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CATTLE TOO HIGH? Would You Believe Too Cheap?

If the price of steers had gone up as fast since 1950 as the price of a first class postage stamp, steers would be bringing \$77 per hundred.

If beef prices had increased as much as medical care, steers would be selling at \$72.34 cwt.

If the rise had been as fast as hourly pay, the figure would be \$80.69.

Compared to the cost of having a baby, steers would be bringing \$119.13 cwt.

Compared to the daily cost of hospital service, the steers would bring \$179.69 cwt.

And if that is not enough to curl your lasso, the live cattle price in Europe at the beginning of 1973 averaged \$56 per hundred. Cull dairy cows and old beef cows ranged from \$46.50 in Holland to \$62 in Italy—all before the last devaluation of our dollar.

—adapted from the News-Leader of Springfield, Missouri.
Contributed by Pat Cutsforth

BEEF INDUSTRY WILL MEET CONSUMER DEMAND

Baker, Oregon, February 22 — "We have just received a recent cattle inventory figures released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture which revealed some facts which the cattle industry had known for a long time, and one fact is the cattlemen's



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Something new has been added at the Heppner Laundry Mat. Bill Weatherford gets ready to demonstrate his new auto vacuum. He says "Put in your coin and clean your car while you wait for your clothes to wash."

HOOF AND HORN

Mark Sargent called the meeting to order March 14. We had roll call and the treasurer's report.

The new members stood up and said their names and projects.

We decided to have a Community Pride project to help clean up Heppner Hill. Rhonda Sargent is our community chairman.

We elected Larry Palmer as Sargeant at Arms. There will be a meat and carcass grading at the Lexington school. Then we had a demonstration from Barbara Devine and Joe Mollahan.

Reporter,
Joe Mollahan

EIGHT POTHOLDERS

cooking club had another meeting on Saturday. At the meeting the first year members made Submarine sandwiches, while the second year members made sticky buns, and fruit salad.

Our next meeting will be held on March 19, the first day of Spring Vacation.
News Reporter, Teena Lindstrom

ALL YOU CAN EXPECT

The U.S. meat industry has proven that even in an inflationary era a free market can function in a way that assures both abundance and an equitable price level. During the past 20 years while the farmer has seen his production costs rise an average of 50 percent, farm prices have risen only 6 percent. Farmers have been able to survive, thanks largely to massive increases in productivity. The beef industry provides one of the best measures of that increased productivity in the manner in which consumers have benefited.

According to The Farm Quarterly, per capita beef consumption in the United States amounted to 82 pounds in 1960. Within 12 years, it has grown by 34 pounds per person. Furthermore, The Quarterly continues: "Experts predict that per capita beef consumption will rise another 22 to 27 pounds between 1971 and 1980, reaching 135 to 140 pounds. This amounts to an annual rate of increase of about 3 percent. Some 8.5 million additional cattle will have to be fed in 1980 to match this increase in demand." What these figures all boil down to is that Americans like meat. And they are able to buy it at free market prices, which in turn have given the incentives to the beef industry to step up productive efficiency and strive aggressively to provide the quality and quantity of meat demanded by the consumer.

Right now, according to a pamphlet published by the National Livestock and Meat Board, the industry is endeavoring, with greater energy than at anytime in the past, to present the facts about the meat industry and meat prices. In the words of the pamphlet, it is working ".....full time to tell editors, columnists, news writers and housewives the beef price story....that beef is still a terrific buy....That American cattlemen are producing to the hilt....that in our society of free competitive livestock marketing, the price of beef is still set by supply and consumer demand." In short, the industry is striving to show how the free market guarantees abundance at a fair price. No one can reasonably expect more.

Pulmonary Emphysema

Pulmonary emphysema, a constant threat to the heavy smoker, has other victims — livestock.

Acute bovine pulmonary emphysema (ABPE) is a serious cattle problem in eastern Oregon and many other areas of the United States. The disease attacks the lungs, causing them to become inflamed, enlarged and inelastic. Also known as bovine asthma or fog fever, it is particularly prevalent in cattle moved into lush meadow pastures after being on dry summer range.

Oregon State University graduate student Wayne van Zwoll, under the direction of Dillard Gates, OSU director of rangeland resources, has launched a study working with six eastern Oregon ranches in an attempt to determine the cause of the problem. He suspects it is caused by something the animals eat. He is investigating the possibility of linking a plant or stage of development in a plant to the problem.

Symptoms of ABPE usually appear between two and ten days after cattle are moved from dry range to the meadow pastures. Observed morbidity from ABPE averages approximately five percent in affected herds where precautionary measures are not taken. By feeding hay to the animals before they are turned into the meadow pasture and removing them from the pasture daily for further hay supplementation, ABPE can be prevented, but his procedure is often impractical, said van Zwoll.

First field signs of ABPE include lack of mobility, audible grunts when the animal exhales, rapid breathing, and standing with head extended and mouth open. Death can occur in about eight days following movement onto new pasture. Notable symptoms sometimes do not appear until the later stages of the disease.

Animals under stress, such as lactating cows, are most susceptible to emphysema. Susceptibility also appears to differ among breeds, with Herefords more likely than Angus to contract ABPE, said van Zwoll.

JOBS

The Cooperative Rural Manpower Project, with the help of secretaries in the Extension offices in Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler counties, has the following job openings:

MORROW COUNTY: Motel Maid, farm work; GILLIAM COUNTY: Plowing job, farm jobs; SHERMAN COUNTY: Four plowing jobs, housekeeper; WHEELER COUNTY: Plowing job, saw filer, heavy duty truck mechanic, Mill Wright.

People with the following experience are looking for work: Heppner Area: Carpenter, Housekeeper, babysitter, office workers, sales clerks, mill workers; Fossil Area: Housekeeper, bartender, office clerk, cook; Moro Area: year around farm worker, secretary.

For further information, contact your local Extension office: Heppner- 676-9642; Condon- 384-2271; Fossil- 763-4115; Moro- 565-3230.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Wul, Mr. Poorman, if we're goin' to subdivide this 'un, we'd better move over a couple of counties — that's where this 'uns blowin'!"

SCHLICHTINGS TO EUGENE

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schlichting picked up their daughter, Jan in Salem last Tuesday and went to Eugene. Jan was maid of honor at the wedding of her long time friend, Nancy Adams of Pleasant Hill to Rodney Lalich of Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Schlichting enjoyed visiting friends as they formerly lived in Eugene.

They returned to Salem in time for the Friday legislative sessions at which Jan is a page. Here they visited the Jack Summers and other friends before returning home Saturday.

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Pine City Community Club's PINE CITY COMMUNITY CLUB'S MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mary Healy, vice-president, at 1:30, March 22, at Curran's House. Eleven members and two visitors were present. The visitors were Mrs. Wattenburger and Miss Sherrie Carter. We elected officers: President, Pam Haugen; vice-president, Janice Healy; secretary-treasurer and news reporter, Maureen Healy; Sergeant-at-arms, Ronny Curran; Song leader, Tim Daly.

We had a demonstration on how to set up and face the judge when showing sheep by Sherrie Carter. We picked up some books and papers on animals and judging. Then we had refreshments.

News Reporter,
Maureen Healy

Wicklup Timber Sale

(At Dennis Martin's presentation at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, he stressed the schedule of timber sales. From time to time as space permits, the Gazette-Times will reprint the Environmental Analysis Report on the proposed Wicklup Timber Sale. This will give our readers some idea of the amount of work that precedes a timber sale. Editor: Summary Environmental Analysis Report by Dennis Martin.

The proposed Wicklup Timber Sale, an administrative action, is planned for sale in May, 1974, and is a portion of Heppner District's regular planned sale program deemed necessary to provide a sustained yield of forest products to local industry and assist in maintaining a healthy economic condition within this portion of Eastern Oregon. The sale area is located approximately 32 miles southeast of Heppner, Oregon in Morrow County.

The recreation, wildlife, range and watershed and soil resources may be impacted to some extent. However, if the practices and constraints outlined in this report are followed, the impact will be minimal and kept to an acceptable level. Adverse environmental effects that are considered unavoidable include an increase in hunter pressure and possible adverse impact on the big game population; the aesthetic effect of regeneration seed cutting; and the soil disturbance that must accompany any logging or road construction activity.

Alternatives were considered both internally and through contacts with other agencies and Forest Service specialists. As a result of these contacts, it was felt that increase in hunter pressure was not a significant impact on the deer and elk population. The harvesting techniques could be modified to lessen the impact of regeneration seed cutting and the rotation length increased. However, since current recreation use is relatively low and no tie-through roads are planned, normal techniques are considered appropriate. The only alternative to soil disturbance would be to use some type of helicopter logging system which would result in fewer roads and less skidding damage. Since soils are not critical in this area and it is unlikely that the timber has enough value to warrant this type of system, normal practices will be followed.

In soliciting comments and opinions, the sale was discussed with fish and game biologists from the Oregon State Game Commission, the Supervisor of the Unatilla National Forest and his principal staff, and Hugh Black, Jim Martin, and Jim Simonson, Forest Wildlife Biologist, Recreation Specialist and silviculturist respectively.

In conclusion, it is felt by the District Ranger and his assistants, that this action will not cause any significant environmental impact.



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