

2 County Horse Breeders Help Revive Lost Strain

A breed of horses that served royalty from the time of the Ming Dynasty to the Nez Perce War is being revived in Klamath County and elsewhere in Oregon.

The breed is Appaloosa, a strain believed to date back farther than any other known breed.

Appaloosas neared extinction in the 1890's but the breed has been patiently revived and now promises to become a prize breed once more.

The two men in Klamath County breeding Appaloosas are Harold Harkey of Klamath Falls and Virgil Barry of Bly. Harkey has been breeding Appaloosas for about two years, and Barry for one year.

Harkey has sold a few of his horses, including one that won blue ribbons in the National Appaloosa Show at Canby, Oregon, in 1957. He has, however, retained a promising colt sired by "Rocky Road."

Both men find fascination in

breeding horses that date back to pre-Christian times. Harkey said Appaloosas were used by emperors in the Orient, in ancient Egypt and in Gaul. They were brought to the New World by the Spaniards, who put them ashore in Argentina. Gradually, Harkey said, the horses moved across the continent and into North America.

One of the most celebrated episodes of American Indian wars involved the Appaloosa breed. This was the type of horse used by Chief Joseph with his band of approximately a thousand warriors, women and children in a desperate attempt to escape from the U.S. Cavalry into Canada.

Chief Joseph fled for almost a year, and in that time was able to keep ahead of the troops, even with his burdensome band, because he used horses superior to those of the Army. His horses were Appaloosas.

Since the revival of the breed in the United States, particularly in the West, Appaloosa horse clubs have been formed in 21 states.

Harkey is a director from this area in the Oregon Appaloosa Horse Club, which met recently in Eugene with 66 breeders attending. A. J. Farenbaugh of Roseburg was named president by the Oregon group. Donna Richardson of Portland was elected secretary, and other directors are Calvin Briley of Medford, W. H. Taylor of Salem, Carl B. Binder of Bend and Tommy Thompson of Eugene.

Any person interested in the Appaloosa club may inquire of Harkey, 4835 Homedale Road, Klamath Falls.

Seedlings Are Still Available

The Oregon State Forest Nurseries have a large supply of ponderosa pine seedlings available for distribution to woodland owners. Besides being a major timber tree, ponderosa pine has assumed a position of being one of the accepted Christmas tree species on the West Coast. This tree is particularly well adapted to both Klamath and Lake counties.

The seedlings are delivered to the woodland owner for \$12 per thousand. For orders of 10,000 trees or more, the purchaser may take delivery at the nursery for \$9 per thousand.

Tree order blanks may be obtained from a county agent, the soil conservation service, the county ASC office, or state forestry headquarters. Those wanting trees should submit their orders soon, so as to be assured delivery.

Federal cost sharing is available to woodland owners for tree planting (including cost of trees), thinning, pruning, etc. Many woodland owners of Klamath and Lake counties are taking advantage of this program. For additional information, woodland owners of Klamath and Lake counties should contact their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

Disbursement Announced

DUNSMUIR — Disbursement of \$23,368 by the Dunsuir Recreation Commission for the current year has been announced by Thelma Bender, commission treasurer.

Of this sum, \$10,775.96 represents wages for lifeguards and pool supervision and maintenance workers at the ball park and city park. Capital outlay expenditures accounted for \$8,719.95. This was primarily for lights at the ball park, fence rebuilding and painting and one year's work on the city park master plan. Preparations are now being completed for an expanse of turf at the Dunsuir City Park, Mrs. Bender said.

The remaining funds went for insurance, materials and supplies and lights, water and telephone at the swimming pool and ball park.

Pool receipts, the recreation district tax and miscellaneous receipts from ball park users represents the district's income, Mrs. Bender explained.

The recreation commission budgets all funds at the beginning of the fiscal year. If the monies are not used they are subject to reversion to the Siskiyou County general fund.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

MOUNT SHASTA—The Mount Shasta Elementary School PTA will hold a Christmas party Thursday evening, December 18, in the high school auditorium. This will begin at 8 o'clock. The opening will consist of various vocal selections under direction of Mrs. R. B. Manley. These will be followed by folk dancing portraying Christmas in Mexico. The nativity will be portrayed by members of the PTA.



TOM SAYERS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sayers, 1921 Fargo Street, is a fireman's apprentice aboard the U.S.S. Shenandoah at Norfolk, Virginia. Sayers is a graduate of KUHS.

U.S. May Defend Canada; Purchase Of Planes Mulled

OTTAWA (AP)—Is the Canadian government prepared to have U.S. planes take over the Canadian air force's defense job in Canada?

This is one of the factors the government will consider next year when it decides whether to order the sleek new CF105 Arrow supersonic jet interceptor into production.

Questions have been raised about the wisdom of pouring money into a fighter plane when missiles are coming to the fore as defensive and offensive aerial weapons.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has estimated that 100 Arrows would cost around 900 million dollars.

More than 10 per cent of this fiscal year's \$1,686,000,000 defense budget has been spent on Arrow development. Tremendous sums have also been spent in past years.

Canada is the partner of the United States in the North American Air Defense Command.

It was announced in September that two U.S. Bomarc guided missile stations would go into operation in Canada in 1961 at a cost of 164 million dollars. The decision on the Arrow was delayed until spring. A decision is expected by March.

Behind the scenes the RCAF, seeing the possibility of its end as a flying combat force, added its arguments to the controversy.

Some RCAF officers said privately that cancellation of the Arrow would likely jeopardize Canada's position in NORAD, that the United States would not welcome Canada as a full partner when it was supplying only two Bomarc sites to the air defense system.

They added that American

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