

## *Fred A. & Marian Poble*

Fred Coble, native of Potter Valley, California, spent most of his life working with sheep. Together with his wife, the former Marion Moore, he owned and operated the Green Valley Ranch near Winters.

The Coble Suffolks were known throughout the United States and Canada as winners in the show ring. Their Suffolks sold at premium prices at the ram sales. Fred's animals were Champions at county fairs all over California, state fairs in Oregon and Arizona as well as California, and many regional fairs such as Ogden, Utah and Canadian Livestock Expositions. One of the more prestigious winnings was of the English Cup at the Chicago International Exposition.

Fred Coble's ability to judge sheep was recognized by his peers. He was invited to judge at the major North American Livestock Expositions including the Chicago International, British Columbia International, the Grand National in San Francisco, and the California State Fair. Marion worked right along with Fred and was as knowledgeable of sheep as Fred. She was a mentor to many of young and old alike. Marion was secretary of the California Suffolk Breeders Association for many years.

Fred also served the livestock industry. He was one of three founders of the California Suffolk Association and also served as president. He was president of the American Suffolk Sheep Society, a director of the National Suffolk Sheep Society, and a 42-year member of the California Wool Growers Association.

The Coble Suffolks are remembered for their size, bone, and characteristic heads. They made a lasting impression on the Suffolk breed.