

Beef Herds Successful For Farmers

The dream of a home in the country with a few beef cattle to occupy the time and attention of the family is one that is coming true every day in North Carolina.

Industrial workers, business men and retired folks are among those selecting beef cattle as their part-time projects. Since both people and cattle seem to thrive under the arrangement, the trend continues to grow.

A. V. Allen, specialist in charge of extension animal husbandry at North Carolina State University, points out that many people seem to associate beef cattle with the wide open range land and the huge herds they see on television shows.

However, the specialist says that cattle can adapt to a wide range of management conditions.

Land is the first requirement. Allen recommends that pastures furnish 90 to 95 per cent of the total feed requirements during the year.

In the mountains where bluegrass will be the main pasture, most farmers should allow two acres or more per cow. In the northern Piedmont section where orchard grass and clover or fescue and clover are the main pasture species, one and one-half acres should be sufficient.

In the southern Piedmont and Coastal Plain areas where Coastal Bermuda and clover-grass are both grown, farmers may only need about one acre per cow.

This means that 15 to 30 acres should be available for pastures for a herd of 15 cows. In addition, Allen says extra land will be needed to produce winter feed, the acreage varying according to

the crops selected. On the average, one and one-half tons of hay or three tons of silage per cow is enough.

Advantages of beef cattle on part-time farms are the small winter feed requirements and the time required to feed the cattle. The winter feed supply can be cut and stored during summer months in late afternoons or on weekends, Allen suggests. Time required for feeding and management is also small since a cow and calf need an average of only about 12 hours of labor each year.

Part-time farmers are some of the best beef cattle producers. The number one feeder calf sale last year in terms of quality was held in Greensboro where 79 per cent of the calves graded good or better, points out Allen. "The average farmer sold only 13 calves at the sale which indicates that cattle are not major sources of income on these farms."

Similar examples are cited about the second and third place sales held in Jefferson and Boone.

"It is extremely hard, however, for the part-time farmer to justify the dollars to buy the quality bull necessary to improve the calf crop if he has only a 15-cow herd," Allen said. However, a small farmer has two alternatives. He can use artificial insemination or he can sell all heifers and buy replacements. If he chooses the second alternative, the herd bull can be used until the age of about 10 years and the cost can be spread over all calves sired during the period.

Looking at the economics of beef production, Allen says that 15 to 20 cows won't provide the income necessary to support a home in the country. "But by following sound management and production practices, the arrangement should be self-supporting and provide some extra income."

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Large Bird

Here's the Answer

HORIZONTAL

1 Depicted bird
6 It is an intermediate between
11 Conduits
13 Young girl
14 Malt drink
15 Silk fabric
17 British money
18 French article
19 Colonized
21 Giant king of Bashan
22 Hebrew letter
23 Electrical unit
25 Bridge
27 Chew upon
30 Pastry
31 Italian capital
32 Against
33 Greek god of war
34 Dictated
35 County in Missouri
36 From diminutive of Edward
37 Physician (ab.)
40 Told
43 That thing
45 Be indisposed
50 French capital
51 Goddess of infatuation
52 Sketch
54 Rested
56 Western cattle
57 EVELYERS

VERTICAL

1 Purpose
2 Shield bearing
3 Poem
4 Symbol for selenium
5 Gaelic
6 Rational
7 West Indies (ab.)
8 Bustle
9 Roman emperor
10 Protruberance
12 Perched
13 Unit of wire measurement
16 Size of shot
19 Sentry
20 Humbled
22 Separated
24 Breathed noisily in sleep
25 Pierce with a knife
26 Part of a window
28 So be it!
29 Direction
32 Entangles
39 Flith
41 Mimicker
42 Wicked
43 Correlative of either
44 Tear
45 Brother of Jacob (Bib.)
46 Roman road
47 Scatters
49 New Guinea port
51 Peer Gyn't's mother
53 Symbol for cerium
55 Pronoun

BETHWARE OAK GROVE NEWS

By Mrs. Ruth Vess Phone 739-6035

Oak Grove Baptist church voted Sunday night to change the Training Union hour from 6 o'clock to 6:30 for the summer.

Mr. Dwan Thornburg and Mr. Wray Thornburg went to Lands Ford, S. C. on a fishing trip Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vess, Jr. accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovelace and Coleman Hoyle of Cherryville to Water Ree, S. C. on a camping and fishing trip for the weekend.

Mrs. Virginia Bell and Gail spent last week visiting Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Bell and family of Lenoir.

Wayne Turner visited Mrs. Marvin Wright Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Bell and Gail, Mrs. Horace Bell and Mrs. Jay Patterson and Gina visited Mrs. John Senter of Gastonia Saturday.

Mrs. Lester Harmon and Billie spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Evans Cooper of Lattimore, N. C. Billie Harmon accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Cooper to Chapel Hill Sunday night to take their daughter, Donnie, back to college.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gladden and Doris and two of their grandchildren visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blanton Sunday.

Footo Sets Groundbreaking

Exton, Pa. — State, county and local government and business officials have been invited to attend the groundbreaking exercises for Footo Mineral Company's new electrolytic manganese plant at New Johnsonville, Tenn. on May 20.

Principal address will be delivered at the plant site during the 11:30 a.m. ceremony by the Honorable Frank G. Clement, Governor of Tennessee. Also on hand will be Senator Albert Gore and Congressman William Anderson. Joining L. G. Bliss, Footo president, for the actual groundbreaking ritual will be Governor Clement and the Honorable W. Lunn McKeel, County Judge of Humphreys County.

Construction of Footo's \$9,000,000 plant for production of electrolytic manganese, a steelmaking ingredient, is underway. Footo is the world's largest producer of this material.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony which will also serve to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of Footo Mineral Company.

Mrs. Paul D. Harmon received a telephone call last week from her husband Sgt. Paul D. Harmon who is serving in the army at Viet Nam.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doty and

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. J. K. Willis entered Charlotte Presbyterian hospital Sunday for observation and treatment.

NORTH CAROLINA GASTON COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NOTICE SERVING
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Betty Burgin Lewis Plaintiff (s) vs. Jack Bate Lewis defendant (s)
This is a Civil Action and not a Special Proceeding.

The defendant (s) Jack Bate Lewis will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, the cause of action being absolute divorce on the grounds of separation for more than one year and the said defendant (s) will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Gastonia, North Carolina within twenty days after the 25th day of May, 1966, and file a written answer or demurrer to the complaint in said action; or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 20th day of April 1966.

George C. Holland
Clerk Superior Court
Hamrick, Mauney & Flowers
Attorney for Plaintiff

Employment Survey Started

Development of nationwide information on persons holding more than one job and premium pay for overtime is the objective of special questions to be asked in this area during the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey to be conducted in the week of May 15.

In making the announcement, Director Joseph Norwood of the Bureau's regional office in Charlotte, said the questions on overtime pay and dual jobs will supplement the regular survey questions asked monthly to gauge the national labor situation for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S.

Department of Labor. The questions are asked in 357 sample areas of the United States.

Persons holding more than one job will be asked to describe their secondary jobs and to tell the number of hours worked on each job. Wage and salary workers with only one job but with more than 40 hours of work weekly will be asked about premium pay and the regularity of overtime.

Wage and salary workers in half the sample households will be asked the amount they usually earn at their primary jobs.

Census interviewers who will collect the information in this area include:

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