

been previously owned by a man named Lee at Dayton, Washington, and was used in his relay string around Garfield, Colfax, Pomeroy and over a wide area in the Northwest.

This mare, a red roan, white over the rump with chestnut spots, was very trim with an extremely fast getaway and would've weighed close to 1025 pounds. She raised 12 colts for Hickman and only one brought less than \$100—and that one was wire cut. Quite an average for those days! In 1936, as a result of the union between Trixie and Old Blue, she foaled Toby I who Hickman says, "was one of the finest cutting horses I ever rode. You didn't have to think for him—Toby II was the same way only we sold him going on four—he would jump in and out of a pick-up from level ground and sired many useable utility horses throughout the Palouse Country."

Hickman sold a stallion named Bill whose paternal grand sire and dam were Little Dan and Trixie, to Les Reed of St. John, Washington, several years back. He was used extensively as a sire, but was foundered after 2-3 years. Other than Little Dan, Old Blue, Bill and the two Toby's, most of Hickman's stallions were used as stock horses rather than sires.

Over the years, Hickman's horses have been scattered throughout the

length and breadth of the Palouse Country. This is graphically illustrated by the fact that in one season alone he bred Old Blue to 109 mares and the next year collected stud fees for 75 live foals. To some, the figure 109 will seem fantastic; nevertheless, when you take into consideration the variation in altitude of the Palouse Country and the resultant fact that the breeding season runs from March to August, it's quite understandable. Bringing this great number of mares to Old Blue's court was certainly indicative of his popularity.

He still lives and is now owned by Conrad Oaks of La Crosse, Washington—the latter's grandchildren ride him yet. Trixie died three years ago at over 30.

Listing the names of owners of horses that trace to this bloodline would be like reading the phone directories of both Pullman and Colfax, Washington. Dr. Douglas A. Christensen and Jesse Heffel of Kendrick, Idaho, seem to own a majority of the registered stock. Heffel's stallion, Chief Eagle No. 288, sired by Toby II No. 113, placed 2nd in the open stallion class two years ago at Lewiston. Dr. John J. Kaiser, Payette, Idaho, owns an outstanding two year old stud in Chief Red Wolf No. 746. He was bred by Heffel, sired by Toby I No. 203 and out of Princess



Tobianna No. 350 was sired by Toby I. She is now owned by Mrs. Merium R. Anderson of Eureka, Kansas.

Pat No. 204 who was sired by Toby II; he took the blue ribbon in the yearling stud class in 1950 at Lewiston.

Toby II, by Toby I and out of Dap-
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