



**THE FIRST HEREFORDS IN THE COUNTY**

At Aurora's Old Fair Grounds

Backers of the Tri County fair who think the present annual show is the largest and finest ever held here have another think coming, this picture made by R. E. Hinchey about 1912 and one to appear later in the series prove.

For at least 1,200 people were sitting in the grandstand at the rear of the fairgrounds at the rear of the fairgrounds and at least as many others were scattered around the fenced-in race track at the old fair grounds which was located west of Morgan avenue and north of Chat creek on the land now owned by Ed Hutchinson. It was also used as a baseball park.

This is one of the most interesting pictures in the series, for not only does it show the fair, but also and more conventional beef type.

O. R. Tripp studied this photograph Friday and pointed out that the Herefords had good heads, but the first Hereford herd in Lawrence county

The cattle were owned by the late Jack W. Cline and his son-in-law R. W. Cline, whose widow, Mrs. Dora Cline, died last week.

J. W. Cline bought his starter cattle, of the famous Anxiety breeding, at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City about 1900, and brought them back to his farm, now the Milt Pannell place north of Aurora. Later his son-in-law, R. W. Cline, joined him in the business.

Left to right, J. W. Cline R

were kept both on it and the Jack W. Cline farm.

Engraving by Corley - Tasope W. Cline, Bud Howerton, Milt Pannell, Andy McDonald, Mose Cline and Tom Parsons. Only Pannell and Mose Cline are living.

The bull at the left was one of the most famous show animals in southwest Missouri in his day. He was "Leader," weighed 2,150 pounds and sired many bulls used by other Lawrence county breeder as herd sires. His blood-lines can still be found in the county.

The Hereford breed has changed a great deal in the past 40 years. The animals were rangier then, with longer legs. Since then they have become shorter blockier would not place up in shows today, though there are several good individuals He says he has no doubt that they were exceptionally animals 40 years ago.

Mose Cline said that no particular care was taken of them before a fair. They would be taken out of the pasture, cleaned up, and taken to the shows in the vicinity, he said. It will be noted that the hair of the cattle was not dressed in ringlets, a fair practice that was not adopted until later.

Jack W. Cline was the grandfather of Everett Cline and Mrs. Lloyd Ellis of Aurora, and R. W. Cline was their father. The R. W. Cline farm is now known as the Aud Calhoun place, and Herefords