

Jack McAuliffe Buys Indian Land To Escape Retirement

By MYRTLE WIMER
 FORT KLAMATH — Four years ago J. P. (Jack) McAuliffe, pioneer stockman of Lake and Klamath counties in Oregon and Tehama County in California, decided to retire. To this end, he divided his ranch holdings among his family of two sons and a daughter. To Joe he gave the 1,000-acre home ranch south of Fort Klamath. Pat received the 1,100-acre ranch north of here which was the former James Pelton place. To his daughter, Mrs. Jack (Nora) Conlon, he gave his 700-acre ranch at Fort Bidwell, California, where she lives

In 1911 there was an interlude when the young Irishman planned to leave the United States and locate in the cow business in South America. This plan was changed when he stopped off for a visit in Chicago and met a young Irish colleen, Nora O'Connor, who had herself come from County Cork in 1904. She became his bride and they returned to Klamath County, moving in 1920 to the Wood River Valley. The family has lived here ever since, with the exception of winter months in California. In addition to their three children, Mr. and Mrs. McAuliffe now have 17 grandchildren.

Asked to what he attributes the success of his large scale cattle operations, Jack McAuliffe said he considers three factors largely responsible: close family cooperation, hard work and the financial assistance of the bankers of Lake and Klamath counties. To this, Mrs. McAuliffe added, "Without the help of Almighty God, nothing could have been achieved."
 After 50 years' residence in the United States, McAuliffe had this to say of his adopted country: "This is the best country in the whole world and it is full of wonderful people." He added, "And the Wood River Valley is God's

own country."
 Neighbors point with pride to Jack McAuliffe as the type of person which has made the Klamath country great — a true pioneer builder of the Klamath Basin who adhered to the code of ethics of the Old West.
 Mr. and Mrs. McAuliffe will leave within the week to spend the winter at their Bald Hills ranch residence near Cottonwood where their two sons and their families have already moved. All are expected to return to their Wood River Valley homes with the robins (and the cattle) in the springtime.

Baxter Replaces School Bus Driver

FORT KLAMATH — Walter Baxter is now driving the school bus on the Fort Klamath-Chiloquin run. He replaces Allen L. Cline of Chiloquin who drove the bus temporarily following the resignation of Mrs. William C. Martin. Mrs. Martin had driven for the school district for five years.
 Martin, a seasonal ranch hand employed by R. Seth Dixon, and Mrs. Martin are vacationing and visiting her relatives at Napa, California.

Better Use Of Rain Seen

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Some of Oregon's excess winter rain that falls along the coast and is lost almost immediately into the ocean may someday be "carried over the mountains" to places inland that need more moisture, three Oregon State College meteorologists believe.
 They have raised the interesting possibility of "suppressing" rain along the coast by overseeding the clouds.
 That in turn would let the moisture-filled clouds be blown over the coast range and increase the snowfall and rainfall in the Cas-

cadies and Eastern Oregon. Along the Oregon coast, they point out, annual rain in some places approaches 150 inches. The great majority of it falls during winter months and most of the rain during that time flows almost directly into the ocean. Other regions of the state to the east, on the other hand, could use more rain to tremendous advantage in crop production.
 They suggest the 40-mile stretch between the Yaquina and Nestucca rivers as a suitable test site for their plan if funds should be made available from some source. By carefully planning and setting up the experiment, they think the program could be tested in one or two winter's operations.



J. P. McAULIFFE

with her husband and family. The 14,000-acre ranch at Cottonwood was divided equally between the two sons who maintain winter homes there as do Mr. and Mrs. McAuliffe Sr.
 This week comes announcement that Jack McAuliffe has purchased 1,000 acres of meadowland on the big Upper Klamath Marsh, northeast of Fort Klamath. This property consists of Indian tribal land claims and was obtained on McAuliffe's bid, submitted on a competitive basis, to the U.S. Indian Service at Klamath Agency. The acreage of green pasture adjoins McAuliffe's 2,500-acre ranch. In addition, for the past several years, McAuliffe has run cattle on 4,000 acres of leased Indian tribal land on the marsh.
 The division of property in 1951 had left McAuliffe with only the 2,500-acre ranch on the marsh and his Fort Klamath residence.
 Being practically on the retired list, irked his Irish soul. His lifetime habit of hard work refused to be broken, so, both literally and figuratively, he is back in the saddle again.
 At the age of 71, McAuliffe is still physically fit and active, despite a recent severe bout with virus pneumonia. He spends much of the season in the saddle and helps superintendent and direct the shipments of stock to and from California each spring and fall.
 A native of County Cork, Ireland, McAuliffe emigrated from the Emerald Isle in 1905, settling at the age of 21 at Lakeway where he lived until 1914 when he moved to Bly, engaging in sheep and cattle ranching at both places.

Bus Strike Hits Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A strike of bus drivers and mechanics, Tulsa's sixth in 10 years, paralyzed the city's public transportation system Saturday in the midst of the Christmas shopping season.
 The Tulsa City Lines employees, unable to reach a contract agreement, left the buses in the barns at the scheduled start of the day's service.
 The hiccup came after a series of all-day Friday and post-midnight conferences failed to dissolve an impasse over the AFL Municipal Coach Employees Union's demand for a shortened work week without loss of pay and the company's insistence a fare boost is needed to finance it.
 The strikers involved company and union spokesmen, city officials, a merchants group and a federal mediator.
 The city, which claims a 220,000 population, prepared to put into operation at once a jitney system. Under it private automobiles are licensed to carry paying passengers over a set list of bus routes. An ordinance authorizing such service was adopted last week in anticipation of a walkout.

Youth Group Divides Prize

MERRILL — Mrs. Charles Johnson, field director of Klamath Council, showed Christmas gift suggestions for Camp Fire and Blue Bird girls at the December 7 meeting of Merrill Camp Fire leaders. Mrs. Robert Walker presided in the absence of Mrs. George Milne.
 The \$25 award which the Camp Fire and Blue Birds won as the grand prize in the Potato Festival parade will be divided equally among the six groups and the Leaders' Association, it was announced.
 After leaders' reports, group singing was led by Phyllis Rankin.

PURCHASE — HOWARD HUGHES has purchased a 42-acre tract of land and 500,000 square feet of manufacturing and office buildings in nearby El Segundo. The film producer and plane manufacturer bought them from the American Motors Corp. He intends to integrate them with electronic manufacturing facilities he has acquired.



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