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## Lamb and Wool Show Plans Completed

### ANNUAL EVENT TO BE HELD JUNE 25

#### H. A. Lindgren Will Act as Judge; Premiums Posted Aggregate \$150.

Arrangements are complete for holding the seventh annual Douglas county lamb and wool show in Roseburg, on Saturday, June 25. The Douglas County Livestock association is sponsoring the lamb show, which will be held on Washington street in the rear of Wharton Bros. implement store.

All entries in the open, 4-H club and wool classes close at 10 a. m. and judging will start at 10:30. H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman of Oregon State college, has been secured to judge all classes.

Premiums offered total \$150, with a top first prize of \$20 for the best pen of five fat lambs in the open class. Fourteen awards will be made in the open class for pens of five fat lambs, seven awards in the 4-H club single fat lamb class and three awards in each of the wool classes.

Exhibitors are requested to make their entries by Thursday evening, June 23, to give the management sufficient time to arrange for all exhibit pens that may be required.

Entry blanks may be secured at the county agent's office, or entries may be phoned to the county agent. The purebred ram class for exhibition only is attracting considerable attention from breeders of purebred sheep. Sheep owners interested in purchasing purebred breeding rams will have an opportunity to look over a fine exhibition of breeding rams if entries continue to come in as they have for the past few days.

### control of shipments as a means of dealing with surpluses is on the program for discussion, as is the possibilities and problems of fruit grower supply purchasing.

Of particular interest to Oregon growers will be a special conference dealing with, among other items, the operation of the federal walnut marketing agreement, widening market outlets for filberts, and a proposed national advertising plan for filberts.

## SUCCESS ATTENDS MAKING OF SILAGE

### Good Results With Grasses, Legumes Obtained Where Haying Is Periled.

Haying weather in Oregon has been unusually favorable this season, but in years when rains make haying hazardous, either grass or legumes may be made into silage with excellent results, according to experiments conducted in recent years at the Astoria branch experiment station.

Those experiments were designed primarily to find methods suitable for use in coast counties, where spring rains are particularly prevalent, but the results also have application throughout western Oregon, says H. B. Howell, superintendent of the station.

Previous difficulties with making silage out of grasses or legumes have been largely caused by the fact that these, when cut in the desirable immature state, are too high in protein to make palatable silage without the addition of supplementary carbohydrates. This difficulty has been overcome through the addition of molasses in amounts varying from 40 pounds per ton of grass to about 75 pounds per ton of green legumes.

### Moisture Important

Another important factor in making this type of silage is to see that the material contains ample moisture, says Howell. There is likely to be serious spoilage unless the moisture content is between 60 and 75 per cent. This means, he says, that the material should be put in the silo before much wilting has occurred. Hay that is caught by bad weather may even be made into silage after drying has started, if proper amounts of water and molasses are added, the experiments have shown. It is highly essential that ample water be added, however, as hay fairly well cured and then soaked with heavy rain for several days will not contain anywhere near enough moisture for proper curing as silage.

The findings of the Oregon experiment station and those in other states on the subject of making legume and grass silage have recently been condensed and issued as Extension Circular 315, written by Dr. L. R. Jones, associate professor of dairy husbandry at OSC. This circular contains all necessary directions for making this type of silage.

## FORESTRY SCHOOL AT O. S. C. HIGHLY RATED

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The school of forestry here has been included among five out of 20 schools in the entire United States to be given a rank of 100 per cent in the showing its graduates made in 1931 in taking civil service examinations for junior forester. Others achieving the rank are Harvard and Yale which take graduate forestry students only, University of Michigan and University of Montana. The 26 OSC graduates who took the examination made an average grade second only to that of the graduates of Michigan, among undergraduate schools.

In total enrollment in forestry schools OSC ranks second only to the New York State college of forestry which reported 502 compared with 488 here when the figures were gathered last fall by The Journal of Forestry, and a cumulative total for the year of 533 at OSC.

Here Over Week-End—Walt Bago, of Canyonville, spent the weekend in this city visiting.

## NEW FARM LAW GIVEN TOP RATING

### Wheat, Corn, Livestock and Dairy Industries Held Highly Benefited.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Administration leaders, surveying the many bills passed by the 75th congress, concluded wheat, corn, livestock and dairy farmers were major recipients of favorable legislation.

They ranked the new farm law as perhaps the most important act of the session. This legislation, they said, gave farmers machinery to raise their income to a level of equality with that of industry and labor. The new farm act provides for the establishment of an "ever normal" granary for wheat and corn. Excess crops of bumper years may be withheld from markets, through government commodity loans, until they are needed in years of short crops. Officials believe such regulation of the flow of products into markets will stabilize farm prices.

Sponsors of the farm law also believe it will do much to stabilize the dairy and livestock industries, particularly if the corn program works effectively. Insurance, Vital

Of vital interest to the farmer is the crop insurance program established by congress. Beginning with the 1932 crop, growers may secure protection against losses from drought, flood, hail, freezes and insects. Premiums will be paid in wheat in years of good yields and losses will be paid in wheat when crops fail.

Officials said the insurance program should avert income disasters that followed severe droughts in 1934 and 1936. Final dates on which it would accept farmer applications for insurance covering the 1932 wheat crop have been set by the federal crop insurance corporation. The Oregon deadline is August 20.

## NO CARRYOVER OF WESTERN APPLES

PORTLAND, June 20.—(AP)—Heavy consumption of western apples has reduced the supplies to about 796,000 boxes, indicating there would be virtually no carryover into the new crop. Northwest shipments totaled 183 cars last week. To date Oregon has shipped 2386 boxes, Washington 27,623 and Idaho 4118. Pear withdrawals were 55,000 boxes last month, leaving about 18,000 boxes on hand. Western holdings on June 1 included 1000 boxes of Bartlett and about 1000 boxes of other varieties.

## RECORD-HOLDING HOLSTEIN COW DIES

TACOMA, Wash., June 20.—(AP)—Stellaecom Prilly Ormby Blossom, one of America's most famous cows, died in her stall in the barn of the western state hospital, near here, Wednesday. She was a Holstein and was 14 years, 9 months old. Only five weeks ago, she gave birth to her 15th calf. Her lifetime milk production record was 258,209.5 pounds, which, according to Albert P. Weirman, hospital headman, was the greatest lifetime record ever known.

## MARKETING PACT UP TO SPUD GROWERS

Western Oregon potato growers will have opportunity to express their ideas concerning the proposed potato marketing agreement covering 17 states at a hearing at the Multnomah hotel in Portland June 22. This will be an adjourned meeting from the hearing at Redmond, June 17, and will serve

## TESTS SHOW VALUE OF GRASS MIXTURE

### Superiority Over Straight Native Types Evident At Special Nursery.

The superiority of special selected grass mixtures for seeding pastures and range lands over common commercial pasture mixtures or straight seedings was clearly demonstrated to all visitors to the grass nursery on the L. E. Thompson farm during the field tour held by County Agent J. Roland Parker last Wednesday. Straight seedings of some eighteen selected grasses were inspected in addition to the plots seeded to various grass mixtures and in combination with a variety of clover.

## FEDERAL LOANS AID GROWERS OF WOOL

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—The commodity credit corporation reported it had made loans of 2,586,690 pounds of wool up to June 15 under the government's \$50,000,000 loan program designed to bolster prices of the product. The amount advanced was \$461,589. They said it was possible that banks in wool producing areas had advanced considerably more.

## ESTIMATES COVER OREGON FRUIT CROPS

Oregon's peach crop will average about 280,000 bushels compared with 241,000 in 1930, according to official estimates. The pear crop will be larger than a year ago but cherry production will be about 18,500 tons, 4800 tons below last season. The Oregon apple output will be about 75 per cent of the average.

Back From Camping Trip—Gerry Watson, Norma Porter, Lorraine Weatherford and Betty and Pauline Welch have returned to their homes from a camping trip on the North Umpqua at Glide.

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## News of 4-H CLUBS

The Douglas county delegation of 74 4-H club members and leaders returned from the 4-H club summer school Friday.

This group has been at Corvallis since June 6 taking part in a full and interesting program. The leaders who accompanied the group included J. A. Rhodes of Days Creek, Miss Dora Braughton, Miss Vivian Bartley, and Miss Mary Leigh of Roseburg and County Agent E. A. Britton.

The Willamette Valley 4-H livestock judging tour has been announced for August 1, 2 and 3. This tour will be under the leadership of L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader, and will be taken in Marion, Linn and Benton counties.

The Douglas county group who will make this trip will be made up of older club members and those who have made previous livestock judging trips. In all probability, this group will take four days instead of three, using the last day for camping activities.

The Coos and Curry judging tour has been decided upon, but no date set as yet. This tour is arranged for younger club members and those who have not been on judging trips before.

Enrollment has been received of a group of boys at Days Creek who are carrying two summer projects. They plan to organize as two clubs and carry camp cookery and back-sawing.

Mr. Howard Ward has been selected to lead this group. Edward Burr was elected president, Elton Moore vice president, and James Ward as secretary. The other two members are Arthur and William Ward.

## D. S. C. TO JOIN IN CO-OP INSTITUTE

Fruit and vegetable growers of Oregon will find many special conferences related to their business at the fourteenth annual meeting of the American institute of cooperation at Pullman and Moscow, July 21 to 25, according to Paul Carpenter, extension specialist in cooperative marketing at Oregon State college. OSC is joining with Washington State college and the University of Idaho in serving as joint hosts to the convention, which is open to the general public.

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