

You'll Find Cowboys In California

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (UPI)—Memo to eastern city slickers: If you're looking for cowboys, don't go to Wyoming or Texas.

Come to California's Imperial Valley.

So says farm adviser James B. Burgess of El Centro, Calif., who has taken a long hard look at the Imperial Valley, which has become the leading cattle feeding center in the United States during the past 12 years.

Imperial Valley has more cowboys per square mile than the state of Wyoming," said Burgess. "But it's not like the Old West because we don't go in for roping and throwing cattle—these animals have to be babied to save every pound of grain for the market."

Cattle Raised Elsewhere
Oddly enough, practically none of the half million head of cattle fed in the valley are raised there.

The animals pour in from Idaho, Montana, Colorado and Texas. Beef on the hoof move in and out of the valley like stocks and bonds in Wall Street. The owner of a shipment may never see his livestock.

He lifts a telephone — and Imperial Valley firms do the rest. The valley's climate, according to Burgess, is ideal for cattle finishing except during its blistering July, August and September.

Feeders overcome this disadvantage by providing well-ventilated shades, cool water and special hot-weather rations.

Besides these items, Burgess said, animals are "tailormade" to withstand heat, having varying amounts of Brahman blood to give them high heat tolerance.

Big Obstacle
Until recent years, summer heat was so big an obstacle that the feeding industry remained comparatively small.

In the 1930s, the valley's 80,000-head feeding industry grew to a halt.

Ten years later, the industry had grown moderately—to a peak of 160,000 head. But still stood in the way of a major upsurge in numbers.

In 1946, the University of California sparked the cattle-feeding industry as it is known today by setting up research facilities to find heat-tolerant cattle, improved shading and better hot-weather feed.

With better rail and truck service and spurred on by a rising demand for meat in Southern California, Imperial County doubled its cattle-feeding from 1930 to 1950.

In 1951, according to Burgess, the cattle feeding graph shot up even faster, registering a 300 percent increase to the 1962 figure of 549,000 head.

LARGEST CROWD
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OH, YOU'RE EGGING ME ON — Elnora Ridgley, left, compares a tiny egg she and Shirley Oden, right, found in a hen's nest Wednesday to a regular-sized specimen of hen fruit held by Shirley. The girls, who live at 5659 Miller Avenue, were gathering eggs from their hens when they found the half-inch egg in one of the nests.

Coinword Hunts For \$2500 Winner

EXPLANATIONS ACROSS

1. When CLUTCHES in cars slip, there is bound to be trouble until they are fixed. When CRUTCHES slip they may merely be leaning against a wall and cause little or no trouble at all.

7. If a message is to be private, we should never write it on a POSTAL that anyone can read. A message on a PORTAL or door could be written on the inside and crased after the person with a key returns.

8. A WEE cottage in the woods could be picturesque but impractical if a family were large. A WET cottage might be large, perfectly dry inside and most practical.

11. Even experienced travelers sometimes have trouble keeping TABS on their luggage when it is checked from one point to another. They do not keep TAGS on their luggage but tear them off when it is shipped to the next place although this is not always so with travel labels.

14. We usually ADMIRE the people we love although not always. We do not usually ADVISE them but more often seek their advice unless they are very young children.

15. The magnificent stallion could be the sire of a wretched MARE or female horse. MALE would only be correct if it referred to a horse.

16. Painting in a tropical TONE is apt to include palm trees somewhere in the artist's work. Painting in a tropical ZONE might include house painting but certainly not palm trees.

17. To avoid CRIMPS or those who enforce men into shipping as sailors against their will, one should stay away from the water.

EXPLANATIONS DOWN

1. A bull might be disturbed by a loud CROAK especially if unexpected and made by a human. A loud CLOAK or garment would be a black-and-white checked coat and bother a bull very little.

2. A child who is constantly UNAPPROVED may resent her parents. A child constantly UNAPPEASED would probably be a problem and not expect to be appeased by her parents.

3. Shortly before Christmas, children start to HUNT for presents. They seldom HINT but state their hopes and wishes clearly.

4. Calling down to the street a man might count on a window SELL to support him. He would definitely count on a window SILL for support.

5. Some people seem to ELUDE or escape trouble with no effort. All people who seem to EXUDE or give out with trouble seem to find it no effort.

6. An expensive portrait may turn out to be a familiar FACE to millions of people. A familiar FACE would not be on the market at an expensive price since

it would be known as a FAKE.

8. Most men live according to their WONT or habit. They do not live according to their WANT but endeavor to free themselves from it.

9. Scenery is destroyed by the billboards PASTED along highways. Not only the billboards PASSED but those ahead destroy the scenery.

10. Champion bridge players know a good BID more than the average player. They may not know a good BIT more than the average player knows about other things.

12. The weaker the man, the more he might depend upon his KIN for support. A very weak man physically might have no taste for GIN at all.

13. Some girls invite a conspicuous JEER or shout of derision because of their clothes or actions. A LEER or immodest glance would not always be conspicuous.

15. You could hardly describe a salesman as MIM or affectedly shy or modest. You could describe him as MUM or silent if he did not want to accept your price.

Couple Visit Merrill Family

MERRILL—Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hartlerode have been Mr. and Mrs. William Vavricka and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hogenkamp of New York City.

Mrs. Hartlerode, Mrs. Vavricka and Mrs. Hogenkamp are sisters. They came with their family to Merrill and Malin in 1910. The Vavrickas and Hogenkamps moved east in 1917.

Staff Of 12,000 Record Weather Daily In U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—There are now more than 12,000 voluntary, unpaid observers in the United States who record weather data every day.

Most of their work consists of making a simple, climatological observation such as measuring rainfall or snowfall, checking the high and low temperatures, recording this data and mailing it to the nearest Weather Bureau.

Does anyone use this data? Do the observations serve any good purpose other than to satisfy scientific curiosity? The answer is an emphatic "yes," by J. H. Hagarty, head of the Office of Climatology of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

He said the bureau receives many requests for data. The requests are examined to determine the area in question, length of record needed and specific weather elements involved. The required data, or the next best substitute, are then collected, examined and furnished to the applicant.

Uses Of Records
Hagarty has compiled many of the ways in which weather records from the observers may be used. They include:

- Planning hospital design and construction.
- Evaluating the prospects of commercial agriculture in Arizona and in Florida, and deciding whether or not to buy land in New Mexico.
- Making an industrial survey for a New Jersey area.

—Correlating new home building starts with weather data.

—Evaluating insurance liability risks, verifying and paying insurance claims.

—Presentation of evidence in a murder trial.

—A study of the effect of weather on mortality in New York city.

—A comparison of climates in the United States where turkeys are grown with the climate of a turkey farm in Chile where the owner wished to import stock.

Study Climate Changes
Hagarty said an interesting use of temperature data is to attempt to determine if the climate actually is changing and, if so, in what way. Accurate temperature readings are vital to such studies, and these readings should be made under virtually unchanged conditions over a long period of time.

He said fuel suppliers base their operations on temperatures. So do those concerned with home and other building design and construction.

Hagarty said that without the corps of volunteer observers, "the myriad weather needs of our citizens would not be met."

Committee Sets Scenic Regions

SALEM (UPI)—The Oregon Scenic Area Commission has established scenic areas along 78 miles of the Santiam Highway from Salem to Sisters, it was announced Friday.

The scenic designation had been petitioned by Mill City garden and woman's clubs.

The clubs had sought to make the full route from the Salem bypass to the Sisters City Limits a scenic zone, but the commission declined to set aside 29 miles, according to chairman A. N. Weir.

Under the scenic areas act, the commission may establish scenic areas along public highways which have views of unusual natural beauty or have historical significance.

No advertising signs are permitted in a scenic site except certain directional and on-premise signs. Existing signs must be removed within seven years.

The scenic belt extends 600 feet deep along both sides of the highway.

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