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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Anticipating a big demand for information on the use of barley in various livestock feeds, Oregon State College, animal husbandry department has recently worked up some rations using high percentages of barley for fattening of the various classes of livestock. This was done as it is evident that a lot of barley will be fed at home this year.

Rations for hogs including cheap feeding pigs, fattening rations both on pasture and not on pasture for sows nursing litters or pregnant, sows and pigs, boars and sows, for last six weeks of gestation, ewes in lactation, and fattening lambs, fattening calves, yearlings, wintering calves and yearlings are also available. Any one who is interested in this group of rations using barley as the main feed should contact this office.

Delbert Emert, Willow creek rancher, says there is only one alfalfa to grow on irrigated land

as far as he is concerned. This alfalfa is Talent. A variety released from the southern Oregon experiment station at Talent a few years ago. Mr. Emert has a two-year old stand of Talent. Last year, three full hay crops were taken and could have had a fourth one with two irrigations. He believes the variety is hardy and is easier to establish than other alfalfa varieties. It's characteristic as the best of the nematode varieties was proven the year it was established when other fields on the Emert ranch were badly damaged from wireworms. This field suffered no ill effects. The variety is of a vigorous growth and starts earlier in the spring and continues later in the fall than any other variety of alfalfa with which it has been compared for several years in Oregon. It is leafy and branches freely. It's stems are relatively fine. It stands up well and does not produce a coarse hay. Tests in the Pacific Northwest show that

it has a rather high degree of winter hardiness, however in short growing season locations, the early spring growth may be damaged by late frost. Early fall frosts may damage fall growth. Todate Mr. Emert has not found this true in his field of Talent.

Other advantages of Talent alfalfa is, quick recovery, high yield especially in late cuttings, and prevents grass and weed encroachment. Limiting factors are lack of resistant to wilt, winter hardiness where temperatures drop very low is not yet fully determined. In rainy areas, the early spring development may make it necessary to use the first growth for purposes other than hay because of difficulty in curing. We have not recommended this variety for Morrow county due to the disadvantages of susceptibility to bacterial wilt and the possibility that it might be injured by winter frozes. If the planting at the Emert ranch continues to prove as satisfactory as for the past two years, no doubt this will become one of the important alfalfa varieties for Morrow county. Alvin Wagonblast of Lexington, has seeded a 15 acre field this spring where comparison will also be made.

The Parma Idaho Wool Pool was sold last week. This years Wool pool was sold at an average of \$57.38 a pound, grease basis. This compares with \$55.4 for the 1953 clip. The total volume of wool sold in this years pool is expected to reach nearly 200,000 pounds. The Parma Wool Pool is made from clips consigned from around 300 producers. One fourth of these producers are located in Oregon.

A reminder comes from John Landers, animal husbandryman, that spring calves will sell from \$3 to \$5.00 per hundred weight higher next fall if they are castrated before they are turned on to summer range. If the operations are delayed until October when the cattle are gathered, the mull calves will have developed some male characteristics such as bulky heads and shoulders. Young calves suffer little shock but would take about two weeks to recover next fall and start gaining weight again.

Many of our small farm herds put off castrating and dehorning until the fall. This is a practice that is costly to any operator. In dehorning, burning the horns is desirable with young calves. Rubber bands have not proven too satisfactory in dehorning. Electric dehorners have become quite popular in the last year or two with several of our larger range operators now using the electric dehorner and like it well. While visiting the dehorning and castrating, and vaccinating operations at the Don Greenup ranch a couple of weeks ago, it was in-

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Army Cowsins left on Sunday for the Bend country to spend a week fishing in one of the lakes south of that city. He was accompanied on the trip by Mr. Grawl, a friend from Olex.

Charley Marquart was in town today from his farm four miles north of Lexington. He is preparing to cut a large acreage of gain this season and will use a large combine.

Miss Annie Bynd of Butterby Flats accompanied by Miss Myrtle Chandler of Willow Creek ranch and Mrs. Lawrence Harmon were Cecil callers in Heppner on Sunday.

Alva Jones and family this week moved to the Jones farm on Hepper flat where they expect to reside for the summer season.

There was a dinner at the alumni of the University of Oregon held at Hotel Heppner on last Thursday evening, at the invitation of chairman C. L. Sweek of the Gift campaign for Morrow county.

Interesting to watch Raymond French who was the official calf dehorner, Raymond was using two electric dehorners, dehorning both sides at one time. This was quick and very effective. W. E. Hughes, Buttercreek rancher who used these dehorners last year, had many comments from buyers on the clean job of dehorning on his calves. He feels that he sold his calves to a disadvantage in price by having such a clean dehorning job.

Test in Iowa shows that flies cost dairymen 3 and 1.3 pounds of milk from each cow for each day they are permitted to torment the herd. Comparable losses are found in decreased meat and milk in beef animals. As the fly season draws near, it will pay every livestock operator to outline a fly spray program. Oregon State College news extension circular on livestock pest control outlines control recommendations for horn flies as well as lice, ticks, grubs, sheep ticks, hog lice and mange. A copy of this excellent circular is available at the County Agent's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket had as their guests during the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Lebanon. The Andersons are former Heppner residents, during which time Anderson was a lawyer in the law office of J. O. Turner.

NEED Letterheads, Phone 6-9228.

Local Cattle Again Top Market

HERMISTON—R. K. Drake of Heppner, who topped the market the previous Friday at the Hermiton livestock auction, with three whiteface heifers at \$18.85 cwt., last Friday received another top of \$19.85 for a 795 lb. whiteface heifer, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. He also received a top of \$15.80 cwt. for a 1295 lb. whiteface cow.

Volume of cattle was up somewhat with trading unusually brisk and demand broad and active Friday. Consigned were 399 cattle compared with 382 the previous Friday, 171 hogs compared with 128, and 61 sheep, compared with 144. Oregon and Washington packers, farmers and feeders actively sought the 145 consigners' livestock.

Stocker cattle were up due to better quality, with a top of \$18.10 cwt.; up about 50c on stocker steers. Supply of stocker steers, as well as stock cows and calves which were up \$8.50 per pair to a top of \$162.50, was not sufficient to meet demand. Also sought were dairy cows, Guernseys and Jerseys, top dairy cows bringing \$142.50 hd., up \$15 hd. Montana buyers will return next Friday for more Jerseys and Guernseys, which will also be in demand for shipment to Alaska. Steers, cows and calves will also be in demand.

Top hogs were of lower quality, and price dropped somewhat as it did at other markets, but a top of \$29.40 cwt., on fat hogs was only 40c below the record price paid the previous Friday, which was the highest since 1948. Lighter and shouter sows were up 80c cwt., to a top of \$25.40 cwt.

Calves: Baby calves 8.50-26.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 18.75-20.70 cwt.; heifer calves 16.75-18.30 cwt.; veal 22.50-26.25.

Steers: Stocker steers 16.80-18.10 cwt.; feeder steers 18.10-19.70; fat slaughter steers, non comparable in quality with previous week, 20.00-20.80 cwt.; fat heifers none comparable with last week, 18.10-19.85.

Cows: Dairy cows 90.00-142.50 hd.; dairy heifers 28.00-43.00 hd.; stock cows and calves 140.00-172.50 pr.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 14.00-15.80 cwt.; utility 12.75-14.10; canner cutter 9.10-11.90; shells 6.25-7.50.

Bulls: 14.10-15.80 cwt.

Hogs: Weaner pigs 15.00-19.50 rd.; feeder pigs 26.75-28.60 cwt.; fat hogs 28.70-29.30 cwt.; sows 23.60-25.40; boars 0.50-17.00 cwt.

Sheep: No feeder lambs or fat lambs; ewes 2.25-7.20 cwt.; bucks 1.50-3.50 cwt.; shorn yearlings 10.50-16.00 cwt.

DATE IS WRONG
The story in last week's Gazette Times telling of the Lillian Turner foundation public dance to be held at the fair pavilion carried the wrong date for the event. It will be held Saturday, May 15, not May 5 as previously stated.
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