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Livestock Researchers to Cross Hereford With Indian Brahma

By MARTHA COLE

McGREGOR, Texas, June 30 (AP)—The white-faced Hereford will be cross-bred with the humpbacked Brahman in the first livestock research project at Bluebonnet Farm near McGregor, Texas.

"We hope to establish a new strain that will be superior to either of its parents," said H. O. Hill, superintendent of the farm newest agricultural experiment station at A&M.

The Brahman, sacred cow in India, has been cross-bred with European cattle before. King Ranch combined 3/8 Brahman with 5/8 Shorthorn and produced its Santa Gertrudis breed.

"Cross-breeding the Brahman and the Hereford hasn't been taken through enough generations," Hill explained.

J. C. Miller, head of animal husbandry at A&M, said that selection and breeding of the Brahman and Hereford at Bluebonnet Farm will be based entirely on performance, plus certain standard requirements of body type and conformation.

"In the course of a few generations it is not unlikely that we will produce animals whose ability to gain rapidly and economically will surpass the average of the breed," Miller said.

"The superiority of the Brahman in the deep South and Gulf coast country, in general due to their ability to adapt themselves to the climatic and feed conditions existing there, is recognized," Miller said.

The Brahman's drawback is that the calves and yearlings are best for marketing, not the steers. The humpbacked importation also has a stubborn streak to go wild on the range and become a problem child to handle.

The star in his crown is his immunity to Texas fever. A tough hide, short hair and a waxy secretion of the Brahman's skin are a combination which ticks and flies avoid.

South Texas has become the chief center for the Brahman. The cattle are the descendants of a herd brought to Louisiana from India in 1860.

The gentler Hereford was brought to Texas in 1876 when W. S. Ikard, pioneer Texas rancher, visited the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia and liked the white faced cows in the cattle show.

Herefords now comprise an estimated 75 percent of range cattle in Texas. They are hardy cattle, good grazers, mature early and have an ability to accumulate flesh at all ages.

"Everyone recognized the superiority of the first cross Brahman-Hereford over either parent for the production of mild fat calves at weaning time," Miller said.

"While our plans are not complete, we do contemplate the study of the various combinations of blood between the Brahman and Hereford. And if we succeed in finding a particular combination which is superior, that strain will be intensified through breeding in the hope of establishing a strain which will breed true and retain its superior beef ability."

War-Born Hort Cannery Uses Commercial Factory Methods

By JERRY SUTHERLAND

The Horticulture Cannery, which owes its existence to war time food rationing, opened recently for the Summer canning season.

In the past, types of vegetables were limited because of the processing involved. Now, however, this list includes corn, tomatoes, tomato juice, black-eyed peas, string beans, and several others. Presently, the only fruit being canned is peaches.

This cannery is a small factory in itself. A non-profit organization, it contains every major machine used in a large commercial canning house. Because of this non-paying basis, the minimum that can be handled is one bushel, either fruit or vegetables. Cannery charges are 5¢ a can for labor, 3¢ for No. 2, and 4¢ for No. 3 cans.

In the field of frozen foods, experiments have been made on vegetables such as lima beans, black-eyed peas, and green peas, and such fruits as blueberries, blackberries, and peaches. Working in conjunction with the government, the Horticulture Department has been testing improvements in canning and freezing possibilities to produce a better and more nourishing market product. Results of these tests indicate great possibilities in the future of the cannery world.

The cannery is opened on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings under the direction of T. S. Stephens.

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36 Aggies Plan Song Training At Fort Eustis

By DUDLEY BURRIS

Aggies are rallying in Fort Eustis, Virginia to fight off a TU propaganda move. The 36 students from A&M who are attending ROTC summer training find that the fair-haired lads brought a good supply of Texas' songs as was evidenced by the letter that one of them wrote P. L. "Pinky" Downs:

"Dear Pinky,
How are things in Aggeland? It is plenty hot here, and we are really earning our \$75 per month. There are 36 Aggies here in summer camp with the Transportation Corps. We are lonely for A&M in the worst way.

We are mad as blazes, too! There are 18 teahounds here, and I think all of them brought a record of "The Eyes of Texas" because it's played over the public address system every time we turn around. None of us brought any "good" records; namely, "The Aggie War Hymn" and the "Spirit of Aggeland."

We are wondering if you would send us a record or two collect so we can educate these "furriners" to some good music. If you could send them, we would really appreciate it.

It wasn't bad enough to send us out of Texas, but to have put up with that so-called music is heck, as you can imagine.

Expectantly yours,
James F. Thurmond, '48
and 35 other Aggies."

Downs has sent the requested records.

Frost Presented Going Away Gifts At Barbeque

S. L. (Jack) Frost, who leaves as acting director of the Texas Forest Service today to become executive director of the American Forestry Association in Washington, D.C., was honored at a barbeque picnic Saturday afternoon at Hensel Park.

Some 60 fellow employees and their families were present. Frost was presented a pair of cowboy boots and a plaque. Featured on the plaque was a pen and ink drawing of Frost imbossed on an exaggerated Texas version of a United States map showing a strong arm reaching out of Washington D. C. to claim him.

In addition to College Station members of the Texas Forest Service others were present from Lufkin, Marshall, Alton, Cushing, Maydelle, and Rusk.

Sakornbut Named Wood Chemist

Songee S. Sakornbut has been named wood chemist at the Lufkin Forest Products Research laboratory.

Sakornbut, born thirty years ago in Nakhon Swan, Siam, has become an American citizen, since coming to this country in 1938. From 1944 to 1946 he served in the Military Intelligence of the U. S. Army, being valuable for his knowledge of German, French, English and his native Siamese language.

He received his higher education at Chula Longkon University at Bangkok, Siam, New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, New York, and he received his Ph. D. in Forestry from Duke University at Durham, South Carolina.

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