

Livestock Sale Prices Said "Hot"

HERMISTON — Prices were again red hot at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday when 79 consignors placed 334 cattle, 233 hogs and 214 sheep on the auction block.

Hitting record or near record highs for the season were steer calves, \$21.10 cwt.; veal, \$28.50 cwt.; stocker steers, \$20.90 cwt.; fat steers, \$19.50 cwt.; feeder pigs, \$20 cwt.; sows, 17.50 cwt.; and fat lambs, \$19.80 cwt.

Drizzly weather again held down cattle sales but volume on hogs and sheep showed a good jump. Sale manager Delbert Anson announced that feeder steers, steer calves, grain fed cows and heifers will be in strong demand for next Friday's sale. The Market:

CATTLE—Baby calves, 7 to 27 per head; steer calves, 18 to 21.0 cwt; heifer calves, 16 to 17.10 cwt.; veal, 21 to 28.50 cwt.; stocker steers, 18 to 20.90 cwt.; fat steers, 15 to 19.50 cwt.; utility and commercial cows, 12 to 15.80 cwt.; canner-cutter cows, 10.70 to 13.70 cwt.; shells, 7 to 9.20 cwt.; and bulls, 13 to 15.40 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 10 to 12.25 per head; feeder pigs, 18.20 to 20 cwt.; fat hogs, 18.10 to 19 cwt.; and sows, 15.90 to 17.50 cwt.

SHEEP—Fat lambs, 17 to 19.80 cwt.; and feeder lambs, 15 to 17.25 cwt.

Those earning top prices at the market included Gus Ralston, Hermiston, 19.80 cwt. for two fat hogs of 380 pounds; L. L. Houk, Stanfield, 20 cwt. for 10 white feeder pigs of 1020 pounds; Fred Hoskins Jr., Heppner, 12.25 per head for five mixed weaner pigs; A. B. Smith, Walla Walla, \$1 per family for one sow and 10 pigs; T. M. Burrington, Hermiston, 19.80 cwt for five fat lambs of 415 pounds; J. W. Burton, Free, water, 17.25 cwt for 52 shorn feeder lambs of 3970 pounds; Jack Etter, Pilot Rock, 28.50 cwt for a 260-pound veal; Walter Wieglesworth, Echo, 147 per pair for two Durham cows with two calves; James Lindsay, Ione, 15.40 cwt for a 1370-pound white face bull; L. B. Nixon, Hermiston, 13.10 cwt for a 1370-pound Holstein cow; L. S. Green, Pasco, 21.10 cwt for a 325-pound white face steer calf; Earl C. Vicker, Hermiston, 20.80 cwt for 12 white face steers of 5810 pounds; and A. C. Nicolson, Pilot Rock, 17.10 cwt. for 10 white face heifers of 4345 pounds.

MANY IN CORVALLIS FOR BASKETBALL

Among Heppnerites attending the N. C. A. A. playoffs in Corvallis were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Bob Mahoney, Larry Prock, Harold Cohn, Jodie Morrison, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenup, Mrs. Lester Wyman and Butch, Lowell Gribble and sons, Douglas and Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter.

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STATE FIRE SEASON STARTS APRIL 1; LAWS OUTLINED BY DEPARTMENT

The closed season on the use of fire on private and public lands is in effect April 1 and some of the basic requirements as set forth by law are here summarized through the courtesy of the state board of forestry.

Burning permits are required for burning brush, grass, grain or stubble or other debris on or within one-eighth mile of a forest land. The service states that many dollars a year would be saved if the people who wish to burn would get their permits to do so before any burning is done, or if they live outside or adjacent to the protective boundary, would phone 112 Kinzua and notify the state forestry office of intent to burn. By giving notification beforehand the forestry service would not have to shift personnel and equipment where they are not needed and would save time and tax money.

The following list includes some of the basic requirements that apply to logging and sawmill equipment and operations.

1—Operator must have logging or sawmill operation permit before operation is started. Permits are required each year.

2—Sufficient fire tools must be provided at each landing to equip the entire mill or woods crew for fire fighting.

3—A tool box, painted red and marked For Fire Only, provided with hasp and hinges so that the box may be sealed, is required.

4—Provide a one and one-half quart fire extinguisher on each gas or diesel engine used in logging or sawmilling.

5—Provide adequate spark arresters on all gasoline engines.

6—Each power saw must be equipped with not less than an 8 oz. pressurized extinguisher and one shovel with not less than a 36-inch handle.

7—No smoking while working in or traveling in or through any operation or slash area.

8—All trucks transporting forest products over forest roads shall be equipped with not less than one shovel, one axe and a one and one-half quart fire extinguisher. All fire tools to be kept in good repair and ready for instant use. Portable welder units used in a forested area to be equipped the same as trucks.

9—Each sawmill operating in or within one-eighth mile of forest land shall have not less than four barrels of not less than 50 gallons capacity filled with water, with one bucket of not less than two gallon capacity on each barrel. Barrels and buckets to be kept at mill and barrels to be kept filled with water throughout the fire season.

The state forestry department states the good cooperation of the public in the past has been appreciated and has helped to minimize forest fire losses.

In 1956 the Kinzua unit had 38 reportable fires, three being man caused and 35 lightning caused. About 15 camp and warning fires were taken care of by state personnel. The five units of the Central Oregon fire district had some 180 fires last year.

For their cooperation and help,

Water Forecast Meetings Planned; Snowpacks Down

Final forecasts for Oregon's 1957 irrigation water supplies are scheduled in a series of nine regional meetings, March 27 to April 5, with preliminary surveys pointing to below normal snowpacks in many areas.

The water forecast series is sponsored by the USDA soil conservation service, Oregon State college agricultural experiment station and extension service, and other cooperators.

W. T. "Jack" Frost, SCS water supply forecaster, will base irrigation outlooks on records of measured snow courses throughout the state, soil moisture, stored water, precipitation, and stream-flow.

Managers of local irrigation districts, county extension agents, OSC branch experiment station staff members, soil conservation district representatives, and others will also report local water conditions.

The regional forecast meeting schedule includes:

North central Oregon—The Dalles, March 27, Pacific Power and Light company auditorium, 10 a. m.

Umatilla-Walla Walla area—Hermiston, March 28, Umatilla Electric corp., 8 p. m.

North eastern Oregon—La Grande, March 29, Sacajawea hotel, 10:30 a. m.

John Day Basin—Canyon City, March 30, county courthouse, 2 p. m.

Central Oregon—Prineville, April 1, county courthouse, 10 a. m.

Harney Basin—Burns, April 2, county courthouse, 10:30 a. m.

South central Oregon—Lakeview, April 2, high school, 1:30 p. m.

Klamath Basin—Klamath Falls, April 4, county fairgrounds building, 7:30 p. m.

Rogue-Umpqua area—Grants Pass, April 5, city hall, 10 a. m.

SEASON OPENING STALLED

An item of interest to many local fishermen who like to try their luck in the waters near Westport, Wn., tells that the fishing season opening there has been postponed until April 15. The delay was made necessary by the extremely rough weather during the past weeks which made fishing impossible.

HAVE NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian White, a teacher in the Long Beach, Calif., schools, have moved into a new home at 10162 Florin Lane, Anaheim, Calif. White was a teacher in the Heppner schools for four years before moving to California two years ago.

Lexington News

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Local News In Brief

Mrs. John K. Paulson of Oswego was a weekend visitor at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan.

Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz, Jimmy and Diane spent the weekend in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Thomas of Walla Walla were in Heppner last week, attending to business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Turner and children, Ginny Lu and Jeffery, of Portland, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner.

Mrs. Walter Davis (Mildred Hoberg) of Portland a former teacher in the Heppner school, visited last week with Mrs. Ealor Huston. She was accompanied from Portland by Mrs. Eula Markle who visited in Lexington with her mother, Mrs. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mahon, Jr. and family of Elgin spent the weekend with relatives in Hardman and Heppner.

Miss Hazel McDaniel spent Saturday night in Hardman with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel. Clifford Howell and son also visited at the McDaniel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Nowski of Milnor, North Dakota, visited here for several days last week, at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Springer. They were enroute home after spending the winter in California.

Miss Joanne Keithley visited her parents here last weekend. She is attending beauticians' school in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson returned home the first of the week after visiting in Everett, Washington at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly and stopping enroute for the N. C. A. A. playoffs in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Down and family have returned after spending the spring school vacation visiting relatives in Everett and Seattle. They attended the State A basketball tournament in Seattle.

MRS. ANDERSON ARRIVES HERE

Mrs. Harley Anderson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Givens, arrived in Heppner Wednesday evening from Mesa, Arizona. They expect to be here about six months.

Mrs. Robert Ferrell, Judy and Nancy, spent Friday and Saturday in Moro with Mr. Ferrell.

Mrs. Cornett Green and daughter Mary Ruth and Mrs. Claude Graham and Jean Marie spent Monday in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones and son Kenneth of Ione, John Howton, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wright and daughters were week-end visitors in Corvallis to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones, Jr. and to attend the N. C. A. A. playoffs.

Bob Dobbs and Doug Gribble spent three days in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Colberg of Pilot Rock were among the guests at the Eastern Star installation of officers last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Wright spent last weekend visiting at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wright in Arlington and went on to The Dalles to watch the opening of the locks.

Mrs. Stanley Daugherty and son Gregory of Cottage Grove visited over the weekend at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angel returned Sunday from Eugene where they attended a hospital institute. They also spent some time in Portland.

Mrs. David Wilson of Corvallis is here visiting relatives and friends.

Fred Parrish was taken to a Portland physician Monday following an attack suffered while at work at the Heppner Garage. His condition was not thought serious, but no information was available late Wednesday.

Mrs. Jack Loyd spent the weekend in Pendleton visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hales.

USE GAZETTE TIMES CLASSIFIED ADS

PP & L CUSTOMERS SET POWER USE RECORD; YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION UP

A new all-time record use of electricity by customers of Pacific Power & Light company and the start of the largest construction program in the company's history are highlights of PP&L's annual report being received Monday by the company's shareholders.

Delivery of 3,552,429,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity during 1956 represents a 9.6 per cent increase over the year previous, PP&L president Paul B. McKee noted in commenting on the report of the company's progress.

Use of electricity in the company's service area has increased 59.3 per cent in the past five years, he reported.

Average annual use of electricity by residential customers reached a new high figure of 6563 kilowatt-hours in the past year, an increase of 455, and McKee predicted that by 1960 residential use would be approaching 10,000 kilowatt-hours annually.

Construction expenditures during 1956 totaled \$32,000,000 and the company's current construction program will call for expenditures of \$52,000,000 in 1957 and \$54,000,000 in 1958.

Projects under construction will double the Pacific company's generating capacity by the end of 1958, it was stated. Output of the new plants will take the place of some of the power now being purchased, which in 1956 amounted to 60 per cent of system requirements.

PP&L's system peak load in 1956 reached 804,000 kilowatts, McKee noted.

Revenues for all services supplied to the company's 300,460 customers showed an increase of 8.5 per cent for the year, it was reported. Gross revenues of \$84,141,000 for the electric, telephone, water and steam systems were up \$3,781,000. The electric revenues of \$45,909,000 accounted for 95 per cent of the total. Net income after provision for all taxes was \$8,569,000.

Earnings per share of common stock for the 3,761,873 shares outstanding at the end of the year were \$2.10 compared with \$1.80 per share in 1955.

Total operating and construction payroll for the year was \$14,055,000. Direct taxes totaled \$7,099,000, of which \$3,809,000 went to state and local governments and \$2,290,000 to the federal treasury. Provision for deferred federal taxes amounted to an additional \$2,208,000.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hyatt, Fossil, an 8 lb. girl born March 17, named Cheryl Marie. To Mrs. Lawrence Harnes, Heppner, a 7 lb. 3 1/2 oz. boy born March 17, named Lawrence Stephen.

Medical—Melvin Wham, Kinzua; Michael Davidson, Ione; Otis Allstott, Heppner; Hugh Johnson, Monument; Kenneth Bryant, The Dalles, dismissed; Marlene Bergstrom, Heppner.

Minor Surgery—Wibur Steagall, Lexington, dismissed; Melvin McDaniel, Heppner; Debbie McLeod, Ione.

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