

Old Photograph Pictures Cattle Dipping Operation

Scrapbooks and photo albums around the Klamath Basin have been searched for early day cattle pictures at the request of Mrs. Lee Holliday, vice president of Klamath County Cow Belles.

Publication of the pictures was planned as part of the Cow Belles' beef promotion this year which particularly emphasizes Beef for Fathers Day.

Henry Gerber found a postcard which is reproduced here. The cattle-dipping scene is from the ZX Ranch near Silver Lake in 1911. The card was mailed to Gerber's father, the late Louis Gerber.

Louis Gerber came to Klamath County from Sacramento about 1880

as a cattle buyer and soon took up a homestead in what is now the Gerber Reservoir. This home was the site of the ranch headquarters until the Gerber Dam was built in 1923 by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The headquarters was then moved to the Horsely Ranch which had been purchased some years before.

In the early days of ranching in the area, the Gerbers drove their cattle through the Klamath River Canyon and on down to Montague to the nearest railroad. Louis Gerber was in partnership in the meat packing business with a brother in Sacramento.

Henry Gerber was born in Sacramento on October 25, 1904, while the family was staying there for the winter.

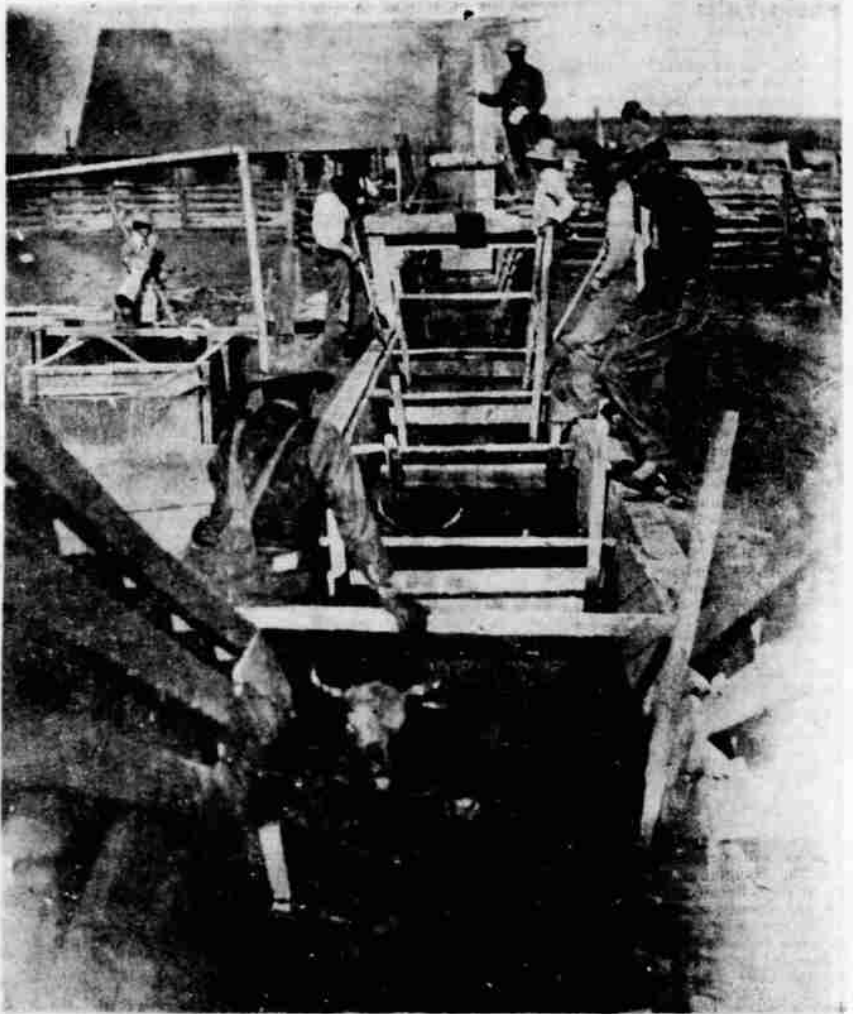
His mother was Ida Campbell before her marriage, a sister of W. D. Campbell, W. R. Campbell, A. R. Campbell, O. S. Campbell, Mrs. Stella Bowne and Mrs. George Merryman. The Campbell family came to Klamath County in May, 1885, and has engaged in the cattle business ever since that time.

"The Campbell family's arrival in Klamath tells a typical story of pioneering in this county during its early settlement," Ray O. Petersen, Klamath County agent, commented. "The Campbell family came from Texas by railroad to Los Angeles, then took a boat to Portland. From Portland the family went to Ashland by rail, and there they purchased a team of buckskin horses and made the trip by wagon through the Green Springs."

Louis Gerber was buying cattle during those days when the automobile made its appearance on the scene. He refused to learn to drive a car, so his son, Henry, drove their Model T Ford around the country for his father.

Doubtless, on some of these trips they went to northern Lake County and became well acquainted with the big ZX Ranch operation. At any rate, someone at the ZX operation (only initials were signed to the postcard) was interested in keeping Louis Gerber in touch with activities around Silver Lake and mailed him the postcard reproduced here.

Klamath County Cow Belles, women's auxiliary of the Klamath County Cattlemen's Association, are proud of the development of the cattle industry in the county.



"DIPPING ZX CATTLE at Silver Lake in 1911" is the message penned on the back of this postcard which had been mailed to the late Louis Gerber in Klamath Falls. The local county agent's office hazards a guess that the cattle were being dipped in a lime-sulphur solution for an early-day outbreak of scab. The ranch hands were not identified nor was the sender of the card.

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BOYS AT THE OREGON RANGE CAMP will be studying range lands and their 'key' forage plants again this year. The 'key plant' in this picture is Idaho Fescue, an important native bunchgrass. The range camp is sponsored each year by the Pacific Northwest section, American Society of Range Management. The camp this year will be at Logan Valley, 22 miles east of Seneca, August 3 to 8. Four boys, ages 14 to 17, will attend from each county in eastern Oregon. The selection committee for Klamath County met Wednesday morning and made plans for selecting boys to attend. Boys who are interested in attending the range camp should turn in their names and addresses to either Frances Skinner at the County Agents office or Gene Cox at the Soil Conservation Service office, both in the postoffice building. Names must be in before June 22. A grass field day for candidates will be held at the Experiment Station on July 7. Local agricultural business houses will be solicited for scholarships to pay the boys expenses at camp. The only cost to the boys will be a share of the transportation expenses.

IN THE SWIM
HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — James Garner, star of the "Maverick" television series, used to model bathing suits for extra income while attending Hollywood High School.

MAYBE CRIME DOES PAY
CLINTON, N.Y. (UPI) — During its first four basketball games, Hamilton College committed only 44 personal fouls, the fewest charged to any team in the country. Hamilton lost all four games.

YMCA'S IN THEIR BLOOD
BURLINGTON, VT. (UPI) — A YMCA nominating committee held its meeting at a Red Cross blood center while two members were donating a pint of blood each and the third was assisting.