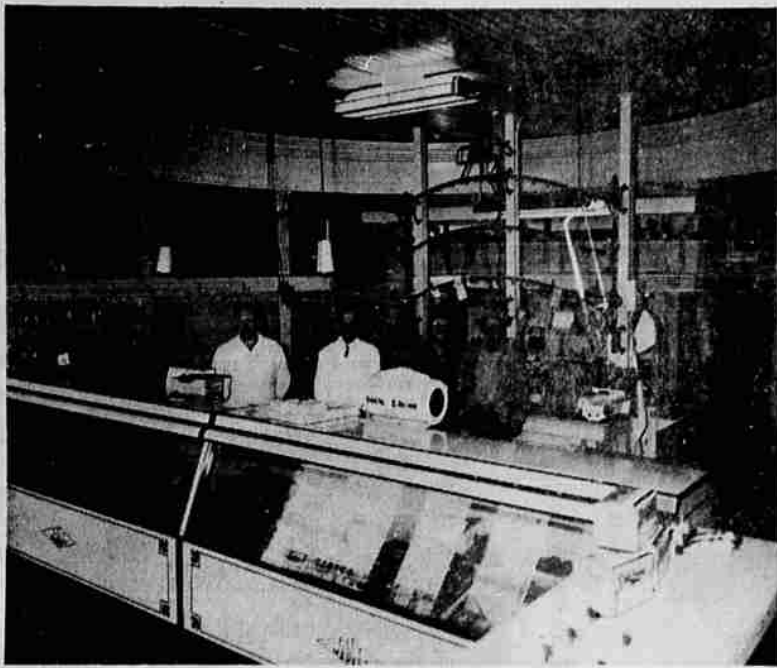


Yreka Meat Market Observes 100th Anniversary



IN HISTORIC MARKET—Shown inside the 100-year-old meat market in Yreka, Calif., are (left to right) Jim Bryan, son of the owner; Harley Trent, a clerk; Mrs. Bryan and the owner, Leon Bryan.

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YREKA—The City Meat Market on West Miner street in Yreka has the distinction of continuous operation since 1854, selling nothing but meat. The market has a certificate showing its membership in the One Hundred Year Club.

The market is located in the original building which was owned and operated by Charles Herzog. Recently a doorway was cut through the west wall to accommodate customers trading in the adjoining grocery store. The wall was a single one about 32 inches thick made of stone cemented together with adobe.

The wall to the east is of the same construction, and in the attic there is two feet of dirt placed there for fire protection in the early days of Yreka when the city was plagued by fires.

The dirt prevented the front part of the market from burning in the spring of 1939 when fire, which started in a candy store

next door, burned the back part which extended from Miner to Center street.

The part of the building opening on Center street in early days was used as the stable for the delivery horses. The center part was used for curing hams and making sausage. About 1919 an ice making machine was added, and was one of the first in this part of the country.

The 1939 fire destroyed all this part of the building and the present building extends only to the alley. Another distinctive feature of the market is the paintings which extend around the walls. The paintings are about 60 or 70 years old and were painted by A. Cedro, a sign painter and paper hanger who lived in Yreka.

They were painted on a fine quality canvas, and have not faded in all these years. When the walls are washed and cleaned the pictures are washed and come out fresh and clear as when first painted.

Not too much is known of the painter, except that he would exchange his paintings for drinks. He would paint with his easel set up in the street.

The Elks bar in Yreka also features some of his paintings. The pictures in the meat market feature pastoral scenes with sheep and cattle and game such as fish and ducks. Many people have tried to purchase the paintings, but they are not for sale. The present owners say tourists often stop in to see the paintings and remark that they have heard about them.

The original meat hooks, which were hand forged, are still in use, as is a marble top table with carved legs. The marble is about two inches thick and slants toward the center where a small hole allowed juices to drain into a container below. The table now holds a meat slicer.

Hanging from the ceiling is some fancy wrought iron equipment which holds hooks for meat saws and string. This is also early day equipment.

Bernard Pollard of Cooley and Pollard Hardware Store in Yreka was once the delivery boy for the meat market, and rode in a little two wheel cart resembling a chariot. The meat packages were placed in a basket in front, and he stood in the rear of the cart and drove the horse.

The present owner, Leon H. Bryan, when he was 12 years old, drove a herd of hogs from Scott Valley to Yreka to the market on foot since there was no transportation for them. He didn't dream then he would one day own the market.

The succession of owners down through the years have been Charles Herzog and E. C. Spannus, John Fall and Chris Ebert; John Fall; Miller and Hughes; Henry Wadsworth; Simmert; and Wuster and Metzger. Stock was sold, and the Siskiyou Meat Company was formed.

The present owner bought the market from the company in 1921 and has operated it since. His son, James, is now in business with him.

4-H Achievement Held by Antelope Livestock Group

The Antelope Livestock Club held achievement night in November at the Eagle Point Grange Hall.

A potluck supper was followed by a business meeting, during which the following officers were elected: Javy Hansen, president; Bobby Hubbard, vice president; Cheryl Swain, secretary; Dale West, reporter; Rick Anderson, song leader; Donna Nevin, game leader; and Darrel Stanley, treasurer.

New members announced included Scott Etzel, Steve Lehman, Janet Lee, Gary Pritchard, David Damon and Will West.

F. Dale Hoecker, Jackson County Agent, introduced Otto King, general loaning officer of the Cascade Village branch of the First National Bank, who presented the 4-H pins and special awards.

They were: first year, Christine Varin, Sandra Robertson, Delmar Robertson, Eva Morey,

Julie Morey, Margie Lehman, Tanya Harbison and Robert Damon; second year, Horace Webster, Eugene Stanley, Kathy Pritchard, Janice Pritchard, Mike Lehman, Jerry Bunker and Donna Barton; third year, Linda Waddell, Cheryl Swain, Donna Nevin, Josca Leuwenburgh, Jimmy Hubbard, Mant Hansen, Javy Hansen and Nola Damon; fourth year, Mary Ellen Wallis, Danny Orth, Lewis Lathrop, Cheryl Hefley and Les Geren; fifth year, Lester Hill and Lyndle Cate; sixth year, Jennifer Nevin, Greg Lathrop, Craig Lathrop, Kay Bever and Dale West; seventh year, Marilyn Lathrop, Bobby Hubbard and Paulette Anderson; eighth year, Judy Hill, Errol Coffman and Rick Anderson; tenth year, Karen Jossy and Georgia Hubbard.

Record Book Medal
The county record book medal was presented to Mant Hansen

in beef, junior class; and Margie Lehman, mealtime fun.

The Antelope Dairy Club was honored as county dairy judging team. Members are Craig Lathrop, Jimmy Hubbard and Bobby Hubbard.

National awards were presented: Jennifer Nevin, Judy Hill, dress revue; Paulette Anderson, clothing; and Karen Jossy, home economics.

Oregon Wheat Commission award was given Bobby Hubbard for cake baking.

Champion beef showman trophy went to Marilyn Lathrop. The trophy was donated and presented by Ron Anderson.

The next meeting of the Livestock Club will be the Christmas meeting at which gifts will be exchanged. It will be held Thursday night, Dec. 19, at the Community Hall. Each family is asked to take something to put in the box for a needy family. Canned foods, jellies and all things useful will be accepted.

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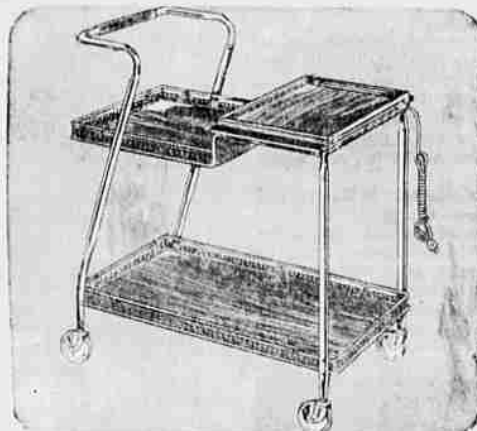
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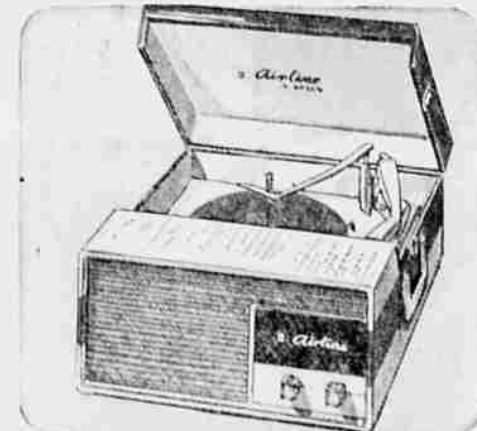
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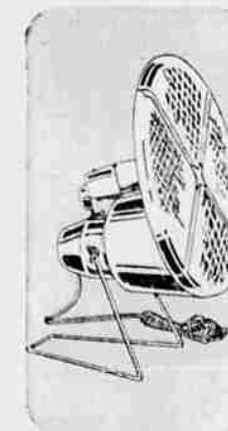
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