Cowbelles Set Fashionable Pace At Meeting, Working Hard To Aid Sale Of Beef

By JOHN JAMESON

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) —The gals from the range are not what they used to be. They are as sleek and modern as the purebred beef cattle their husbands and fathers raise on the Western ranges.

Three hundred of these ranch women, who have their own organization, the CowBelles, are meeting here while their menfolk wrestle with the problems which beset the livstock producing business these days.

The men, members of the American National Cattlemen's Assn., can be spotted easily by their high-heel boots, big hats and typical Western garb, but not the women.

As they opened their convention with a luncheon in the luxurious Broadmoor Hotel, there wasn't a calico dress in sight—nor a sun bonnet, and the high heels were strictly French, not cowboy.

From all appearances it might have been a meeting of a group of city women.

"We live just like the people in the city do — and have more room," commented Mrs. Wayne Rowe of near Lawton, Okla., as she let a fur cape slide off her shoulders.

But some remember when it was different, as did Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Lucius Long, another Oklahoman, from Meers.

"I remember when we used to gather up chips for a fire and the water froze in the buckets in the house," said Mrs. Long, who was born on a Texas ranch and has lived on a ranch all of her life.

"But it's different now," she observed. "We have pushbutton stoves, electric dishwashers, television and all those things."

The ranchwomen, traditionally helpers of their husbands, haven't lost that touch as life has become easier.

The CowBelles' No. 1 job for this year is to help promote the sale of beef.

The campaign has been pushed by local groups and now is being expanded to a national basis, explained Mrs. Ralph L. Cowan of McNeal, Ariz., retiring president.

"One of our slogans is eat beef and stay slim," said Mrs. Cowan, who added that the women also are educating housewives in the use of less expensive cuts of meat and stressing slow cooking of beef to reduce shrinkage of the meat.

The men's group also listed promotion as its biggest job of the year in a drive to halt the drop in beef eating and beef prices and thus solve the stock growers' problem.

Jap Firm Low Bidder On Job

PORTLAND (AP) — Hitachi, Ltd., of Tokyo, submitted the low bid for turbine governors to be used at The Dalles Dam, the Corps of Engineers reported Tuesday.

It was the third time in three months that a foreign firm has been low bidder for equipment for Pacific Northwest dams.

Hitachi's bid of $1,073,522 was nearly one quarter million dollars below the lowest American bid—Pelton Water Wheel Co. of San Francisco, $1,314,785.

The American bid was third low. The second low was $1,163,628 submitted by Costruzioni Meccaniche Riva, of Milan, Italy.

English Electric Co. of England recently won a contract for a generator at McNary Dam and submitted a low bid for generator equipment for Lookout Point Dam on the Middle Fork Willamette River. The Lookout Point bid was rejected, however, because the firm could not meet the required delivery date.

College Sells City Property

PORTLAND (AP) — Multnomah College Tuesday approved payment of $36,000 to the city of Portland to clear title to some property, then to sell the property for $125,000 to the First Methodist Church here.

The property, at S. W. 18th Ave. and Jefferson Street, was bought from the city for $36,000 in 1950. That sale provided for payment of a similar sum should the college not use the property for school or recreational purposes.

Eric Ladd, a builder who has reconstructed three old landmark homes near the site, offered Multnomah College $161,000 but officials said they had already committed themselves to the church, which plans a sanctuary, chapel, recreational center and offices.

"BE GOOD, BOYS," was the final instruction of their mother, Mrs. L. L. Porterfield, to Rex and Jim Porterfield as the lads left Klamath Falls for a trip to Washington, D. C. Staff photographer of the Herald and News got this shot as Mrs. Porterfield adjusted Rex's potato king badge for the last time.

Legislative Move Fought

SALEM (AP) — Attorneys for State Rep. David Baum, La Grande, filed their brief in state Supreme Court Wednesday in Baum's suit contesting the 1952 amendment reapportioning the Legislature.

Baum lost in Marion County Circuit Court when Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell ruled that the constitutional amendment is valid, Baum then appealed.

Under the amendment, Oregon's Legislature will be reapportioned for this year's elections for the first time since 1910.

The amendment provides that if the Legislature refuses to reapportion itself after each federal census, then the secretary of state or th state Supreme Court shall do so.

Baum contends that this violates the constitutional provision that the legislative, executive and judicial departments shall remain separate.

Baum brought the suit against Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton.

They will file their answering brief in a few weeks.

Cotton Acreage Up To Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's now up to a House-Senate conference committee to work out a compromise bill fixing the maximum cotton acreage the country's cotton growers can plant this year.

The matter was checked to a conference committee by Senate action late Tuesday approving a bill which would fix the 1954 cotton acreage allotment at 21,279,000 acres—four million less than 1953 plantings but 3½ million more than the figure set last fall by the Agriculture Department.

Last year the House passed a bill setting the figure at 22½ million acres.

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Portland Reserve Unit Honored

PORTLAND (AP) — Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz presented the Nimitz Trophy to Portland's reserve submarine division 13-7 before a crowd of 2,200 here Tuesday night.

The trophy is awarded annually by the Navy Department to the outstanding U. S. naval reserve submarine division.

Nimitz praised members of all naval reserve divisions, declaring: "We are a maritime nation and our future depends on our sea power and the ability to immediately seize control of the seas. Without the reserves this would not be possible."

TOUR

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) — Prince Peter and Princess Irene of Greece Wednesday toured this historic city en route from Tokyo to Kyoto. The royal pair made the two-day trip down the coast from Yokohama aboard the 8,900-ton British ship Glencarn.

Democrats Ask Special Oregon Me

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's Democratic Party leaders Wednesday asked Gov. Patterson to call a special meeting of the Legislature to meet "the deepening economic crisis."

Oregon's unemployment, is "the most critical of all 48 states," the request, released to the press here, said.

It said the special session should do these four things:

1. Authorize emergency projects to be underway to meet "the depths of unemployment predicted for March and April."

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Attack On REA Draws Reply

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A Republican congressman Wednesday denounced what he called determined efforts to make a political football out of the Rural Electrification Administration program.

In an address at the annual convention of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn. Rep. Lovre (R-SD) said:

"Individuals and groups, with authority to speak for neither of the major political parties, have tried to make it appear that the present administration was talking with tongue in cheek when it drafted a party platform that pledged its continued support for rural electrification.

"The REA program, these self appointed spokesmen have said, is being scuttled. The farmers, they have said, are being sold down the river.

"What are the facts: The simple, straight-forward fact is that during the past 12 months, under the present administration, the REA program has been strengthened and improved and carried forward with fresh vigor and renewed determination."

He denied that there is any truth to claims that the government plans to raise interest rates or sell the electric cooperatives to private utilities.

RETURNS

TOKYO (AP) — Gen. John E. Hull, Allied Far East commander, returned Wednesday from a Formosan visit and said he plans to be in Korea for the release Jan. 23 of anti-Communist war prisoners.

Columbia Fish Rules Made

PORTLAND (AP) — The lower and middle stretches of the Columbia River will be open to commercial fishing from April 30 to May 27, the Oregon Fish Commission and Washington State Fisheries Bureau decided Tuesday.

Last year the river below Bonneville Dam was opened April 30 and the upriver opening was delayed until May 13. State biologists had recommended the same for this year in an attempt to increase the number of fish which reach spawning grounds.

Upriver fishermen complained, however, that the late season wasn't profitable for them, and the uniform dates were set for both above and below the dam.

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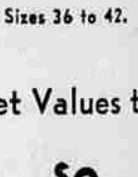

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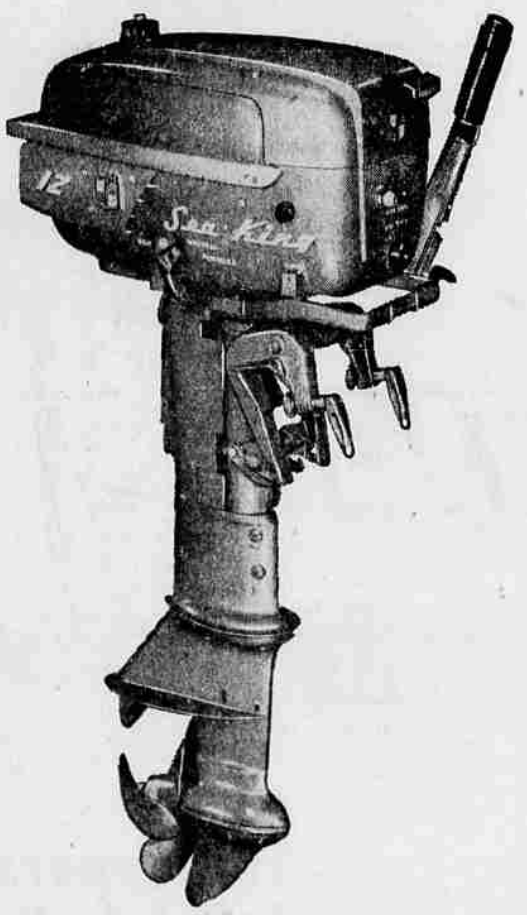

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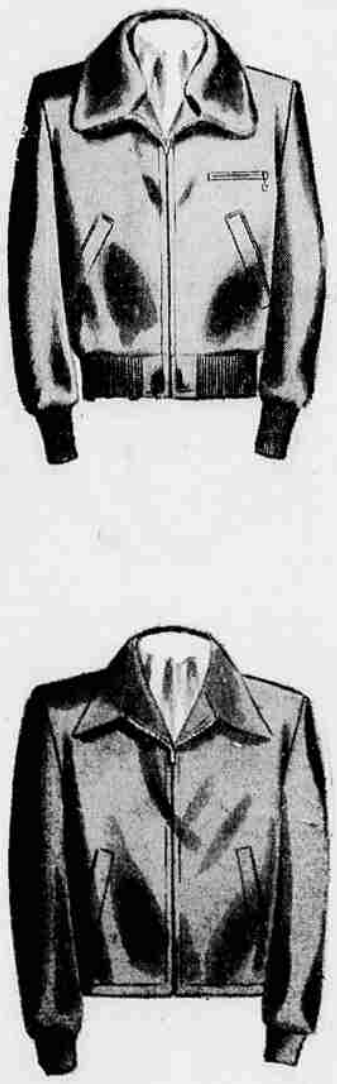

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