

Siskiyou Rancher Receives Honor As Man of Year

By SEDG NELSON
Siskiyou Farm Advisor

Leonard L. Shelley, of Little Shasta, recently was named "Siskiyou County Cattleman of the Year" for 1963 by the Siskiyou County Cattlemen's association.

The presentation climaxed a day-long program of events included in the county cattlemen's 14th annual cattle tour, sponsored by the county farm advisor's office in cooperation with the county and state cattlemen's associations.

William Valentine, Montague, president of the county association, presented Shelley with a Stetson hat, emblematic of the honor voted him by his fellow stockmen.

Valentine lauded Shelley's progressive approach to ranching, which has resulted, the president pointed out, in the development of an outstanding herd of registered Polled Hereford cattle, as well as a top quality herd of commercial animals.

According to the association, the cattleman of the year is chosen on the basis of three areas of accomplishment with 40 per cent of the rating on cattle improvement; 30 per cent on feed development and utilization and 30 per cent on civic activities.

Self-Supporting Ranch

The Shelley ranch is a self-supporting operation which includes 6,000 acres of deeded land along with leased federal grazing lands. The cattleman has built the spread to its present size from a 320 acre farm in the last 49 years.

Shelley raises about 600 tons of hay and 200 tons of wheat and barley, more than enough to feed the four to five hundred head of cattle he runs.

He has increased production per acre on the spread by developing an improved irrigation system which stems from a large 360 acre foot reservoir constructed by Shelley.

An orchard and large vegetable garden add to the production of the ranch.

Shelley was born in Garden City, Kan., Oct. 28, 1892. By 1902 he had moved, with his parents and 10 brothers and sisters, to Ashland, Ore., where the family maintained a small diversified farm.

Moved from Ashland to support their numbers, the family decided to move to a larger place. The site they selected is in Shasta Valley, Siskiyou County, and later became the nucleus of the present Shelley spread, now known as the Shasta Valley Hereford ranch.

Leonard, then 21, was the first of the Shelleys to make the move to Siskiyou County, preceding the family by one month although he had to make the trip over the Siskiyou through four feet of snow with his animals tied head to tail to break trail.

They settled on a 320 acre farm in Hovey gulch, part of the Sam Burwell ranch. It later became known as the Old Home ranch and is located north of the Little Shasta River in the Little Shasta area.

Later, Shelley and three of his brothers, Dan, Everett and Parks, formed a partnership to buy the home ranch. During their 12 years in business together, the brothers purchased two other nearby tracts, the Fry ranch and the O'Neal place.

When the partnership was dissolved, Shelley retained the Hovey gulch property and in addition rented the Calladonia ranch which was used as a dairy. Shelley managed the Calladonia, located about four miles south of Gazelle on Highway 99, between 1933 and 1943.

In 1943, Shelley continued to expand his holdings by purchasing the old Terwilliger ranch at the mouth of Hovey gulch for its excellent irrigated farm land. By that year Shelley had taken over the Dewey Mountain ranch as well as a part of the Hunter place where irrigated meadows are located at the foot of Ball Mountain.

While expanding his land holdings, the new cattleman of the year put into practice a breeding program of selecting replacement heifers and using superior herd sires to produce top rated registered and commercial herds.

Has Top Bull
He was one of the first to use pelleted hay and grain to grow out his registered sale bulls. In 1962, Shelley produced the top selling bull at the Cal-Ore sale, which will be held Oct. 9, this year at the Jackson county fairgrounds.

The ranch employs three men year around. Two of them live with their families in houses recently built on the ranch site. Shelley has never married. His sister, Mrs. Mollie Batson, lived with him on the ranch for many years until her death. Since then his nieces, Mrs. Florence Wood and Miss Opal Batson, have been on the ranch and helped both in the house and in the saddle.

During his many years in Siskiyou county, Shelley has made time to serve the community in several ways. He is a member and past president of both the Siskiyou County Cattlemen's



TOP HERDSMANSHIP — Herdsmanship awards were received daily during the 1963 Oregon State fair at Salem by members of the "Chamais Capriculture" 4-H club from Eagle Point. They lacked one member of having enough to win the herdsman trophy for dairy goats. From left: Amir DeRelee-Cottrell Twilight; Mrs. Linda DeRelee-Cottrell Twilight, co-leader of the club; Allen DeRelee-Cottrell Twilight, club leader; and Lorna Elf DeRelee-Cottrell Twilight. Behind them are awards received at the state and Jackson county fairs.

Gardening Tips

By JOHN McLOUGHLIN
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Apples and Pears

Homeowners who are having a first experience growing apples or pears frequently ask the question of when to pick the fruit. There are several indicators that can be used to determine the proper time to pick apples and pears. It's best if you use a combination of these indicators rather than just one.

One of the best indicators for apples is to observe the natural fruit fall of the tree. When the first unblemished, worm-free and disease-free fruit falls, the apples are ready to pick, especially if they are to be placed in cold storage. However, delaying harvest for a week or two will result in better size and quality apple for immediate eating. Some varieties of apples are prone to fruit fall before they attain best quality. Applying a stop-drop hormone as soon as the apples begin to drop will hold them on for two more weeks.

The ease of separating the fruit stem from the spur is another indicator. When you pick an apple, hold it gently, lift it slightly and give it a little twist. The stem should remain attached to the fruit and the spur to the tree. If the stem pulls out of the apple or the spur breaks, the fruit is probably too green. This also applies to pears.

Fruit color, both outside and under the skin, is a good indicator. With Bartlett and other yellow pear varieties, a slight change in the color to a lighter shade of green or yellowish green indicates proper maturity for picking.

With apples, the ground color on the underside of the apple where there is no red, is a good indicator. Normally the color here is green. When this starts turning yellow the apple is ripe.

If you plan to store the fruit, pick them as soon as mature and place in 32 degree storage, or stack outside against the north wall of a building. Apples are picked eating ripe whereas pears are picked before ripening and then ripened off the tree.

To complete the ripening of pears after picking and cold storage, hold at 65 degrees Fahrenheit in a room with high humidity.

For additional information, call the extension office, (773-8215) and request the bulletin on fruit varieties. This bulletin has the approximate date of ripening of many of our fruit varieties. This will serve as an excellent guide.

Squash and Pumpkin
If you wish to save seed of a squash or pumpkin variety for planting purposes next spring, you should grow the variety at a considerable distance away from other varieties.

association and the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau; president for many years of the Montague National Farm Loan association and is now a county committeeman with the Siskiyou County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation program. He is a lifetime member of the Ashland Elks Club.

Shelley is the ninth stockman to receive the honor of being named "Siskiyou County Cattleman of the Year" since the award's inception in 1955.

Previous award winners were Nerva M. Hayden, Etna, in 1955; A. B. Hoy, Edgewood, in 1956; James B. Rohrer, Little Shasta, in 1957; Clarence Dudley, Gazelle, in 1958; Jess C. Martin, Little Shasta, in 1959; Bruce M. Long, Little Shasta, in 1960; Earl B. Flock, Montague, in 1961; and Charles F. Hammond, Fort Jones, last year's winner.

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FROM THE GROUND UP

By BART BARTLETT

At this time the harvest of many types of agricultural crops is in progress in this area. This is a good time for the thrifty housewife to provide nutritious meals to her family at favorable costs. It is also the best season of the year for the home processing of foods for winter consumption. Local produce is plentiful and of good quality for both immediate use or for such processing as freezing and canning. In this regard, Bartlett pears are practically all gone, but peaches are still in plentiful supply. J. H. Hales are nearly all picked and Allmars are nearing harvest's end.

The harvest of bosc is well under way and D'Anjou practically finished. In many instances the picking of these pears will present no problem as the spider mites have defoliated the trees so that the pears are easily seen by the pickers.

Spray Suggested
This spider mite injury suggests that perhaps a good clean-up spray may be in order this fall. Think your situation over and consult your spray chemical representative for advice and materials.

One of the mildew diseases may be creeping into one or more of the floral or vegetable crops in the valley. The cucurbit family of vegetable crops will perhaps be most affected by the mildew disease. There are adequate controls available for these diseases. Consult your seed store for materials and advice.

We will devote some space to the spraying of home orchards at a later date. The home orchard operator has a unique problem of pest and disease control that cannot be adequately handled in a routine manner.

Most pastures that have been well managed are in excellent condition. The grazing is good and the cattle seem to be in good condition. The poorly managed pastures are poor and so are the livestock inhabitants.

A survey of recent television programs should convince all Americans that our country leads the Russians in two fields, these being washing powders (detergents) and deodorants.

Parts of Oregon best suited for production of orchard grass seed are the Willamette, Rogue, Umpqua, and Snake River valleys, and Union, Jefferson and Umatilla counties. Comparatively mild winters and warm, dry summers promote vigorous plant growth and full seed development.

The farm crops specialist points out that orchard grass likes well-drained soils ranging from sandy loams to loams. At least 18 inches of rainfall annually is needed for good orchard grass growth on unirrigated soils with a minimum depth of four feet.

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Seed Crop Outlook Outlined at OSU

CORVALLIS — Oregon seed growers will need to use restraint in planning fall plantings or surplus situations can be expected again, cautions Ray Teal, Oregon State university extension marketing specialist.

Teal makes the statement in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook circular after noting that Oregon seed prices have climbed this year as a result of foreign and domestic demand and smaller crops both in Oregon and elsewhere.

Copies of the circular are available from county extension offices or at the OSU bulletin clerk.

Ryegrass acreage in 1964 no larger than this year would aid in keeping prices near present levels, Teal believes. The 1963 ryegrass crop is moving at higher prices than a year ago.

The combined acreage of common and perennial ryegrass is smaller than in 1962 and yields are lower, particularly for perennial. Use last season, both in domestic and foreign markets, was large. Short seed crops in some counties and low ryegrass prices encouraged use, Teal noted.

Indications now are that exports of the ryegrasses may not be as large this season as last, he pointed out, and that domestic use will be smaller because of higher prices.

Recommendations
Oregon growers should consider maintaining or slightly increasing the present acreage of hairy vetch seed as a rotation crop, the specialist said. The nation's hairy vetch seed crop was 31 per cent larger this year than 1962 due to a large Texas crop. Oregon's crop was smaller.

Common vetch prices may be expected to remain strong next year because of short supplies, he noted. Oregon's crop this year was the smallest since estimates were begun in 1936. Some increase in acreage may be justified, Teal added.

Current prices for crimson clover seed are above levels of recent years as a result of smaller crops in Oregon and the southern states and a decline in carryover stocks. Oregon growers should maintain or increase present acreage in keeping with acreage decline in the south, Teal believes. If prices get too high, other legume cover crops will be used.

Prices for fine fescue seed now are much above recent years due primarily to the decline of imports from Canada, Denmark and The Netherlands. Low prices in recent years encouraged wheat on fescue land in Canada and bluegrass seed in Europe.

Low prices also encouraged greater use of fine fescue seed in lawn mixtures. Some increase

in fine fescue acreage in Oregon is justified, Teal believes, and may be desirable to hold prices down to levels that will not encourage foreign competition.

Merion bluegrass prices are expected to hold at present levels because of smaller supplies, Teal said. This year's crop was 16 per cent below last year and use continued to increase each year. Some additional plantings of bluegrass, both common and improved varieties, is justified at Midwest acreage declines, he said.

Tall fescue prices are higher than in recent years as use has

been maintained while supplies have declined until this year, Teal reported. Yields this year are up 30 per cent above 1962. However, carryover on July 1 was the lowest since 1960, so supplies are not excessive. However, prices are not expected to rise under present conditions, he pointed out.

While prices on alfalfa and red clover seed are not expected to reach last year's highs, prices are expected to remain attractive in areas where high yields can be maintained, Teal said.

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