

Over 100 Lambs Expected At County Lamb Show

Over 100 lambs are expected to be entered in the new annual 4-H and FFA lamb and wool show and sale, according to Jackson County 4-H Agent Jerry Brog.

A barbecue and sheep shearing contest will highlight the June 21-22 event at the Jackson county fairgrounds.

All animals may be delivered to the grounds between 8 a.m. and noon. All animals must be in place at 12 noon, Friday, June 21. Market classes' judging starts at 1 p.m.

Wool sorting and judging starts at 1 p.m. also. The sheep shearing contest will be held at 7:30 p.m. Market class judging is scheduled for completion at 8:15 p.m. The show will be climaxed with selection and announcement of the grand champion.

For the sheep shearing contest each contestant will shear one sheep to qualify then will be scored on shearing of one or more. Contestants will use either motor-in-handle shears to be provided or may bring their own. So far only five contestants are entered.

Winners will be selected on the basis of time, absence of second cuts in the fleece,

fleece condition, absence of cuts on sheep, manner of handling sheep, appearance of shorn sheep.

The winner will receive \$10 toward a trip to the state fair to compete in the shearing contest.

The contest will be conducted according to rules listed in the lamb and wool show and sale pamphlet.

Farm & Garden

FARM Woodlot Facts

During the past week I received a U. S. Department of Agriculture bulletin entitled "Windthrown Timber Survey." As most of us know southwest Oregon timber owners were very fortunate not to have sustained more windthrow than they did during the Columbus Day storm. I was not completely aware of the vast destruction throughout part of the Pacific Northwest until I read this bulletin.

Even though windthrown trees on small private holdings in this area were scattered they should be considered as a potential insect hazard. The bulletin pointed out that "concentrations of blown down trees produce large beetle broods. However, the scattered single trees and small groups of trees produce — tree for tree — more beetles and are cause for concern". The scattered and shaded windfalls are more heavily attacked and will produce about six times as many beetles as trees exposed to the

direct rays of the sun. Considerable benefit will be derived from salvaging the scattered blowdown for one use or another, even if they are only used for firewood.

The Douglas fir beetle will attack the windfalls in the spring of 1963 and emerge to attack green trees in the spring of 1964. Hence, salvage of the windthrow should be completed before the beetles emerge in the spring of 1964.

The Western Pine Beetle will attack downed Ponderosa Pine trees this spring and produce broods that will emerge about mid-August. Salvage of the windfalls should be completed before mid-August 1963 in order to lessen the loss.

Where trees cannot be removed for logs or firewood they should be barked and exposed to the sun, if at all possible.

Don't gamble with those trees. It took too long to grow "them" to let the bugs enjoy them.

Chit Chat

By JOE COWLEY
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

"Before you start taking evasive action let me say I won't quote you by name or position — now what's the score on the Bear Creek development project?"

This is the way we put it to one of the leaders in the so-called Bear Creek development project. We got some frank answers, some of which cannot be published until more definite facts are known.

This line of questioning led us along Bear Creek to the fairgrounds, to questionings, to recreation in general in this county and to the farmer and recreation. So please bear with us while we ramble the route.

First, if enough parents of 4-H'ers, and horsemen should make their wishes known a temporary trail is possible along Bear Creek until permanent easements can be acquired from fronting property-owners and an overall plan of development completed. Such a trail would extend from Jackson st. to the fairgrounds. One problem might be getting onto the trail from Jackson st. But, something could be worked out we were assured.

The picture M-T photographer Bob Vroman took of a driver crowding horses as they clopped over the Barnett rd. overpass to the fairgrounds seems to have attracted attention to the dangerous traffic situation. It was bad enough just coming down Barnett rd. BF (before freeway) or from Stewart ave. Now Stewart ave. is becoming a major east-west thoroughfare for those drivers living on the east side of Medford and working downtown, plus the tourists.

The fairgrounds — The city and county last week met jointly to talk over joint planning and included fairgrounds development at the present site at the south edge of the city. Definitely this was a waste of everybody's time. The present site is not adequate as even a 4-H fairgrounds as some of the more outspoken 4-H leaders will readily admit. It certainly is not adequate for expansion to a multi-purpose fairgrounds similar to the ones at Yreka and Grants Pass.

This county has many activities, clubs and organizations which could use a spacious fairgrounds. The county budget committee each year shake their collective heads over dwindling cash resources yet they allow valuable commercial property to be used for county building sites and what is left of the fairgrounds to remain idle 11 months of the year. It could be leased at least for commercial development and bring additional revenue instead of remaining as idle as the dictating machine in the county judge's office.

One of the major groups desperately needing adequate fairgrounds is the horsemen. The newly formed Jackson County Horsemen's association has over 150 members representing various horsemen's groups. The Southern Oregon Quarterhorse association has over 200 members as do various other horse groups. The 4-H horsemen alone number over 150.

So, you have an estimated 500 horsemen in this county who deserve as much attention from the parks and recreation commission as the fishermen using Howard Prairie, Willow lake, Hyatt lake, Emigrant or the Rogue river. Lily Glen riding stables or the resulting horse trails at Howard Prairie will not handle this horse traffic. Besides, such stables cater mostly to tourists and those who do not own their own horses.

We think there should be a race track and covered arena for horse activities. By race track we mean facilities for trotting horses as well as for quarter horses and thoroughbreds. The covered arena could be used for dog shows which are now held on the Josephine county fair grounds for lack of room in Jackson county.

To say that people here are not interested in open class fairs is a foolish answer. A fairgrounds serves much more than just fair activities. In Siskiyou county fair buildings serve for banquets, meetings of various clubs and other entertainment. We need, for instance, a decent place in which to hold the annual rose show and various garden club shows.

The farmer, too, has a stake in this recreation development. People who have never been outside the Rogue valley or have done limited traveling probably can't see the potential here. Other and older areas, back east for instance, have overcome their problems through community effort and gone on to develop their full tourist and recreation potential.

The state of Maine, for instance, has its booster program. They issue stickers for tourist cars: "We are Maine boosters!" Think what the effect would be if all the out of state cars (owners willing) leave a visit in Jacksonville with stickers reading "We are Jacksonville, Ore. boosters!" in large letters over a picture of a miner panning for gold.

And unfortunately, it is usually mostly out-of-town people who do the promoting of an area like Jacksonville. They view it with fresh eyes and compare it with other areas they have seen. You are considered a shrewd, "solid citizen" if you sit back and poke holes in a project rather than do the adventuresome thing of promoting it. History books show very few "solid citizens" survived the Oregon wagon train trips.

Back to farmers: The Farmers Home Administration has made its first loans for development of farmland recreation, according to a recent announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Freeman. These first loans include on-the-farm accommodations for vacationers, a small community golf course and the production of quail for controlled hunting.

In Arkansas, the state legislature is in the act, it has authorized counties to create legal bodies local people need to receive aid from the U. S. Department of Agriculture in development projects. This act gives counties authority to organize Rural Development Authorities, which would have broad powers to buy and sell land, issue bonds, develop recreational facilities and construct roads, parks, dams and sanitation facilities.

What do you consider generally in developing private recreation areas? Basically campgrounds are either the travelers' campground or the vacation campground. The first is for overnight stops. The other is the destination. Main uses of vacation campgrounds are for hunting or fishing. Some farmers near Sun Valley, Idaho rent accommodations to skiers. Sale of refreshments and produce are substantial side incomes for private recreation area operators.

And these private campground areas can also provide summer employment for high school and college students.

What might draw people to your campground? Scenic attractions, historical landmarks or monuments, forests, parks, caves, waterfalls, horses, pagents, cowboys, Indians, ghost towns or living pioneer historical towns like Jacksonville.

HORN FLIES
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311 Cattle Sold at Midway Auction, Stockers Strong

A total of 311 cattle were sold at the Midway auction yard at its regular Friday, May 17 sale, according to Bill Bray, owner-manager.

"The market continues strong on stocker cattle and steady on slaughter cows," Bray reported.

Good to choice steer calves, weighing 325 to 440 pounds, went out at \$28 to \$30. Several penlots of 375 to 410 pound calves sold for \$29 to \$29.50. Medium quality calves sold for \$25 to \$28.

Good to choice heifer calves sold for \$25 to \$28.70. Medium heifer calves sold for \$23 to \$25.

Good yearling steers sold for \$22 to \$25.50. Medium steers went out at \$20 to \$23.50.

Yearling heifers brought \$22 to \$23.40. Medium heifers sold for \$19 to \$21.50.

Good Cows
Good cows with calves earned \$200 to \$220. Medium pairs brought \$185 to \$195. A pen of spring heifers sold for \$175 per head.

Slaughter bulls went out at \$18 to \$19.50.

Young fat cows sold for \$18 to \$18.80. Utility cows sold for \$13 to \$15.50. Cutters brought \$12 to \$13.70 and canners earned \$8 to \$12.

"At the present time the demand for lightweight stock calves is way ahead of the supply. This situation will probably last only two or three weeks so if you have calves to sell we could move them for you now at the above prices but after June 15 there will be some drop off in demand," Bray commented.

DRY COWS
Dry cows mustn't be neglected when it comes to feeding salt and mineral mixes. They need to build up their calcium and phosphorus reserves before their next lactation period.

HORSE SWEAT
Horse sweat contains almost half of one per cent of salt. To make up for this loss, horses need plenty of extra salt during the summer.

Most Commodities Out
Salem — Most of the commodities going through the state — federal shipping point inspection services of the Oregon department of agriculture

Of Inspection Points
have already moved for this season. Potatoes are about the only exception and brine cherries are still being shipped. State federal inspectors expect all of the potatoes to be sold by the end of this month. Shipping inspections of commodities for the coming season will start in June with strawberries and cherries.




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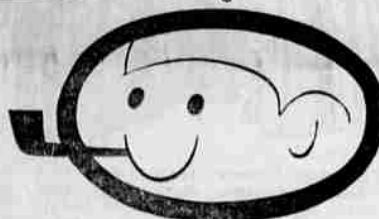
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