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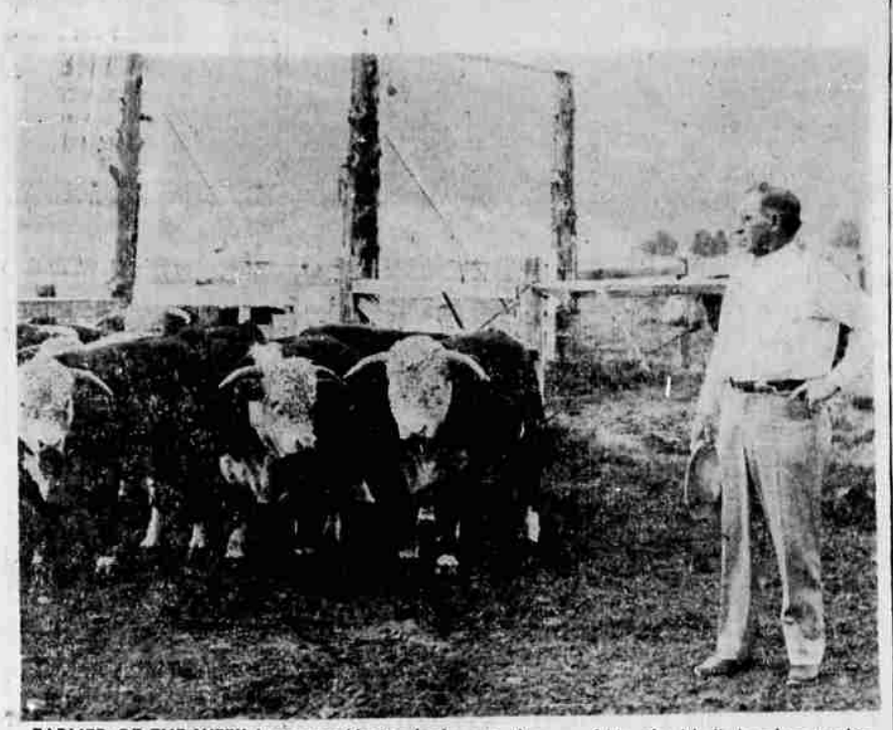

FARMER OF THE WEEK Lawrence Horton looks over the pen of Hereford bulls he plans to ship to the 15th annual Red Bluff bull sale next February. At present the two year old animals weigh about 1,300 pounds each, but will weigh around 1,500 when taken to the sale, Horton said. Last year, Horton's animals took the top price at the sale.

Horton Readies Champ Bulls For Annual Red Bluff Sale

Now preparing his bulls for the 15th annual Red Bluff Bull sale is this week's Farmer of the Week, Lawrence Horton, who, with his two sons, Robert and John Horton, operates a 6,000 acre spread east of Klamath Falls.

Horton's Herefords, taken from the largest registered Hereford herd in Oregon, have been consistent winners at the Red Bluff sale ever since its beginning. There were five years, from 1949-53, when the Hortons did not consign.

Their winnings have included champion bull, champion female, champion pen of five, reserve champion pen of five, reserve champion pen of three and reserve champion pen of females.

(For the first few years of its existence, females were sold at the Red Bluff sale.)

The Horton operation is divided between three ranches, one in Poe Valley, one in Langell Valley and one in Yonna Valley. He said he wouldn't want to estimate how many cattle he is running — "I haven't stopped to count them" was his comment — but he did say it was the largest registered herd in the state.

Horton is proud of the history of the spread, which dates back to when his grandfather homesteaded it in 1863. The Yonna Valley spread has been in the family a long time, having been homesteaded in 1871 by his maternal grandfather, James Colahan. He bought that place in 1939.

Except for about 10 years which he spent in the Tulelake area, he has lived his entire life "in the house where I was born." And, he says, "There are darn few people around who can say that."

He added that he only knew of two.

The Yonna Valley land is very easy to irrigate, having four wells and a good spring. Three of the wells are artesian, but all four are pumped for maximum flow.

He has some of his land rented out to a potato grower, and himself concentrates on the cattle. The only material he himself grows is related to his cattle, and includes alfalfa and other feed crops.

A progressive operator, Horton has modernized his pasture land by leveling, irrigating and other improvements. The pleasant home on the Poe Valley ranch is one of the neatest around this area, according to an official at the county extension office.

However, Horton himself is more interested in his cattle, and hopes to again cop the top price at the Red Bluff sale next February.

Church Double Club Meets In Weed

WEED — Eight member couples in addition to the committee of four, attended the regular monthly meeting of the Kum Double Club of the Weed Community Church, Saturday night, October 8.

A social hour of games followed the dinner served in the parlor of the church. Mrs. Delbert Doan led the devotionals and other arrangements of the evening were made by Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. John Paulson, and Mr. and Mrs. Doan.

Guests for the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Yeager, Oklahoma City, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Glea Anderson; and Jim Forbes, Gardiner, Oregon.

Stockmen Set Meeting Date

The Western Oregon Livestock Association will hold its 20th annual meeting November 17 to 19 at the Gearhart Hotel, according to Harry Lindgren of Corvallis, former Oregon State College livestock specialist.

Clatsop and Columbia county livestock associations will host the meeting for the 550-member organization that includes 14 western Oregon counties. An invitation also has been extended to members of the statewide Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association.

Registration is scheduled the morning of November 17 followed by afternoon and evening committee meetings. Committee reports, resolutions and the business session will be conducted in a general assembly the closing day.

Second day speakers will include James Short, director of the state department of agriculture and Joseph W. McCracken, Portland, executive vice president of the Western Products Industries Association. Also scheduled November 18 is the evening banquet with former governor Al Norblad as master of ceremonies.

Farmers Get Child Labor Regulations

Social security and child labor regulations for farm workers were outlined today by U.S. and school officials.

Although there are slight differences between Oregon and California regulations on child labor, the essential rules are the same. Federal social security regulations, of course, are the same in both states.

School regulations provide that every child between 8 and 16 years of age must attend a full time school, and all children under 18 who work must have a work permit.

Only minors 14 to 18 years of age may work before or after school. They may not work earlier than 5 a.m. or later than 10 p.m. Children 14 and 15 years of age may only work outside of school hours, and may not work more than three hours on a school day or eight hours on a non-school day. Maximum work week for 14 and 15 year olds is 18 hours during a school week and 40 hours in a non-school week.

A new work permit must be obtained for changes of jobs, except that California Saturday and vacation permits are valid for more than one job. These permits are issued by school principals.

No child under 14 may get a work permit while school is in session.

Fines or imprisonment are prescribed for both employers and parents who violate these regulations.

Social security laws provide that farm workers making more than $100 cash wages from a single employer must pay into the social security fund. Farm hands who will be paid more than $100 must have a social security number, which may be obtained through farm labor or growers association offices or at the social security office in the Klamath Falls post office.

Employers must deduct two per cent from the wages of men covered by social security, and must keep records of all wages paid and the amount deducted. At the end of the year, a report must be filed with the director of internal revenue, showing name, social security number and wages paid to each employe. Both the money collected from workers and the employer's two per cent share will be paid at the time this report is submitted.

WITHDRAWAL

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea's Communist radio said Saturday Red China withdrew a total of 19,533 troops from North Korea this week. A Pyongyang Radio broadcast said the soldiers were part of six divisions Red China is recalling from Korea. A Chinese division runs to approximately 12,000 men.

FRED TILESTON, Agricultural Research Service engineer from Hermiston, is shown checking water intake at the parshal flume as test irrigation recently got underway in the Fort Rock area. Data is being collected for an irrigation conference to be held in January, sponsored by the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil Conservation District. —Photo by Bud Parks

Soil Experts Launch Study Of Northern Lake County

FORT ROCK — In anticipation of future expansion of irrigation in the basin areas of North Lake County, the first scientific studies of water penetration and moisture retention capacities of local soils were recently launched here by the soil and moisture division of the Agricultural Research Service in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and Oregon State College.

Similar studies have been made in seven other soil conservation districts in Central and Eastern Oregon where flood irrigation is used. Conducting the irrigation research program is Fred Tileston of Hermiston, ARS irrigation engineer.

By collecting basic soil moisture facts and conducting a controlled irrigation on an approximately 50 x200 foot plot, Tileston is able to assemble data enabling him to recommend the amount of water needed and the length of irrigation necessary for specific soils.

Three test sites, representing typical soils that may be used for more extensive irrigation, were selected by the local soil conservation district, the organization requesting that the study be made. These were on the Cameron Cliff ranch at Silver Lake, operated by Robert Rosebrook, and the Leonard Pitcher and Bud Parks places at Fort Rock. The district selected the sites and arranged for both assistants and water for the irrigation runs.

"Selection of test areas that represent predominate conditions is very important," Tileston said, "in order to give the greatest predictable value of these experiments."

General field sampling of soils enables an accurate description of moisture conditions when the irrigation is started. Following this, 10 sheet iron rings 12 inches in diameter are driven into the ground at intervals through the test area, filled with water and a measurement taken on the speed with which it penetrates the soil.

For the test irrigation, 6x3-inch parshal measuring flumes measure the water both on and off the area. The automatic recorders give complete information, according to Tileston. From the intake curve a more accurate recommendation can be determined on how long water should be left on the land.

Volume weight tests are made the following day to determine the moisture holding capacity of the soil. Two series of 10 samples are taken about five inches apart in a profile, using a Pomona sampler which cuts 2x2-inch cylindrical cores. The difference in weight of samples, before and after baking in an oven, indicates the maximum holding capacity of the soil. This data, once established, remains constant. Separate samples are taken and sent to Oregon State College where minimum holding capacities are determined.

A follow-up of this study is planned for next year. This work is being pioneered in Oregon by Tileston who is the only person to assemble and use available equipment. SCS personnel assisting him here included Duane Crane and Jack Gillette of the Silver Lake office and Joe Rogers, area conservationist, and George Watt, area engineer, both of Bend.

Plans for this research were made cooperatively by Tileston of the ARS, Jeff Rogers, head of Agricultural Engineering at OSC and Harold Tower, state conservationist for Oregon.

Results of the local study are to be made available for an irrigation conference in January sponsored by the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil Conservation District.

New Weed Killer To Be Shown

Latest findings in chemical warfare against weeds will be reviewed in public sessions November 9 and 10 at the fourth annual Oregon Weed Conference at the Senator Hotel, Salem.

Reports by Oregon State College researchers and agricultural industry representatives will deal mainly with crop-robbing weeds, although some attention will be given to beautifying home grounds through weed control, says conference secretary Rex Warren, OSC farm crops specialist.

Research findings will include weed control in cereal, vegetable, strawberry, and grass and legume crops; chemical and mechanical removal of sagebrush; and control of plant growth in farm ponds. Among other topics are the operation of weed districts as seen by a panel of weed supervisors, a county judge and a county extension agent.

PROPAGANDA

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The pro-Western government of Premier Burhanuddin Harahap struck a heavy blow at the flood of Communist books and propaganda into Indonesia Saturday by banning the import and circulation of more than 70 publications. Vice Premier Djanu Ismadi said the ban was necessary to the preservation of law and order.

CHARGE

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet magazine Communist says Dr. Norman Vincent Peale is trying to undermine the faith of workers in themselves "by calling upon them to rely on the will of God." The September issue of the magazine assailed Dr. Peale's American best-seller, "The Power of Positive Thinking" as a dispenser of a "reactionary social trend."

Erramouspe Rites Held In Alturas

ALTURAS — Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. from the Cedarville Catholic Church for Mrs. Dominica Erramouspe with Father Michael officiating.

Survivors include two sons, John of Eagleville and Albert of Burney, California, and two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Cook and Mrs. Keith Heryford, both of Eagleville.

Those who wish to do so may contribute to the national Arthritic Foundation.

WARNING

TOKYO (AP) — Red China warned Iran Saturday that its decision to join the Turkey-Iraq-Pakistan military alliance is "a dangerous step" towards "military aggression" against the Soviet Union and China.

State Game Office Men Perform Many Varied Tasks

Game commission personnel are good men to know.

In addition to their regular duties, Oregon Game Commission personnel volunteer their services to perform many varied tasks in their daily routine. Because of their wide travels throughout the more remote and mountainous regions of the state, these men are often Johnny-on-the-spot to render assistance to persons in distress.

Up in the Troy region where Norm Minnick now resides as the Wenaha game unit manager, Minnick's knowledge of first aid soon became known and set him solid as a valuable addition to the citizenry in this remote region of the state where a doctor's care comes at a premium.

Minnick's first aid was put to test one day when a pipe tension bar on a "Swede" line snapped back and struck a logger in the face causing serious facial lacerations. In another incident, Minnick quickly administered first aid to a logger who had been bitten by a rattlesnake.

Bob Stein, Wallowa district game agent, also came to the rescue of a person in distress. Stein is a member of the Wallowa County rescue unit along with numerous other Wallowa County citizens. Last week Stein along with 16 members of this unit made a hurried pack trip into the rugged country of the Imnaha north fork to rescue a sheepherder in dire distress because of injuries. The sheepherder's horse had fallen from a steep mountain trail, rolling over the sheep man causing several broken bones and multiple abrasions and lacerations.

Also last week, Dave Luman, Pendleton district game agent, administered first aid to three occupants of an automobile that had rolled down a grade from the Battle Mountain Road. Luman attended the injured until the state police arrived with emergency equipment.

During the John Day controlled deer hunt, Bob Mace, chief of big game, and Glen Ward, Heppner district game agent, assisted the state police in the removal of a hunter who had died from a heart attack. Previous to the incident, Glen Ward had been without sleep for 36 hours from game commission duties at the checking station, patrol, and directing hunters to problem deer areas.

It is a common sight to witness a game commission agent rendering assistance to motorists in trouble, perhaps a pull from a mud hole, or changing a flat tire for one of the helpless sex. Recently, a black Angus steer was rescued from a sump into which it had fallen, high in the Wallowa Mountain area. Profound thanks were given by the owner of this valuable animal.

Many other acts of assistance are rendered daily by game commission agents wherever distress is encountered or when called upon for help.

Yes — game commission agents are good men to know.

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