeys or the monkeys watching the people.

San Francisco in spring is like Paris in Spring - bedecked with flowers and smiles. And people who have seen both say this is true. Flowers from the huge bouquets on street corner vending stands. Smiles from the elderly Chinese who suddenly finds the shy little hand of a two-year-old girl slipped into his own. It seems he and her dad were wearing the same color of trousers. A brief smile from the waiter at Grotto Nine, Fishermen's Wharf, until he discovers no more than a quarter tip on his tray.

The cable car rumbles and squeals up the hill as a tall building seems to tip skyward at a crazy angle. We understand the cable car run is more fun when the car is full of cocktail hour customers, and particularly for those hanging on the outside as it rounds a sharp curve. One of a group of visiting educators told us so.

Houses jammed against each other on steep hills convinced us even more of the urgent need for countywide zoning and planning. A transplanted midwesterner convinced us even more when he casually mentioned that land in the Rogue valley was being well advertised in San Francisco.

Travelling northward and homeward bound we again passed flowering almond trees, small oranges forming on their trees, dark green fields with water in irrigation ditches and hillsides dotted with beef animals and sheep. The smaller beef ranches are going out in the Orland-Wilows country, we were told. Probably because the smaller rancher doesn't have a large enough operation for an economical unit and quite often, too, because he still follows granddad's way without changes.

Recreation is the coming big business in the west a newspaper friend said jabbing a coffee counter with a blunt forefinger. We became convinced of it when we started passing a string of wheels under skis. The small sports cars give the bay area people more miles to the gallon to get up into northern California ski areas. Next stop for these skiers will be Mt. Ashland.

Horses, too, are increasingly popular. We fail to understand why the county court can't see the need for a more adequate fairgrounds and bridge trails to provide for the increasing horse activities in this area. A man from Berkeley says, "You should have a big county fair."

Among the mail stacked on our desk Monday morning was one about the Northwood Polled Hereford Conference in Salem, at state fairgrounds, March 11. The local men, Dick Ireland, Ashland, and Eddie Meeker, Phoenix, will speak. Eddie is the only "horned man" on the agenda.

The name hereford reminds us of the recent intense discussion at the Cal-Ore Hereford association meeting on what's wrong with beef organizations. Cal-Ore has one of the few organizations in the valley which has a free-for-all debate at most of its meetings. Both the big and little farmer receive equal time and courteous attention.

But, what's wrong with cattle organizations? The wrong use of pronouns for one thing—"they" instead of "we should." Good organizations have strong leadership which assigns jobs to all of its members, if possible. Committees meet frequently and are active and the organization meets frequently to keep up interest. Local organizations should send big delegations to state meetings to keep a strong tie there, it was urged.

Gordon Stanley, Jackson County Stockmen's association president, said the Oregon Cattlemen's association needs more members. He noted that Dave Woolfolk, Eagle Point, is heading a "high-balling" membership committee.

"People join an organization because they like what it stands for and what it is doing," someone pointed out. "So, people must be made aware of what it stands for and what it is doing, to attract members. And people must stand up and express themselves even if they are 'loners.'" It was pointed out. "It may take time to get an idea over, but every idea helps."

Anyway, local cattlemen's associations, and state, too, are picking up steam. Particularly in this legislative year you need the association and it needs you, for in numbers there is strength.

One important fact brought out at the Cal-Ore meeting is that an association soon ceases to attract many members when it is run by a small group of people. One large farm organization noted a decided drop in its annual meeting attendance recently. The smaller growers said they didn't attend because they never get a chance to express their ideas.

But, heck sakes, don't you know that the new world will be without cows? That's what Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy commission says.

The former chancellor of the University of California and now chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission told the 18th National Conference on Higher Education Sunday that "the agro-genetic engineers of the future may be able to develop a new kind of intermediate life - a form of plant life that turns sunlight and carbon dioxide more directly into milk and meat."

Last August a group of British scientists said they had discovered a process for making milk out of peapods, cabbage leaves and weeds. And local pear growers are still seeking a sure process this year for making money from pears.

Soon when you have your pancakes Sunday morning it may be with bacon irradiated with nuclear energy to preserve it. Radiation preserves food by killing organisms that cause decay and spoilage, scientists say.

And irradiated polyethylene bags are being used to package turkeys. They shrink so tightly around the birds they aid preservation by eliminating air.

The Army has been pushing their food preservation work with nuclear radiation since it wants battlefield rations that need no refrigeration. In four years the Army expects to ask Food and Drug administration approval of irradiated fruit compote, chicken, pork loins, ham, shrimp and beef.

FARM Woodlot Facts

By DICK OLSON
State Farm Forester
On Saturday, March 9, the Jackson County Farm Forestry Committee will hold their second field trip.

The tour's purpose is to promote interest in better small woodland management. The subjects that will be covered are tree planting, thinning and weeding, tree removal, pruning and Christmas tree growing. It is planned to observe an actual tree planting crew in action and see a demonstration by the "Little Beaver" tree planting machine. After lunch, slides on Christmas tree growing will be shown.

During the afternoon, Mr. William Hust's tree farm on Wagner Creek will be visited by the group. Mr. Hust has planted several acres of Christmas trees and also has done stand improvement on several acres. The last field trip was well attended, but it is hoped that the weather will be better and a large turnout will result. Landowners from all over the county are invited and also from Josephine county if you wish to attend.

The group will meet at the extension office, Saturday morning and the tour will commence from there at 9:30 a.m. We will adjourn from the same location at 4:30 p.m. Please come and bring along an interested neighbor or friend. For additional information, contact your county agent or farm forester.

The western Oregon small tract optional tax statute permits owners of 1,000 acres or less of forest land and with timber under 60 years, to have their lands classified and taxed upon the basis of site or productivity of the land. Oregon's 1961 lawmakers designed this act to encourage the small landowners in practicing forestry for the long term. The owner who does this, finds the law greatly to his advantage.

For example, under the optional tax, as it now stands, the owner of a good stand of 60 year timber might typically pay 80 cents per acre. The same area under the present ad valorem tax would pay \$2 to \$4 per acre.

The statute limits families to a maximum of 1,000 acres of eligible lands and applications for coming under this type of taxation must be made prior to August, 1963 or within one year after the acquisition of the property. Small owners have been slow to apply for the new classification. For further information contact your farm forester's office.

Spray, Dust Precautions Urged On All Applicators

Salem-Pre-spring days and early farm activities bring a reminder from J. D. Patterson, state department of agriculture's chief chemist, to handle agricultural sprays and dusts with kid gloves. Properly used, any crop chemical on the market is as safe as the flowers that brighten the landscape. Patterson offers these safety guides for protection of user and innocent bystander, including children:

1. Follow directions on the label - use the product how and why and when the label advises.
2. Don't flirt with danger by leaving sprays where children may play with them.
3. Don't put spray mixtures in pop bottles or other containers that will tempt children to think they are to be drunk like pink lemonade.

Rabbit Diseases Meeting Topic

Rabbit disease control is the subject matter for the fifth in a series of rabbit production meetings sponsored by local rabbit production groups and the Jackson county extension service, according to Earle Jossy, county extension agent.

Karl W. Hagen, Jr., bacteriologist and rabbit disease expert with the U. S. rabbit experiment station at Fontana, Calif., will discuss the disease of rabbits and their control.

Anyone interested will be welcome at this meeting, Thursday, 7:45 p.m., March 7.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

Albany, N.Y. - (UPI) - Democratic assemblyman Jules G. Sabatino said Monday night he found the answer to what Republican Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller means by "pay-as-you-go" in his proposed revision of fees. "When you die," he said, "you pay a dollar on your death certificate and that's 'pay-as-you-go.'"

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Creep Feeding Argument Results On Cal-Ore Tour

Approximately 60 persons made the new annual Cal-Ore Hereford association's winter feeding tour of ranches at the north end of the valley.

An intense discussion resulted in creep feeding of calves which will be continued at the April Cal-Ore meeting. Some of the cattlemen thought it is a good thing

to get extra weight on the calves and keep them gaining through the winter. Others felt if the calves would just hold their own they would make it up in the summer.

Farm & Garden

Spring Weed Control Practices Described

By RAY HUBBELL
Weed Control Supervisor
Last week we mentioned two of the weeds requiring early spring treatments of 2,4-D for control. These were poison hemlock and teasel.

Practically all annual broadleaf weeds that germinate early in the spring can be economically controlled with early treatments. Many seedling perennials and biennials can also be controlled. The list is quite long but to name a few: chickory, plantain, dandelion, bull thistle, sweet ans and mustard can be included.

Reasons For and Zoning Steps Given Bureau

George J. Brenner, Jackson county planning consultant for Jackson county told Farm Bureau members some of the procedures and reasons for rural zoning at the Feb. 26 meeting held in the extension service auditorium. Brenner said one of the first rural zoning ordinances in the Great Lakes region strangely enough prohibited farming in rural areas. The reason now for rural zoning, Brenner said is to keep farm lands from skyrocketing and being placed in a high tax bracket.

One we would particularly like to mention is star thistle. Its complete eradication would seem impossible, but control can be achieved with 2,4-D sprays. This plant produces a great number of seeds and grows well in areas not under irrigation. Fence lines, lanes and roadsides or uncultivated areas seem favorite locations for this pest. Control measures should be undertaken before they spread to crop ground.

He said there is a new and different challenge confronting rural and urban areas with intensive farming about the subdivision fringe. There are many problems with urban pressures on the farming community. Tax pressures often force farmers out. Another problem is soil erosion from unplanned cut-up areas. Brenner said zoning can be difficult and complicated, depending upon conditions and other factors. He knows of some planning and zoning projects which have been carried out painlessly and satisfactorily.

Due to the high seed yield of star thistle, repeated applications are necessary for control as seeds will germinate throughout the early spring and summer months. They should be sprayed before becoming mature enough to resist the 2,4-D application. This occurs about bloom stage.

Five different methods can be used to go about rural zoning Brenner said. Greenbelt Answering questions asked from the audience, Brenner described the term "Greenbelt" as an open area separating cities and various parts of urban development. He

Control after bloom has been poor and uneconomical. Repeated applications on new young growth appears to be the only effective, economical control and should be considered early enough to keep star thistle from becoming a problem in your area.

Clarence J. Hunter, president of Talent center Farm Bureau and legislative chairman gave a comprehensive review on current house and senate bills of interest to farmers and other citizens.

said this could be a continuous strip of greenery or several small parcels. In conclusion Brenner said that rural zoning is to protect you and your neighbor and if handled right to stop premature or unsuitable development.

Eddie Meeker, manager of the Arrowhead ranch, Phoenix; and Richard Ireland, Ireland Hereford ranch, Ashland will speak at the Northwest Polled Hereford conference at the Oregon state fairgrounds at Salem March 11.

Meeker, manager of a herd of horned Herefords, will speak on growing, fitting and feeding range bulls. Ireland will speak on advantages of fitting cattle for show and sale.

Other speakers will be Forrest Springsteen, Browns Valley, Calif., on establishing a polled Hereford herd; Emmett Kuhlmann, manager of the Elm Lane ranch, Fresno, Calif., on health of the herd; Bill Wolte, Wolfe Hereford ranch, Wallawa, Ore., on breeder cooperation and joint ownership of herd bulls; Dick Hibberd, Imbler, Ore., on "What's My Responsibility As a Purebred Breeder"; Lennis Hall, assistant manager of Carnation Milk Farms, Carnation, Wash., on methods of promoting and marketing purebred cattle.

The speakers will form a panel to answer questions. Mona Chisolm, Healdsburg, Calif., president of the California Poll-ettes will speak on the work of that organization.

Fruit Tree Buds Ahead of Time

Warm February weather has brought fruit buds along very rapidly. This is now one of the real early seasons with buds being 10 days ahead of normal notes C. B. Cordy, county extension agent.

At the present time pear buds are quite cold resistant and will stand down to 20 degrees Fahrenheit, says Cordy. However, as buds develop they become progressively more sensitive to cold weather. This means that the orchard heating season will be earlier than usual. In response to this development William J. Rogers, frost forecaster, will arrive on March 10 which is five days earlier than usual.

Testing orchard thermometers will be done early next week so growers are invited by Cordy to bring them in to the extension service office late this week or on Monday of next week. This will permit testing and return of the thermometers next week so growers will not want to be without them for any prolonged period during which a frost may occur.

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