

Cattle Prices in Seasonal Decline

HERMISTON—Skip and Buck Ruhl of Lexington topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with eight yearling weathers weighing 1065 lbs., selling for 18.30 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale reports. Two Boardman consigners also topped the market. Maxine Sicard received \$17.20 cwt. for six fat lambs weighing 670 lbs., and Pete Solari received \$10.30 cwt. for an 1185 lb. Guernsey cow.

A seasonal decline in prices on some types of cattle, in sympathy with other markets, was felt Friday. However, demand was broad on the part of Oregon and Washington packers and feeders, with no farmer buyers taking part due to harvest activities.

A good run of cattle was consigned, 510 head compared with 527 the previous Friday, 90 hogs compared with 135 and 33 sheep total the previous Friday of 269. Another sheep sale will be held this Friday, July 22, with dry ewes, feeder and fat lambs in demand and Oregon and Washington buyers planning to participate.

Quality was generally mediocre and all cattle were consigned in small lots, largely culls from farm herds, but all cattle found buyers. Demand was strong at the reduced prices, with buyers willing to take more cattle than were consigned.

Price increases included stocker steers up 35c at \$18.20 cwt. It grass heifers up 70c at \$17.60 cwt.; dairy cows up \$2.50 at \$14.60 cwt.; dairy heifers up 20c at \$14.60 cwt.; utility cows up 5c at \$12.90 cwt.; canner-cutter up 55c at \$10.25 cwt.; feeder pigs up 95c at \$19.30 cwt.; and boars up 25c at \$8 cwt.

Calves: Baby calves 8.50-22.50 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 18.60-20.10 cwt.; heifer calves 16.30-17.90 cwt.; veal 19.10-20.7 cwt.

Steers: Stocker steers 16.75-18.20 cwt.; feeder steers 18.50-19.70 cwt.; no fat slaughter steers; fat heifers, grass only, 15.75-17.60 cwt.

Cows: Dairy cows 92.50-140.44 hd.; dairy heifers 11.10-14.60 cwt.; no stock cows.

Slaughter Cows: Commercial 14.10-15.20 cwt.; utility 11.35-12.90; canner-cutter 8.50-10.25. Few Holsteins to 10.85; shells 4.50-7.20 cwt.

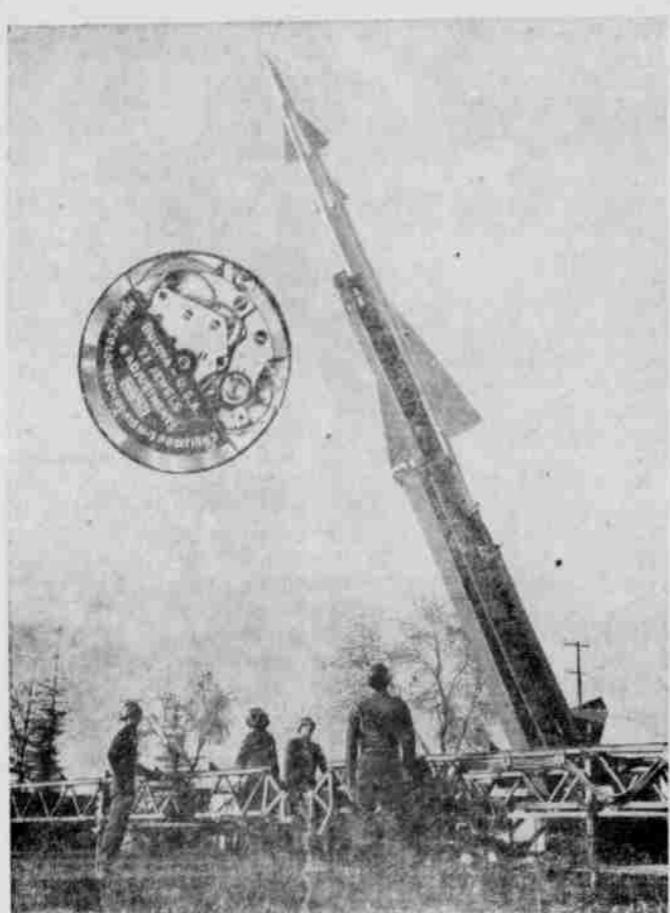
Bulls: 12.75-15.90 cwt. Hogs: Weaner pigs 8.50-11.00 hd.; feeder pigs 17.10-19.30 cwt.; fat hogs 20.10-21.40 cwt.; sows 12.60-15.00; boars 4.50-8.00.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 14.10-15.50 cwt.; fat lambs 16.20-17.20; ewes 2.25-4.10 cwt.; no bucks.

VETERINARIAN TO ATTEND STATE MEET

Dr. J. W. Norene, local veterinarian, announced that his office will be closed July 25 through 27 while he is in Portland to attend a state veterinary association meeting.

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FARM PRICES AND INCOME CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND, ECONOMISTS SAY

The current business boom is failing to reverse the farm price and income downtrend, say agricultural economists at Oregon State college in their latest Agricultural Situation and Outlook circular.

Consumers will probably continue spending heavily for food and fiber in the second half of 1955, the economists point out. But this doesn't seem likely to offset the price depressing effects of lower supports for grains and larger supplies of meat and some other Oregon farm products.

Farm prices are expected to be lower than last summer and fall for grains, dairy products, meat animals and wool, potatoes, most fruits and vegetables, and some seeds.

Prices are likely to be the same or higher most of the time for eggs, turkey, hay cover crop and turf seeds, peppermint oil, strawberries, peaches and prunes.

During the first half of the year, Oregon farm prices averaged 2 percent below last year. Nationally, they were down 5 percent for the same period. The state's income from sale of farm products during the first four months of 1955 was about the same as last year. Farm costs, meanwhile, showed little change.

Lower prices and fairly steady costs put the buying power of farm products at further disadvantage. The parity ratio—the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers—stood at 87 at mid-May. That is three points lower than a year earlier and 13 points below the level set by congress as a fair exchange rate for farm products. Little change is in sight for the

remainder of the year, the economists continue. Livestock production may average about the same, with larger supplies of some items offset by smaller supplies of others. Crop output may be above last year and second only to 1948. But if weather is average, total crop production is not likely to be much different than last year.

It all adds up to a strong possibility of less money going into farmers' pockets this year, the economists conclude. Copies of the Agricultural Situation and Outlook circular are available from county extension offices and OSC.

Missouri Man Held On Knife Charge

Harold Joe Ledford, 20 who gives his home address at Neishio, Mo., is being held in the county jail on suspicion of the threatening with a dangerous weapon after an altercation Tuesday night at lone.

According to police reports, Ledford allegedly threatened Lindsay Kincaid, of lone with a knife and inflicted a slight wound on him.

He was arrested by state patrolman Bill Labhart later in the evening near Heppner on a traffic count and suspicion of the more serious charge after the officer had been advised of the lone occurrence.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bates, Condon, a 7 lb. 11 oz. boy born July 15, named Dale Douglas.

Medical—Robert Trotter, Heppner, dismissed; Harold Ammons, North Carolina, dismissed; Carl Schulz, lone; Cecil Stefan, lone; Kathy Welch, Kinzua, dismissed; Clifford Neal, Condon; Hallie Spivey, Kinzua; Margaret John, Spray; Jolmie Lee Ward, Spray.

Minor Surgery—Bernice McKennon, Kinzua. Major Surgery—David Graves, Pilot Rock; John Cason, Heppner; Billy Joe Rietmann, lone.

Out-Patient—Frank Robinson, Spray.

Christian Bible School Opens Aug 1

The Christian church vacation Bible school will begin August 1. It was announced this week. There will be classes for children who will start to school this fall through those who will be in the seventh grade.

Older children will be used for assistants and helpers.

FARM BUREAU TO MEET TUESDAY

The Morrow county Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday evening July 26 at the New O'Hara home. There will be a weiner roast and a short business meeting.

Announcement—

Beginning August 1
DR. H. S. HUBER'S
Office Will Be
Open Mon., Wed., Fri.
Closed Tuesday and Thursday
except in case of emergency.

Hearing Called on Office Closure

A public hearing concerning the changing of the business hours of all county offices has been set by the county court for 10 a. m. on Thursday, August 4, a legal notice appearing elsewhere in today's paper reveals.

The proposal which will be offered at the hearing will be to eliminate the present Saturday morning hours which all county officer now remain open for business. The change, if agreed to at the hearing, is made possible by a new law passed during the recent legislature.

The county court, in making the proposal, said that so little business is transacted at any of the county offices on Saturday morning that it was felt the closure would not cause any inconvenience to residents. Daily office hours would be from 8:30 to 5:00.

Assembly of God To Hear Evangelist

Rev. Harry DeVries, evangelist, will speak at the Assembly of God church, Thursday evening, (Today) at 7:30. Rev. Willis Geyer has announced. Rev. DeVries has traveled in Central and South America, and has witnessed some great revivals, which it is expected he will relate.

The public is invited to hear him.

Social Security Man Due Here July 27

A representative of the La Grande Social Security Administration will be in the Heppner city hall from 9:00 a. m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, July 27, to interview individuals who have questions pertaining to social security and to assist those who wish to file application for benefits.

Group Formed to Survey Golf Sites

About a dozen persons interested in golf attended a meeting on Monday night to discuss plans for a possible golf course in this area. Rev. Francis McCormack was named chairman of the group and he will name four or five other persons as committee to survey the area for possible sites for a course.

Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 2 at the Elks lodge and anyone interested in forming a club is asked to attend.

Local News In Brief

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Blakney, and children left Friday for a week's vacation in Vernon, British Columbia. Frank Mervin, a pharmacist from Walla Walla, is taking Blakney's place while he is away.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Thurber over the weekend were Mrs. Thurber's mother and her sister and brother-in-law of Longview, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson and son of Martinez, Calif., were weekend visitors at the home of his uncle, Cecil Lutkins, lone. They left this week for Missoula, Montana to visit his father. He has a sister, Mrs. Theima Volger, Decatur, Mich., who is now attending college in Portland who is also a visitor at the Lutkins home.

Mrs. Richard Calvin, daughter Carolyn Sue and Mrs. Calvin's mother, Mrs. Guy Moore are visiting her uncle, Wayne Gibson in Santa Ana, California and will also spend some time in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins left the first of the week for a two weeks vacation. They are going first to Lehman Springs then to the Willamette valley to visit relatives.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sater of North Bend, Washington were guests at the Whitmer Wrights from Thursday of last week until Monday. The Saters and Wrights were neighbors in North Bend for nearly twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling also former residents of North Bend were Sunday evening supper guests at the Wright home.

Grant Key and family of Weston were dinner guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall. Mr. Key is a brother of Mrs. Rosewall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neal of Coos Bay arrived Wednesday for a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Camp and Mrs. Kitty Camp of Portland were here last week to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner. The three women are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrell and daughters, Judy and Nancy were weekend guests of Mrs. Ferrell's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hattenhauer in Pendleton. Sunday they attended the Elks picnic at Emigrant Springs.

Mrs. Minnie Evans of Redlands, California, a former resident of Heppner, is visiting with her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans for several days.

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