

Orange County

Farm Agent's Column

By Don Matheson & Ed Barnes

\$73 PER HEAD ON STEERS
S. Kirkland, owner of Ayr Farm of Hillsboro on which the famous colonial Ayr home that has been in the family since 1770, is making use of his Ladino clover. Last March he bought six steers averaging 691 lbs. for \$15.80 and or a total of \$655.50. Monday he sold these steers for \$19.02. The average weight was 651 lbs. and he received \$19.02 per head. His net gain per head was 383 lbs. of beef and \$73.05. Six steers had nothing to eat than plenty of good Ladino grass and Ladino fescue.

plenty of good food for their company. They have had for years a 23 cubic foot deep freezer filled with all kinds of meats and vegetables. They have recently purchased an additional 26 cubic foot freezer which they are now filling with fruits and meat. Their family is relatively small and when asked why so much frozen food, Roland said that they always have and enjoy a lot of company and they thought they might as well prepare for them.

FEEDER CALF SALE

SEPTEMBER 27
Agricultural workers are busy visiting beef cattle farmers and selecting the 400 feeder calves which will go on sale at the District sale to be held at the Farmers' Exchange Livestock Market at Hillsboro at 1 o'clock Thursday.

September 27. There will be approximately 100 good heifers in this lot, some of which could be used for future breeding stock.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

TWICE ON THE SAME SPOT

C. F. Laws, owner of Lawsdale Farm in the Caldwell Community, showed us a big oak tree which had been struck by lightning about three weeks ago. The same tree was hit by lightning two years ago and killed three cows that had taken refuge there from the storm.

The first lightning only partially killed the tree, but the recent stroke seems to have completed the job.

Mr. Laws has a well-kept dairy and poultry farm, keeping 2500 laying hens and 30 milk cows. He now has a big job of disposing of this big oak.

DON'T FORGET TO SEED LAWNS NOW

Early fall is the best time to seed lawns, soon it will be too late. Prepare smooth, well-firmed seed bed. Apply 100 pounds agricultural ground limestone and 35 pounds 8-8-8 fertilizer per 100 square feet

surface and work into the soil with a rake. Seed Kentucky Fescue at the rate of 2 pounds per 1000 square feet surface. If clover is desired add 1 pound of White Dutch Clover. Scatter seed on surface and roll in with heavy roller. If water is available give lawn a good wetting. A light mulch of straw will preserve moisture and help prevent winter killing.

FILE FOR GAS REFUND BEFORE OCTOBER 1

Many farmers have already received their Federal tax refund of 2 cents per gallon on all gasoline used for farming purposes from January 1 to July 1, 1956. All applications must be in the hands of the District Director of Internal Revenue at Greensboro by October 1. We have a supply of application blanks at the County Agents office in Hillsboro.

Cattle slaughter so far this year has been about six per cent greater than last year, mainly because of the large supplies of fed cattle, report marketing specialist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Land—Of Orange



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

Robert C. Lloyd, Calvander, is putting some poorly drained land to good use with a pond for livestock water.

Jack Long, Calvander, has had surveys made and a pond designed to provide water for his herd of beef cattle.

J. M. Smith, Hurdle Mills, H. M. Lloyd, New Hope, John Efland, and W. B. Shambley, Buckhorn had overpopulations of bream and wildfish eradicated from their ponds last week. Technicians of the Wildlife Resources Commission poisoned the ponds after the water level had been lowered as much as practical.

The ponds will be restocked with correct proportions of blue-

gill bream and largemouth bass.

W. B. Shambley, Walter Carter, and Donald Jones, Buckhorn, received their copies of their soil and water conservation plans last week.

Following their agreements with the Neuse River Soil Conservation District, land capability surveys were furnished by the District. The surveys determined the soil conditions, slope, and past erosion conditions, factors that determine the safe use of the land.

Some of the uses and treatment planned according to the land capability are alfalfa and pasture seeding, woodland management, pond, terraces and meadow waterways to dispose of runoff water safely, crop rotations, and contour farming, and crop rotations using close-growing, deep rooted legumes to add organic matter and improve the structure of the soil.

Flowering bulbs offer many possibilities for use in home gardens, say North Carolina State College Extension specialists.

Entomologists with the U. S. Department of Agriculture estimate that there are more than 10,000 species of destructive insects in the United States. As a group, these insects are man's chief competitors for the food, fuel, and fiber that we produce.

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