

Burden and the Bureau of Reclamation teamed up to install drains. After a few years, the combined effort of the Bureau-Burden-Midvale team brought the irrigable acres from 15 up to 100. He since has reclaimed another 20 acres.

"We have the seepage about whipped," Burden said. "Most of the land was white with alkali, but the alkali goes out pretty fast when you can stop the seep water from coming up."

"I didn't think the Bureau was putting the drains in the right places, but they were—the drains worked and the land dried out," Burden said.

He since has bought additional lands. He leased the former Wayne Wilson place on Third Division, trying to acquire enough land to increase the opportunity to hold his son, Jim, a young married man, on the farm. Jim has taken a job on a ranch, because of the uncertainties about the future, but he might come back.

The Burdens produced on the Wilson lease in Third Division, 630 stacks of pinto beans, \$2500 worth of grain, and sold the roughage to a rancher after the crops were taken off.

Burden has land also leased in Cottonwood bench. "These lands need to be plowed, leveled, and reseeded," Burden said. "But like everyone else, I've been hanging fire. You can't afford to do too much on land that next year may be somebody else's ground or taken away from you." He says the men farming Cottonwood and Third Division ought to own it.

"The sooner the government sells these lands to experienced farmers, the better for the whole area," Burden said. "Third Division land is about like the rest of the project—some good, some bad." But a good farmer will make a success operating it.

RICHARD PATTISON

Pattison makes a success out of row crop farming of Third Division. He seeks an opportunity for his sons and sons-in-law to stay on the farms, getting better use of equipment, providing pasture and supplemental feed for livestock.

Richard Pattison, son of a pioneer homesteader, now has over 800 acres of lands in home places and under lease. He leased three farms this past year from the Bureau, and will lease them again this year.

"My crops on Third Division were equal to those on my home place," Pattison said. He raised 144 acres of beets in Third Division, with another 205 acres on his home place. His leases showed a yield of 60 bushels to the acre for oats and wheat, and his 50 acres of hay was a good crop.

Pattison said that the availability of the Third Division lands helped make it desirable and economically feasible for young men in the family to come back to the farm. They would stay if the lands can be purchased by Midvale people.

His son Richard W. Pattison recently graduated from the agriculture college at the University of Wyoming. Two sons-in-law, Stan Roden and David Pince, are farming adjacent farms.

"Without the added land, there was no possibility of our four families working together and cooperatively, using much of the same line of machinery, and making a success," Pattison said.

"I think Third Division and Midvale lands would tie together very well. The only drawback to beet raising on Third Division is the longer haul to the beet dump," Pattison said. "Third Division lands also make a good livestock feeding area."

Pattison and the sons and sons-in-law are feeding 2350 head of lambs.

The Pattisons have a good line of farm equipment, but found it easy to hire others with extra-capacity equipment to do work on a custom basis for their Third Division and other land leases.

ART STEARNS

Stearns needs Third Division lands to supply supplemental feed for his dairy cows.

Art Stearns has a 160 acre home place, and leases another 80 acres from a neighbor. He irrigated a total of 150 acres at home. That isn't enough land to supply feed for his 60-65 cow dairy farm. Stearns milks 45 cows the year around, using a modern, Grade A barn, milk cooler, and bulk tank.

When Third Division lands came up for lease, Stearns leased the Clarence Blair place in North Pavillion. The unit lies 7 to 9 miles from his home place.