Annual Ram Sales Total Up This Year

LAKEVIEW, Sept. 16—The ninth annual Southern Oregon ram sale held here Monday, September 12, by the Fremont Sheepmen's association, sold 219 rams for a total of $17,037.50. Last year's sale disposed of 122 rams for a total of $12,522.50. Earl O. Walter of Filer, Ida., was auctioneer.

Although the average price per head on Rambouillets and Suffolks increased over last year, the overall price per head in the sale dropped this year. The overall average in 1948 was $102.64, highest in history of this sale, while this year it dropped to $77.80 which is a smaller drop than was noted in the Pendleton and the national sales held recently. The Pendleton sale averaged $80.90 per head this year as compared to $130 in 1948, while the national sale at Salt Lake City averaged $90.04 this year as compared to $155.97 a year ago.

Purpose of the sale, which is nonprofit, is to improve the quality of rams in the Lake county herds. Rams are selected carefully for the sale and are consigned by the larger woolgrowers of the northwest. Cornett said that, since the sale began nine years ago, the average weight of market lambs in Lake county has increased by about 10 pounds.

1st Baptist Revival Entering 2nd Week

The First Baptist church is entering the second week of its revival crusade with Dr. C. Y. Dossey, evangelist directing.

Two evangelistic services will be held Sunday, one at 10 a. m. and the other at 11 a. m. The public is invited. Services will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. each day, Tuesday through Friday. Evening services will begin at 7:45 each day next week. Closing day will be Sunday, September 25.

The messages for Sunday morning will be "The Three Fold Secret of the Great Life of Moses"; Sunday evening, "Why Spend Another Night With the Frogs?"; Monday, "The Home"; Tuesday, "The Unpardonable Sin"; Wednesday, "Hell Fenced In"; Thursday, "The Horse Race"; Friday, "The First Five Minutes after Death"; and Saturday, "Can a Saved Person be Lost?"

Whidbey Island Seen As 'No. 1 Base'

OAK HARBOR, (Island county) Sept. 16 (AP)—Rep. Jackson (D-Wash) said yesterday he would recommend a multi-million dollar improvement program for the Whidbey Island naval air station.

He told a group of Oak Harbor business men he would return to Washington soon and urge the base be maintained as "the No. 1 defense base in the United States."

Girders Shifted, Killed Youth

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Sept. 16 (AP) The body of a Gervais, Ore., youth was here today after shifting steel girders on a railroad flat car crushed him fatally at Indio yesterday.

He was Ray Dean, 17. The flatcar was in the railroad yards at Indio when the accident occurred yesterday. Young Dean was reported to have come from Winterhaven, Ariz.

The coroner took charge of the body and brought it here after notifying the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen S. Dean of Gervais.

Long 'Hoof' Trip For Two Vets

PITTSBURG, Calif., Sept. 16 (AP) Two discharged air force veterans of Japan and the Philippines decided to hoof it home today—and they didn't mean walk.

Dick Stewart, 19, and Eddie Casicio, 18, are heading for Monroe, La., on horseback. Each put up $100 for Jimmy, a brown gelding, and Lady, a sorrel mare.

They plan to ride the 2200 mile in 20 mile a day installments. That's 110 days.

Not For Governor That Time

DURANGO, Colo., (AP) — Every time Vernon Bodo makes a dollar sale at his sporting goods store, he collects the sales tax with the comment, "and two cents for the governor."

After he had sold some merchandise to a tall, lean man, Bodo said: "That's $5 and 10 cents for the gov---er, 10 cents for sales tax."

Just in time he'd recognized the tall customer as Colorado's Gov. Lee Knous.

PET CROW is interesting Dunsmuir fixture. Mrs. Molly Lucero, "Jocko's" owner, offers the bird a morsel of food as he perches high in the family living room.

Dunsmuir Woman's Zoo Features 'Jocko' The Crow

By PAULINE HEIBNER

DUNSMUIR, Sept. 16—Mrs. Dolly Lucero, wife of a California Oregon Power company employe, Harold Lucero, (radio ham W6JDN) is the possessor of a pet crow, "Jocko." He was given to her by a very dear friend, J. A. Graydon of New York, scientist, inventor, and philosopher, who is currently making an intensive study of crows.

Mrs. Lucero has several other pets and calls her project "Pets Unlimited." She has a pygmy owl that was trapped in a neighbor's chimney and given to her daughter; also 18 canaries, a male Cocker spaniel, and a mother Siamese cat with five kittens.

Mrs. Lucero is partial to her crow and has a wealth of interesting information to give about these birds. She says "A crow is more like a human being than any pet I know of. In many ways he is like a two or three-year-old child, but with the uncanny wisdom of a mature person. The crow and the raccoon, of which Mr. Graydon has had a number, are the only two creatures he knows of who rationalize, and the crow tops the raccoon in this department.

Males Preferred

"The male bird seems to me to be more desirable, as he is more dynamic and playful. The female is high strung. Mr. Graydon has seen a young male bird feed his sister just because she wanted to be babied.

"Mr. Graydon at this time has 18 or 20 birds, most of his birds are taken when nestlings, as it is just about impossible to trap a crow. They refuse to go into any contrivance they do not fully understand.

"Mr. Graydon said he would like to see one of these delightful pets in every military hospital throughout the land. They can provoke many laughs and cause much happiness. They can be taught to laugh with you, as mine does.

"The crow is very easy to feed. The diet is about 90 per cent vegetable and fruit and ten per cent meat. "Jocko" loves canned dog food. They are ardent bathers and drinkers. They will break ice to get at water. They should be provided with a large cage, so as not to be cramped.

Baby Birds

"Crows are hatched about May 1 and leave the nest in about three weeks. There are about four to six young to a nest. Baby chickens feed as soon as they are hatched, but not baby crows. The ones raised in captivity have to be fed by hand every 25 or 30 minutes for at least a month. Then they will learn to pick up food put in front of them.

"When you first receive your crow it will probably show a little excitement. Simply place him in his cage and put the cage in the room you occupy most. Place him as close to the person who is to do the taming as possible, so that he may pass to and fro near him. Feed, water, and talk to him, but make no attempt at familiarity. The first sign of his taming will be when he will accept food from your fingers, or a fork or spoon. The biggest problem is not how to handle the crow, but how to handle yourself. The great task will be to keep your hands off him until he coaxes for your attention. When he is ready, he will get on your hand or fly to you.

"Crows love to play, but see to it that your pet gets toys that won't injure him. They like a rubber ball, or an old paper bag tied with string. No lead pencils, as they splinter.

"Crows are very forgiving, and their passion for both giving and receiving affection is so great that if you leave it to them they will take the initiative. Crows, like all animals, love children, but do not let a child tease them.

"The best time to encourage talking and adventure is as soon as the bird awakens in the morning. The best time to take liberties and make advances is towards evening. They are great teasers. One day I told my husband to bring home some pigeon gravel, as they need this in their cage at all times. I put it in a cottage cheese box. He took his beak and knocked it over and the gravel spilled all over the floor. So I wired a dogfood can in the cage and filled it again, thinking it was deeper and safe. He proceeded to fill his beak with the gravel and threw it all around, as if to say, 'I'll do it anyway.'

Smart Trick

"Another time I boiled an egg and cut it in half, putting it in the cage before it was cold. He saw some steam coming from it, so walked over and put one-half into one water can and the other half into the other can. After the pieces had cooled, he took them out and ate them. He is very intelligent.

"So far "Jocko" can say "Hello"; he can bark like a dog, call out "Aguwa" for water, and laugh a hearty laugh that causes most people to laugh with him. Every time I open the refrigerator door, he spreads his wings and lets out a line of crow language, keeping it up until he gets a bite. He spends most of his time on a perch; and if he gets off I'll say, 'Get on your perch', and he will fly to my shoulder and then on to his perch.

"These birds have a wing spread of 30 to 34 inches and measure about 16 inches from tip of beak to tip of tail. They are black as coal and all in all beautiful creatures."

Alturas, Canby To Be Saluted

The Alturas and Canby communities will be featured during Klamath Falls Salute Days, September 29, 30 and October 1, and a chamber of commerce good will junket is being planned for next Friday, September 23.

The Klamath Merchants association promotion committee met Friday morning to plan the event. Salute Days for the remainder of the year will include a salute to Merrill and the Klamath Basin Potato Festival with Salute Days set for October 27, 28 and 29. Final salute of the year will be to Lakeview on Nobember 24, 25 and 26.

Manager Charlie Stark of the chamber is arranging details for a bus trip to Alturas and Canby next Friday, when Klamath business men will be host to an equal number of Californians at a dinner in Alturas.

Big Crowd Hears 'Knife, Fork' Talk

A jam packed house greeted Harold Eide last night when he addressed the first meeting of the fall of the Klamath Falls Knife and Fork club.

Eide spoke on his experiences in the North, including the years spent in Alaska.

President Lee Hendricks addressed the club, introducing directors and their wives and Fred Southwell, secretary. Chairman of the evening was Charles Larkin.

Eide discussed his early years in Norway, his home town 300 miles above the Arctic circle, his experiences during the Spitzbergen expedition and the Greenland rescue expedition, and then his arrival in New York with a full complement of three words in the English langauge, "yes," "no," and "thank you". He amused his listeners when he told them he knew how to order two foods, beefsteak and apple pie. The latter, he said, he could not eat to this day inasmuch as he ordered it time and time again in self defense.

From San Francisco, Eide traveled to Alaska where he made a fortune within three weeks time. He struck gold again after five years of hard luck and has since returned to Alaska with his family.

Eide told his listeners that in his opinion, Alaska should not be declared a state but a national park. The beauty of the country, its military installations, its strategic position in relation to the security of the country, were touched upon by the speaker who put the Knife and Fork club off to an excellent start for the year.

BOAT SINKS

BELLINGHAM Sept. 16 (AP)—The Liberty Girl, Bellingham purse seiner owned by George George, sent down in heavy seas in Boundary bay late yesterday afternoon. Skipper William John and his six crewmen were rescued.

KITCHEN SENSATION BY Congoleum-Nairn

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