

Klamath Cattlemen Have Proud Heritage

President Outlines Past And Purposes

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The western cattleman is traditionally a rugged individualist. This quality "stood him in good stead" during the early days of settling the West and is still admirable and effective as is evidenced by the fact the beef industry is today one of few large segments of agriculture that is free from government control. The cattleman has solved his own problems and will undoubtedly continue to do so.

Some cattlemen are so strong individually they don't care to belong to organizations which are promoting and protecting their own industry. However, most of the people who do belong feel that they are protecting their individualism by joining together and having a voice in directing the industry. In fact some of the earliest organized groups in western agriculture were cattlemen who banded together to solve such problems as range division, rustling, and roundup organization. There are many problems which can only be solved through organized action.

The American National Cattlemen's Association represents the industry on the national level. This organization has members in all the beef producing states and all the state associations are affiliates. The opinion of the American National is highly respected by the people in the federal government and various organizations and industries with whom the beef industry must work.

At the state and regional level the Oregon Cattlemen's Association represents the industry. This organization is made up of individual members with representation throughout the state. Each county organization cooperates with and assists the state group. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association has been active for the past 45 years.

The meager records now available show that the Klamath Cattlemen's Association was organized in 1924. The purpose of the organization at that time as stated by the first constitution and by-laws was to work for the betterment of the cattle industry, both locally and nationally, by assisting in more orderly marketing, securing information, and in protecting the rights and privileges of cattlemen. Thirty-three years later this statement of purpose still covers the objective of the organization.

Charter members of this organization included F. P. Corpening, Jesse N. Drew, W. D. Campbell, L. A. West, W. R. Campbell, D. D. Liskey, J. D. Grimes, John Liskey, Robert Cheyne, D. E. Alexander, C. L. Holliday, R. V. Ess and others. Annual dues were 50 cents and the annual meeting was held at Klamath Falls on the second day of the county fair.

In 1929 the Klamath Cattlemen's Association was enlarged to include Lake, Jackson, Siskiyou, and Modoc counties and was known as The Southern Oregon Livestock Association. Cattlemen from as far away as Alturas, Lakeview and Silver Lake were members. Some charter members of this group in addition to most of those listed above were F. F. McCready, Charles E. Drew, B. E. Kerns, Fred Stukel, George Hagelstein, Manuel Viera, A. L. Marshall, Fred Rueck, J. R. Hagelstein, Liskey Brothers, W. C. Dalton, William Kittredge, L. J. Horton, E. M. and W. E. Hammond, Fred L. Pope, Yamsay Land and Cattle Company, A. R. Campbell, J. P. McAuliffe, C. W. Withers, W. P. Vernon, Jones Ranch, J. B. Elder, C. V. Loosley, Fred Huffman and Frank McArthur.

Marketing was one of the principal problems worked on by this organization and a tie up was maintained with the California Cattle Marketing Association. For several years approximately 50 per

cent of the cattle in the area were marketed through the California association. After a few years all counties represented in the association formed individual organizations but the local group continued to be known as the Southern Oregon Cattlemen's Association. It was not until 1947 that the name was changed to the Klamath Cattlemen's Association.

Accomplishments of the organization down through the years have been numerous. The following are a few of the things that have taken place.

Cattle rustling became a rather unpopular vocation shortly after the association took an active interest in the problem. Cooperation of members, law enforcement officers and the courts sent several characters up for 10 years, the normal sentence, and others were known to have hastily left the country under the cover of darkness.

During the hoof and mouth disease outbreak in California in 1924 the Southern Oregon Cattlemen's Association was given the responsibility by the governor of patrolling the state border in this area. Livestock from the infected area was not permitted to enter Oregon and some dipping of animals was carried out. While traveling north to make a movie the original Rin Tin Tin was ceremoniously dipped in a bathtub of disinfectant at a local hotel. His owner wouldn't go for the regular dipping vat.

As already mentioned marketing was a problem of the association in the early years of its inception. Of course there are still marketing problems and always will be and they will continue to receive the attention of the association.

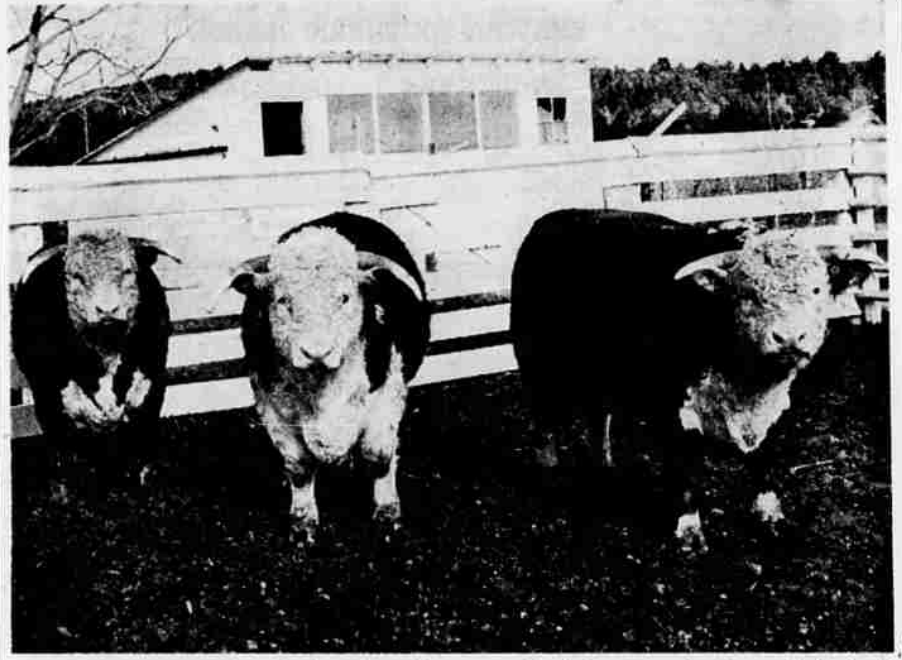
The association along with the dairy organization promoted the movement which gave the county tuberculosis accreditation. This program was carried out quickly with very good cooperation from individual producers. The Klamath Cattlemen have also been active in the new brucellosis law and only recently secured a change in the quarantine regulations which they felt were not practical. It was also through the efforts of the association that operators in certain areas have been permitted to buy anthrax vaccine for their own use.

The Klamath Cattlemen's Association was also responsible for the organization of the Klamath Production Credit Association which has been procuring agricultural credit for local farmers for over 20 years. William Kittredge who was president of the cattlemen's group at the time that the credit association was founded served for many years as head of the KPCA.

Considerable effort this past summer was directed to fighting the freight rate reduction granted fresh meat shipped from east to west. As yet the Interstate Commerce Commission has not acted on hearings held last fall. If a favorable decision is not received more work will be done on this problem as it is very serious to the western producer, packer and feeder.

The officers and members of the Klamath Cattlemen's Association would like very much to have more producers become members. Today nearly every segment of the economy of the country is strongly organized and it appears that in order to compete the cattlemen must maintain a strong organization.

'CRY FOR HAPPY'
NEW YORK — Originally planned for conversion into a comedy, the new novel, "Cry for Happy" is now slated for Broadway arrival as a musical. The score for the George W. Campbell story will probably be done by Burton Lane, last represented on the Main Stem with "Finian's Rainbow" 10 years ago. The production is planned for next fall.



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WILLIAM F. MARSHALL, president of the Klamath Cattlemen's Association.

Experts Forecast New Home Trend

A bright future for the kitchen business was predicted by industry observers at the first School for Kitchen Specialists, held this summer at Purdue University. One reason advanced for the growing market is that the kitchen once again has become the center of family living, with a resultant demand for better kitchens and more modern kitchen equipment.

The newest equipment, improved wood kitchen cabinets, kitchen cabinet accessories, built-ins and complete counter tops, are stimulating remodeling by making older kitchens outmoded, speakers said. In the new homes field, builders are including complete modern kitchens as the major selling feature.

The increase in kitchen sales is a definite consumer trend, it was asserted. Just as men have long gone in for new cars, women are now demanding new kitchens.

SAW PARTIAL SUFFRAGE

In her old age, Susan B. Anthony lived to see the women of Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Utah receive the right to vote. All women were enfranchised 14 years after her death.