

Homestead Land Ready For Crops

By JOY BIGGS

The first land was broken for plowing April 4, by homesteaders making history in the picturesque lake bottom country known as Coppock Bay in Northern California.

Plowing, seeding grain, moving buildings onto these 44 gifts to veterans from Uncle Sam, is in progress now in this almost flat bottomland reclaimed from swamp, but a few years.

This land bordered by snow-capped mountains on the east, Horse Butte on the northeast and the peninsula on the northwest was allotted by drawing, to veterans of World War II, on March 15, 1948.

Good solid American names are seen on the roster of the new homesteaders who did their part to protect their homeland and are now pioneers building up a new section of the country.

In this rugged setting under the arch of ever-changing cloud panoramas, far-seeing Al Harvey, agriculturist with the U. S. bureau of reclamation in charge of the homestead office, visions a large town growing up in the next few years.

The old Camp Newell relocation center, Harvey sees as the nucleus of a booming settlement, situated as it is adjacent to the homestead lands, and already equipped with the necessary sewage, water and power facilities. He visions families of first homestead settlers making Easter sunrise pilgrimages to the cross atop the peninsula.

Buildings Moved

Several buildings have been moved to the homestead sites already. Each veteran is entitled to two of the former Jap barracks buildings and

foundations are being laid in concrete. A few of the homesteaders plan some extensive furnishing on the buildings and are doing permanent work between farm operations, others are using the structures as temporary dwellings to be used later for shops and storage buildings.

Wesley Allen Worden, number one unit holder has been working overtime irrigating his 86 and seven-tenths acres which are located across from the Alturas highway and the canal. His two buildings have been moved onto his land and from his front door can be seen the white line of the old high water mark of the lake on a rocky ridge at right angles from the road.

Camping Now Worden is camping in one building and has a stove installed. He is doing his own work and is planting barley this year, as most of his neighbors are, but may go into studs later, he says.

A native of Michigan, Worden came here from Lake County, Calif., where he has been doing custom farming and growing alfalfa hay, lima beans and walnuts. He is one of several bachelors who received homesteads in this drawing and was a corporal in the army, serving in the European theatre.

Foundations In John Madison Logan, number 13 in the drawing, has one of his 20 by 100-foot buildings sawed in half and placed L-shape on his land which is situated along the Lava Beds road with dramatic Castle rock, promontory of the old peninsula in the background. His foundations are all in and an electric service meter has been installed but the power had not been connected last week. Power lines are just across the road.

Marvin Delmar Chris, number 22, also has his buildings on the site where he later plans to build on a slight rise above his fields which have already been plowed for grain. Irrigation work was in progress last week on this homestead, Mervin Richmond doing the work for Chris.

Walter Eisenbeis, also an army veteran and number 7 on the list, is a native of North Dakota. He was working for Chet Maing when his name was drawn. His cousin, Art Oster, worked for Maing, basin rancher, forst, and last year received a homestead in Wyoming from the government. Men were busy assisting in pouring the concrete foundations for his buildings last week.

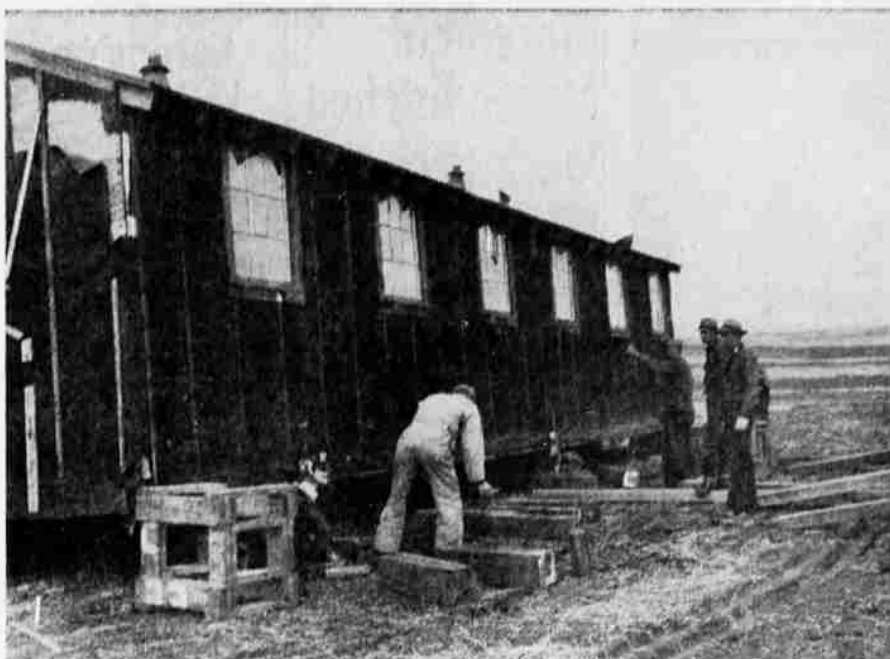
Eisenbeis received 71 and four-tenths acres in his unit and is also putting in barley.

Journal Farm Tour Outlined

Bob Teale, representative of the Livestock Journal, gave a resume of the livestock tour to be conducted by the Journal starting June 13, at Weed, Calif., when he attended the Angus show and sale this week.

The tour will last 16 days and the men will be busy every minute visiting approximately 86 cattle ranches in four states gathering material with pictures for the Journal, which is published in Los Angeles.

From Weed the tour will go up the coast to Port Angeles on the Olympic peninsula, where the group will be entertained with a clam bake in the evening. Across to Seattle next to the JBJ ranch, from there to W. E. O'Brien's Aldarra farm, then



No. 1—Prising up barracks buildings for concrete foundations on homestead 7. Walter Eisenbeis, owner here, is filling the tank of his tractor in picture 2. 3—Castle rock looks down upon the buildings which will be John Maddison Logan's home on unit 13, of Coppock bay. 4—Too busy plowing to look up is Harold John Westerholt, number 23.



5—Mervin Richmond is tightening a bolt on the machinery at the end of a day's work on Marvin Chris' site. 6—Wesley Worden, (his hat brim pinned back by a nail, to keep the wind from flapping it in his eyes) contemplates the brimming canal which will supply water for his grain fields on unit 1.

Coppock Bay Pioneers Get Busy On Their Gifts From Uncle

Export Lack Threat To Apple Crop

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22

(AP)—Frank W. Taylor, secretary-manager of the Northwest Horticultural council at Wenatchee, Wash., said today the apple and pear industry faces two or three critical years because its export markets have been shut off through a scarcity of dollar exchange.

Taylor endorsed an amendment by Senator Magnuson (D.-Wash.) which would earmark funds for buying surplus fruits under the European recovery program.

He appeared before the senate agricultural committee which is studying a long-range farm bill.

Program Asked A National Wool Growers association official asked congress to pass a program to (a) encourage sheep raising or (b) liquidate the industry.

J. M. Jones of Salt Lake City, association secretary, testified the state department apparently wants to wipe out the industry. But he told the committee he does not think congress will concur.

Jones said the industry needs: (1) adequate tariff protection, (2) modernization of the parity formula, (3) designation of wool as a basic commodity, and (4) price support at 75 per cent of parity as a "disaster floor."

Jones said the measure contains a price support formula which would be ruinous to the wool industry.

Jones proposed that congress fix 360,000,000 grease (untreated) pounds of wool as the annual base production and vary the support price between 60 and 90 per cent to parity, as production varied from the base figure.

Youngest Mother Claim Put Out

STREATOR, Ill., April 22 (AP)—Mrs. John Cole believes she may be the nation's youngest mother with the largest family.

Mrs. Cole, wife of an electrician, is 27 years old and has 10 children. All births were single. The children—five boys and five girls—range in age from four weeks to 10 years. The family has been living in the basement of a new home which is under construction.

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Spud Men Object To Support Rule

Potato growers object to the support price eligibility requirement which permits rejection of potatoes after farm sale, says Walt Jendrezewski, assistant county agent.

The requirement provides no time limit for rejection of potatoes found objectionable because of internal discoloration. Potatoes inspected and cleared here may be rejected when and where an objectionable condition may be found. Rejection requires that price of the entire lot will be reclaimed from the vendor, together with such transportation, storage and related costs as have been incurred.

There is one requirement that is of particular interest. It has a marketing agreement complexed. It denies eligibility to growers who at any time sell ungraded potatoes or 2 1/2 percent or less. Such sale without authorization results in loss of support for that part of the crop which remains unsold.

The pay-off requirement, however, is this one:

"Potatoes found objectionable because of odor, flavor, internal discoloration, or other invisible damage, whether or not this damage is apparent at the time of shipment or subject to determination by customary shipping time inspection are not eligible for support."

Lawn Grass Big Problem

to the Snoqualmie pass to Ellensburg. On the Grand Coulee project, from there to Pullman, Wash., and on to the Panhandle of Idaho, then south over Southeastern Washington, through the Walla Walla country to Pendleton, to Enterprise, to the northeastern corner of Oregon, down to Baker, over to the John Day country, down to the Couden wheat country and drop back to the Columbia river to the Shermah county wheat belt to North Dow, to Prineville.

The tour is slated to get into Klamath Falls at noon, June 26, and the group will visit the Horton ranch, Haley, Liskey, Barton, West and Lyon ranches in the valley, concluding the trip.

Selecting the right variety or varieties for lawn plantings is sometimes a problem. For Klamath basin conditions, bentgrasses, Kentucky bluegrass and sometimes chewing fescue are adaptable.

A fine grass lawn can be had by planting either Seaside bent or Astoria bent grass seed. For a lawn that is just as good, but somewhat harder and tougher, a planting of Kentucky bluegrass is hard to beat. Where lawns must be subjected

to exceptionally rough treatment, or where drought conditions occasionally prevail, or for planting on slopes, chewing fescue would be advisable.

A mixture of Kentucky bluegrass and White Dutch clover will result in an excellent stand that is very hardy.

For renovating old lawns, rake them, first one way, then another

Then apply a top dressing. Top dressings may be a complete fertilizer (at about the rate of one handful per square foot), peat moss

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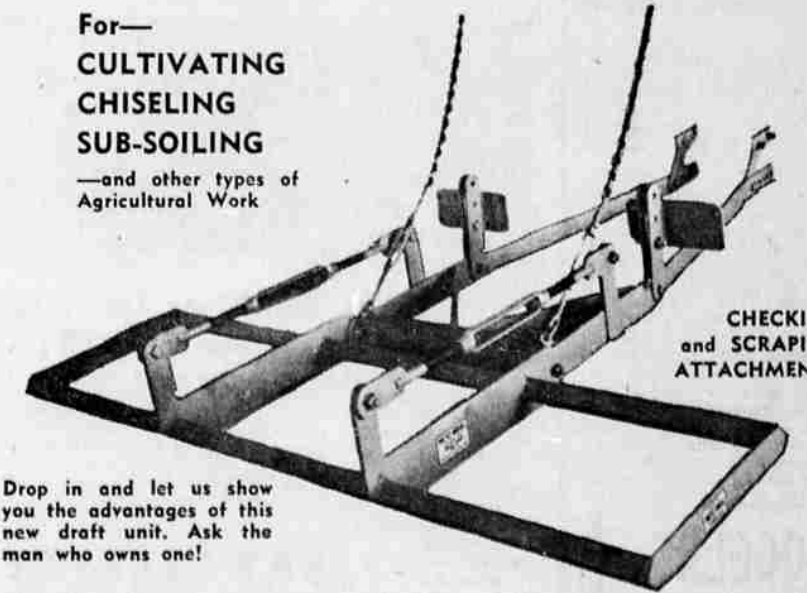
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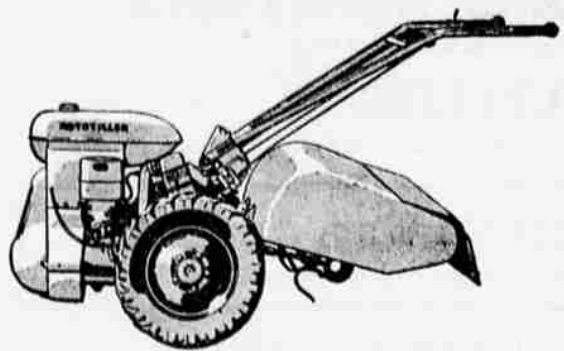
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