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From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

During the next several weeks cattlemen will be weaning their 1959 calves. At this time most of them will be selling weaning calves after they have picked their replacement heifers. Several things should be considered in this heifer calf selection. Weight at weaning time can be a useful guide in selecting these beef herd replacements, but the stockman must take into account the sex and age of the calf and age of the mother. Guides set up by Michigan State College to balance out weaning weights of calves before putting them on a feeding test for final selection include:

1. Each day older a calf is at weaning time, its weight is 1 1/2 pounds heavier, on the average.

2. Steer calves are 15 pounds heavier, on the average at weaning time (six months of age) than are heifer calves.

3. Two-year-old cows will have calves that are about 50 pounds lighter at weaning than they will have a mature cow.

4. Three or four-year-old cows will have calves that weigh at weaning in between two-year-old heifers' calves and mature cows' calves.

The college also noticed some other factors that influence weaning weights, in addition to these four just listed.

Differences in weaning weights are due to mothering ability of the individual cow, genetic differences in the calves' makeup and environmental differences, such as disease and access to feed.

About one-fourth of the difference in weaning weights is caused by genetic differences, one-fourth of mothering ability of the cow and one-half by environmental differences.

Fair time is upon us. By the time that you read this column many of the activities will have

taken place. There will be many important activities, however, that you will want to see if you have not been to the fair. On Friday morning the grand champion 4-H showman will be selected. This contest is one of the ones of the fair in that the club member is not only developing himself but also is showing off how well a job he has done in working with his animal, fitting, grooming and training it during the year. We are pleased that there are so many people interested in this contest as shown by the number of trophies offered. Besides the grand champion showman trophy that I have had the privilege of awarding for the past twelve years, many more have been added. For several years Jordan Elevator Company has provided trophies to the high placing junior sheep, swine, beef and dairy showman. This year Morrow County Grain Growers has provided trophies for winners of each of these classes in intermediate and senior divisions. Central Market and Grocery and Turner, Van Marter and Bryant have provided showmanship trophies for the small fry, junior, intermediate and senior 4-H saddle horse showman. Paul Pettyjohn, Ione, has provided a trophy for the grand champion 4-H horse showman. There are trophies for livestock judging, agricultural demonstration, and grand champion beef. All are very much appreciated and add a lot to encouraging boys and girls in the 4-H club program.

There will be a horse show all day Friday, which is one of the best in the northwest. Everyone is invited to attend the pig scramble and 4-H livestock auction sale at the judging arena at 7:30 Friday evening. There will be the same good quality livestock which will provide you with that good meat for your locker as well as helping the boys and girls. Fair exhibits will be on display all day Saturday so after you have seen the parade go out and look around. We'll see you at the fair!

While many of our farmers have treated their seed wheat there are still many questions asked everyday concerning recommendations for seed treatment. Recently we checked with Dr C S Holton, head of the regional smut laboratory stationed in Pullman, Washington concerning some new products on the market. He emphasized that there has been nothing yet developed to take the place of HCB for treating winter wheat for smut control. Some of the HCB products being offered on the market are: Anticarie, No-bunt, Sanoicide, Smut-go Stauffer HCB, Calspay HCB, etc. These are effective in controlling both seed-borne and soil-borne smut spores. Mercury preparations are effective only against seed-borne spores; they are recommended for oats and barley are satis-

factory for spring wheat. Some have asked why the protection against soil-borne smut is important. It is important because of the long duration of spores in infected soils, particularly in dry land winter wheat areas, being responsible for the continuation of the infestation once it is established. Smut was almost non-existent in this year's wheat crop, therefore, wheat being used for seed should be free from seed-borne smut spores. The danger of infection then comes from soil-borne smut and only HCB gives adequate protection against this phase of the disease. Others ask why worry about smut when we have resistant varieties such as Omar. Even Omar is not resistant to all races of smut. Already Omar has been attacked by a new race of smut in some areas, but as yet none of this race has appeared in Oregon. By effective treatment against both seed and soil-borne smut spores we can prolong the number of years we can keep them by doing a good job of seed treatment.

The recent disaster in Roseburg is causing some unnecessary concern about the use of ammonium-nitrate, one of the most popular and economical nitrogen carrying fertilizers used by Oregon farmers. Many news stories could have left the impression that it was ammonium-nitrate alone that caused the gigantic explosion, although some news stories emphasized that it was an explosive mixture of ammonium nitrate and diesel oil that caused the damage. Art King, Oregon State College soil conservation specialist points out that ammonium-nitrate alone will neither burn nor explode, but it is used in various forms and in various combinations to make dynamite and other explosives. Sodium chlorate, potassium nitrate, and sodium nitrate are other common materials that could serve the same purpose. Several years ago ammonium-nitrate was blamed for the explosion that leveled Texas City, Texas. But here again the ammonium-nitrate had been mixed with a waxy material, somewhat similar to diesel oil, and which provided the carbon and hydrogen to make up the other end of the explosive mixture. A couple of years ago a fertilizer storage shed on the state college campus burned with no explosion and for other than the fact that the covers on the outside were burned off the ammonium-nitrate was not harmed. As a separate material, diesel oil is much more dangerous than fertilizer grade ammonium-nitrate. This does not mean that ammonium-nitrate should not be treated with equal respect. Remember that if it is mixed with an organic material, it can become

a part of an explosive material. Dirty warehouses could, in reality become dynamite. Any storage place should be kept clean and free from both dirt and loose ammonium-nitrate. Chaff, feed, sulfur, oil, and molasses are especially dangerous. Any material from broken or leaking bags should be swept up and removed from the premises. Burn bags as they are emptied.



MIGHTY FINE EATING—This fat beef is typical of the 4-H animals that will go on sale at Friday evening's fat stock auction sale at the fair. Scheduled to be sold are a sizeable number of steers, lambs and hogs. The auction will start at 7:30 p. m.

Over The Tee Cup

By Jackie Labhart

Cheer! It's tee time again, and even tho' the ingredients for this cup have been in the "bag" all during the month, this brewer of tee talk was way off "course" and was unable to get off of the California freeways onto the Heppner fairways to pour out this receptacle of nonsense for some three weeks. But in between ballgames we managed to squeeze in a few rounds of golf on several large courses in the bay area as well as several on the Oregon coast; so we weren't completely out of shape when we played our course on Sunday.

Among those also on the links Sunday were the Allan Cases, the Ambrose Chapins (am so glad to see them taking up golf), the Al Mattoons, Harlan McCurdy, the Ed Shaffitz, the Raymond Fergusons, Velma Glass, Phil and Bob Mahoney, Larry Prock, LaVern Van Marter Sr., John Piper and Steve Flug.

With this autumn air exhilarating any ambition for routine chores, golf seems to be first and foremost in all link lovers' itineraries during this time of year. Our ladies day competition Tuesday was no exception as fourteen foolhardy females disregarded rodeo and school preparations to partake in this week-long golfing get-together. Those playing were Marguerite Chapin, Bobbie Driscoll, Hester Creswick, Coramae Ferguson, Helen Schaffitz, Gene Case, Dee Gribble, Kay Robinson, Vi Lanham, Bonnie Mattoon, Vivian Williams, Hazel Mahoney, Marie McQuarrie and myself. Before teeing off we all

selected a handicap for ourselves, which when subtracted place us somewhere between 30 from our actual score would and 35 for a net score. (Sounds complicated but it really wasn't, except in some cases when a person would give themselves too much of a handicap and end up with a score way below 30). Hazel and I both parred No 7 which was the hidden hole; Vi, Bobbie, Hester, Hazel and I all tied for the fewest number of putts, and on the "choose your own handicap" competition number 33 was drawn and Kay with a 51-18, and Vivian with a 48-15 both had a 33.

LADIES DAY LAMENTS: Helen giving herself a 41 handicap and then shooting a 52 (now as anyone can plainly see that would give her an 11 for a net score which would certainly make her a pro among pros) . . . Kay having trouble with her head again (guess she needs blinders) . . . Marguerite and Gene with a real different follow-through kick . . . Hazel losing all the flips of the coin . . . "Chloe" Gribble with the swamp song blues (seems as tho' while searching the swamp for other golfer's balls she developed wets on both legs. Says she is either going to burn all the weeds or quit being a good samaritan) . . . Gene and Hazel will be in charge of ladies day activities during the month of September and tee off time next Tuesday will be at 8:30.

That about does it for this week but I will drain the cup

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times August 29, 1929

The combine belonging to Joe Batty of near Hardman was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon last while at work in his field four miles out of Hardman.

The Misses Anita Hughes and Dorothy Kelly of Umapine were honor guests at a lawn party given at the Frank W Turner home on Saturday evening.

E N Gonty and sons Ed, Jr and Thomas returned Saturday evening from a two weeks' vacation spent at Portland and the coast.

The McMurray clan held a family dinner Sunday at the Loren Hale home on Second Street at Ione.

Mrs J F Swanson has returned from a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs Elmo McMullan, in Salem.

Monument

Ben S Spain and Jack Sweek made a quick trip to Coeur d'Alene Idaho Wednesday and Thursday to get Ben's car that had broken down on a recent trip.

Elzy Emery and Stanley Boyer drove to Portland Sunday evening with a load of stock. While in the valley they visited Emery's father, Albert Emery and Miss Aldura Briggs and returned home Tuesday evening with a load of building material.

Hugh Jackson drove Mrs Wilbur Flowers to Prineville Wednesday to visit Wilbur Flowers.

Mr and Mrs Sonny Hiese and daughter spent the weekend at Ritter with his folks, Mr and Mrs Dick Hiese.

Billy Neal, Frank Elder and Mrs Bob Neal and children drove to Prairie City Thursday on business.

Mrs Jack Sweek and children came home Friday night from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she had been visiting the past two weeks.

Mrs June Hutchison and four children were Sunday dinner guests at the Dick Hiese ranch home near Ritter.

Mrs Stella McCarty and daughter Alene spent Friday night at Spray with her sister and family, the Darrell Dulaneys. Saturday morning they all drove to Heppner on business and back to Monument for the big costume dance Saturday evening.

Jack Cavender drove a truck with this parting advice . . . Hit your ball gently, as you would pluck a plum, and it won't end up in a "jam".

load of lambs to Heppner Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Loyd Geinger and baby were in Heppner for the weekend.

Mrs Jim Croker and Mrs June Hutchison were in John Day Friday on business.

Gerald Slocum was up from The Dalles for a few days taking care of business.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Johnson returned home Wednesday from a tour in Canada. They took in some sight seeing and did some fishing.

Ben S Spain's company for the weekend were his two sisters and a brother-in-law. They attended the Co-op picnic Saturday then in the evening the costume dance given by the Legion and auxiliary.

Owen Smith was in for the weekend with his family. He is at a camp near Eugene.

Mrs H W Scott took care of the tavern Saturday while the Smiths took in the Co-op picnic.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Leathers and Buzzy, Deanne, Billy Neal, Jerry and Hank Cupper left Monday morning for Chico, California to visit their daughter and family, the Abe Gates. The boys will go on to Las Vegas, Nevada to visit the Tom Youngs, who used to live here.

Mr and Mrs Fred Shank drove to Madras last week on business then on to Portland to visit a few days with Miss Laura Lee Shank, who is in school there.

The American Legion and auxiliary's costume dance was held Saturday night in the gym and was well attended. Several cash prizes to small tots, then Jimmy Neel won the prize for Indian boy, Jerry Cupper for high school class prize, Mr and Mrs Bob Holmes for a couple, they were dressed as cave man and lady.

Isabell Neel won a live pig as a big black cat, then she auctioned off the pig, which Fat Robertson won. Door prizes went to Archie Cox and Miss Theo Van Detta.

Mr and Mrs Ted Smith returned Saturday evening from a two week vacation spent at the Metolius River and also visiting their son, Mr and Mrs Phil Smith, who live in Springfield.

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