

Horton Ranch Rich in Beauty, History

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Wide sweeping vistas of beautiful country, tall grass waving in the wind—electric dishwashers in the kitchen and space to move for both man and beast.

That's the impression city folks get, and a right envious one it is, after a tour such as Wes Guderian, Herald and News photographer, and a newspaper reporter made of the Horton holdings in Poe and Yonah valleys this week.

Rich in history, such landmarks as log cabins of the late '90's still stand with apple trees, almost as old, sending down shade while their branches still bear after these many long years.

Lawrence Horton's holdings, on which his registered Hereford herd grazes, spread from Langell valley, Poe valley and into Yonah valley. There is a total acreage in the Horton name of 8000 acres.

Horton's ranches were chosen as a special feature of this section not only because of the modern fittings of the breeder's various outfits, but because they are bound together in lore—tragic and humorous—of the Klamath country.

Home Place
The Poe valley road runs by the Lawrence Horton house and "home place" where modern buildings have far outstripped the original "little house" that stood there more than 70 years ago. Right now it is one of the show places of the countryside with a gleaming white house the focal point and surrounded by tile and white painted buildings with the clean lines of white fencing marking a pattern.

The present house, modern in every respect, was built around the original square room building by Lawrence's grandfather, William Harrison Horton, who died in the early '70's and is buried in Linkville cemetery.

William Harrison Horton was the first of the Hortons to homestead in the Klamath country. He was born in New York state and came to the Oregon country by ox cart in '63. He homesteaded 120 acres of the present ranch in Poe valley and then, his son, Charles, added 1640 acres to the holdings.

Charles lost this land, the 1640 acres, during the depression years

Pacific Northwest quarter-horse show at Pendleton on May 15, Monte Carlo stepped high and won the grand championship. John values him at \$3500 but would not sell at twice the price. Thus far, Monte Carlo has sired eight colts.

Leaving the Horton ranch, Lawrence decided on a quick cut to the Yonah valley place around and over Horton hill. The pickups took off through juniper and sage, and from a vantage point we were treated to as fine a panorama as could be found.

It was the wide sweep of Yonah valley, its green meadows and pasture land dotted with pools and streams and even Alkali lake shimmered in the sun, all the world like it was worth its weight in gold.

Winding down the other side of the mountain we passed through a part of the famous Horton herd of registered Herefords. If we didn't say it before, we'll say it again.

Lawrence Horton is the largest registered Hereford breeder in the state of Oregon. He started 27 years ago with 14 registered animals. The herd now has 750 cattle over one year old, about 350 calves and nine registered bulls.

The first dwelling, if such it can be called, is a cabin built in the '90's by Billy Shook. An apple orchard stands in the background, the trees heavily leafed and still bearing. Around the curve is a log cabin, its shakes peeling in the sun but the timber still strong and good.

This cabin was built by J. C. Colohan, Lawrence's maternal grandfather. The pine paneling, still sound and firm, was hauled by cart from Bly mountain where Colohan had a sawmill.

There was a squabble which made Klamath county history, over water rights, and Colohan sold his Yonah valley holdings to Billy, John and Dave Shook, sons of old Amos Shook. It was after the "hard winters" of '89 and '90.

That is a story in itself. But Lawrence said that as a small

boy he would dream that some day he would own the old family property and that the Colohan place in Yonah valley would be his. It is.

A startling comparison to the old Colohan place, where Lawrence's mother Nettie was born in 1877, is the still spanking new and modern home which Bob Horton built for his bride, the former Louisa Keller, just this year.

The new home stands on the site of the old Amos Shook place and the huge old apple trees were planted by Amos in '72.

A log cabin stood on the site of the new home. It was at this place that the famous cattle rustling feud came to an end when John Shook "drew first" and killed the rustler again.

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HST To Stump For New York Demos Tonight

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (AP)—President Truman jumps back into the political arena tonight with a brief radio appeal to the voters of

Goodlow. There was a famous lawn court case that followed, one that brought families by buckboard to Linkville, for miles around.

After a fine lunch, highlighted by cups of marvelously brewed coffee, the Hortons and The Herald and News people piled back in the pickups, took the Horton hill road home again.

New York to back democratic candidates in next Tuesday's special election.

The president returned last night from what he jokingly called a "bipartisan" speechmaking trip designed to be "entirely pleasing to Minnesota democrats."

Lehman, O'Dwyer

In his five-minute talk tonight (8:30 p.m., EST) Truman will urge the election to the U. S. senate of former New York Governor Herbert H. Lehman, and the reelection of New York City's Mayor William O'Dwyer.

Lehman is fighting for the senate

seat now held by republican John Foster Dulles.

The presidential party for the "bipartisan" trip to Minnesota included Democratic National Chairman William Boyle. On the way back to Washington, Mr. Truman consulted political leaders on democratic candidates' prospects in the 1950 congressional campaign.

Company Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The Fred Heilbronner Fuel company, which boasts the longest con-

tinuous business operation by an individual in Klamath Falls, Thursday celebrated its 30th anniversary.

The firm was founded by Fred Heilbronner on his return from service overseas. Fred started out with a team and wagon hauling blocks and slabs, but the business has expanded far beyond this small beginning.

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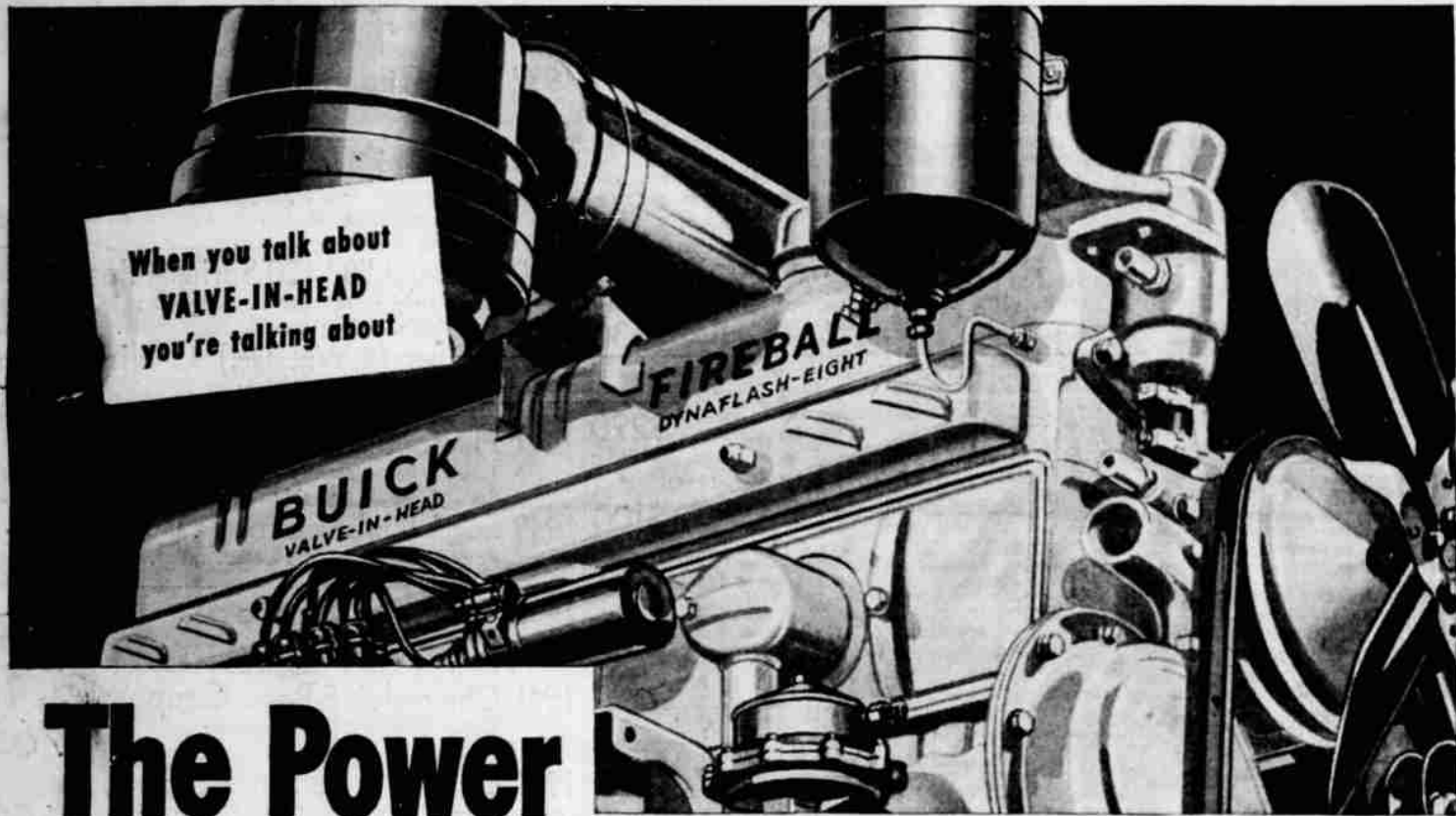
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But it happens that this isn't new with Buick. As a matter of fact, the valve-in-head engine was invented back in 1902—U. S. Patent No. 771095—and immediately, Buick adopted the principle, which became the first in a long string of "Buick firsts."

Not everyone went for the idea—then. In spite of the fact that this engine "breathes" more freely—gets fuel in and exhaust gases out more easily—others hung onto their pet ideas.

Then came the airplane, with its need

for maximum power from every drop of fuel—and every maker of internal combustion airplane engines adopted the valve-in-head principle.

And more recently—with the hope that higher-octane fuels will become available for motor cars—a lot of automotive engine designers are taking a new look at the valve-in-head idea.

But just for the record, we'd like to point out that Buick got there first.

And ever since, Buick has gone steadily ahead, building up a name as "valve-in-headquarters." Buick engineers reshaped pistons to put Fireball wallop in these engines. They stepped up com-

pression ratios as fast as better fuels came along.

So perhaps you'll want to remember, when you hear the term "valve-in-head," that this is the type of power that made Buick famous.

If others want to climb on the bandwagon, we say "more power to them"—and no pun is intended.

But Buick has been doing more with valve-in-head right from the start.

And—we might add—it stands to reason that Buick is not through making this type of engine better and better.



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