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Northwest Turkey Show Calendar Announced

10TH ANNUAL EVENT TWO WEEKS AWAY

Prize List Augmented By Two Offers; Banquet to Highlight Program.

The tenth annual turkey show of the Northwestern Turkey Breeders' associations just two weeks away, and entries have started to come into the office at Oakland. New prizes are also being offered, which are not listed in the catalog. The Douglas County Flour Mills offers a special for Douglas county only, \$30 cash for best market tom showed, from Douglas county.

The Turkey World of Mt. Morris, Illinois, has offered a fine trophy for the reserve champion of the live show.

As usual the banquet will be the culminating social event of the week. Tickets from Portland are already being ordered.

The show calendar follows: Nov. 26—All entries to be mailed. Dec. 5—Cooping and delivery of all live birds and dressed entries to be completed by 6:00 p. m.

Dec. 6—Opening 9:00 a. m.; judging live and dressed class, 9:10 a. m.

Dec. 7—Judging live market classes, 9:00 a. m.; dressing contest, 3:30 p. m.; dance, high school gymnasium, 9:00 p. m.

Dec. 8—Judging, 9:00 a. m.; annual meeting Breeders' association, upstairs Gobbler's hall, 7:30 p. m.

Dec. 9—Judging of champions of classes and breeds, reserve champion and grand champion, 9:00 a. m.; judging contest for boys and girls, 1:00 p. m.; lectures by James Griffin and Nichols, 3:00 p. m.; annual turkey show banquet and award of trophies at high school gymnasium, 6:30 p. m.

Dec. 10—All entries released at noon.

Of particular interest on part of the general public will be the dressing contest Wednesday afternoon. Five dollars is offered as first prize, second \$3, and down to \$1 for seventh. Superintendents of this department are Frank Sparks and Fay Leatherwood and the rules follow:

For fastest and best picker of turkeys. Twenty entries eligible. Register with dressed show manager. Time Wednesday afternoon 3:30 o'clock, December 7th.

Bales: Each contestant must furnish his bird, and his dressing tools.

Fifty points will be allowed for time of dressing, and fifty points for the quality. Every bird must be finished prime, in order to be eligible for prize money. In figuring time the elapsed time in minutes will be deducted from 50 points, and the remainder credited to the picker. Quality will be graded by the judges. 50 points being credited as perfect. The combined score will decide the winner.

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Misfortune Still Dogs Youth of Buck Fork

MYRTLE CREEK, Nov. 21.—Don Conley, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conley of Buck Fork, stands a fairly good chance of being a confirmed pessimist if his naturally sunny disposition cannot ward it off. Last summer, while swimming in the South Umpqua, he struck his leg on a submerged pitchfork, receiving a very serious injury. A short time ago his older brother, Dale, locked the family car over one of his feet. While still on crutches from that he was stricken with appendicitis and taken to Mercy hospital, Roseburg, last Friday, a week ago, and operated on. He is recovering nicely and doubtless wondering what next?

ant steward, Esther Denn; Ceres, Mrs. A. W. Geiler; Pomona, Mrs. Albert Kroegel; Flora, Elaine Thrush.

The executive committee will be elected the first meeting in December.

Keeps Pigs Clean, Gets Better Price

PARADISE, La.—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret C. Smith treats her pigs like a bunch of dimes and never lets them wallow in the mud. She says there is money in the idea. Her 80-acre hog farm is planted in Bermuda grass and white clover. The pigs are vaccinated against contagious disease and given an oil shampoo to discourage parasites and mosquitoes, every three months.

The pens have concrete floors with plenty of drinking water. To kill the pigs admitted you for wallowing, even the rain puddles are carefully swept away.

The reason for all the cleanliness, says Mrs. Smith, is that buyers believe, through experience that outer filth communicates an undesirable flavor to the meat.

Buyers recently gave her a premium of a quarter of a cent a pound on her pigs and saved her about another cent per pound on transportation, inspection, weighing, feed and sales commissions.

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HORTICULTURAL MEETING DATED

Oregon Society to Gather at Eugene; Nut Raisers Also to Assemble.

The Oregon State Horticultural society will hold its fifty-third annual meeting in Eugene this year, December 6, 7 and 8, with a program that includes topics on every phase of horticulture, from vegetable crop production through small fruits and berries, tree fruits, horticultural products, insect and disease problems, canning problems, and marketing problems.

The last day of the convention will be a joint session with the Western Nut Growers association, which is also meeting in Eugene this year, December 8 and 9. The public is invited to attend all sessions.

The first day will be devoted to vegetable crops, including seed production, canning crops, insect pests, cover crops, canneries marketing problems, and frozen foods, according to the program just released by O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist at Oregon state college and secretary-treasurer of the society.

Fly Control Included.

Cherry fruit fly control will come in for considerable discussion in the forenoon of the second day, including a report of a special fruit fly committee. Other topics will include new varieties of small fruit and their place in Oregon horticulture, and insect pests of small fruits.

A talk by Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of higher education, entitled "Services of Science to the Natural Resources of the State," will be a highlight of the afternoon. Other talks will deal with peach and prune pests and diseases and peach production and marketing.

The annual business meeting will begin at 3:15 o'clock.

The joint session on the final day will deal largely with fertilizer and irrigation problems, plus observations of horticulture in the mid-west by Mr. McWhorter, a talk on spraying by Howard Merriam of Goshen, and a discussion of "Oregon's Changing Agriculture," by F. L. Ballard, vice-director of the Oregon State college extension service.

The usual exhibits of nuts and nut products will be on display again this year, but the only awards offered this year will be ribbons. Mr. Schuster says. The women will again compete with cakes, candies, cookies and other products using nut meats.

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NEW AAA PROGRAM LITTLE CHANGED

Announcement Far Ahead Gives Farmers Chance to Plan Season.

CORVALLIS, Nov. 21.—(AP)—The 1939 agricultural conservation program approved at Washington differs only in detail with the 1938 plan. N. C. Donaldson, state AAA executive at Oregon State college, reveals.

Changes consisted chiefly of modifications made necessary because of shifting crop conditions and experience gained from this year's operation.

"Definite announcement regarding payments on wheat states that the soil conservation payment will be 17 cents a bushel as compared with 12 cents last year," Donaldson explained.

"In addition there will be available to wheat growers who cooperate with the program a price adjustment payment from 10 to 12 cents a bushel, the exact amount to be determined early in February."

"Wheat acreage allotments had been announced previously and have been sent to individual farmers. The total soil depleting acreage allotment for 1939 will be smaller than 1938 because of the smaller wheat acreage."

"Payment under the potato allotments will be 2 cents per bushel which is a reduction of six-tenths of a cent from the 1938 payment."

Another provision of interest to the Oregon growers is the fact that acreage planted to oats, barley, rye or flax as nurse crops for legumes or perennial grasses will not be classified as soil depletion if the nurse crops are cut for hay and if a good stand of grass or legumes is obtained."

R. M. Evans, administrator of the farm act, announced the 1939 program had been offered far in advance of the 1938 release to permit farmers to plan their season.

(By Pat Murphy of Roseburg) The third meeting of the "Nimble" club was held on Friday afternoon, November 18 at the home of the leader, Mrs. Wilson. We discussed the goals which we have chosen for the year and sang "The More We Get Together." We are finishing our hot dish holders and will bring material for our tea towels this Friday. We closed the meeting with the 4-H creed. Those present were Mrs. Wilson, Jane Edwards, Virginia Kosselund, Ruth Heick, Gerahline Stephens, Eula Carabian and Pat Murphy. (Fullerton school).

(By Henry O. Krohn Jr., Cleveland school.) The Cleveland marketing club held a meeting November 7. They discussed the way false or exaggerated advertising fools some people, and the way it makes people want things they didn't want before.

They held another meeting on November 8. They discussed the difference between credit and finance, and what a farmer does when he speculates. They talked about the different kinds of insurance.

(By Maxine Wright, Days Creek.) Miss Josephine Wright organized a cooking club at the Days Creek school, November 15. Officers elected were Maxine Wright, president; Thelma Davis, vice-president; and Violet Goin, secretary. Other members signing up were Alice Mae Welch and Marjorie Wright. The name for the club will be decided upon at the next meeting.

(By Joanne Wright, Days Creek) "The Days Creek Stitches" held their 3rd meeting November 18, at the Days Creek school. Those answering roll call were Josephine Wright, president; Violet Goin, vice-president; Marjorie Wright, secretary; Alice Mae Welch, Berdean Perdue, Frances Perdue, Maxine Wright and the local leader, Mrs. C. C. Hill. There was one visitor, Betty Rhodes.

The health club of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade rooms held their 3rd meeting at the Days Creek school, November 18. There was a discussion on "Safety First on the Farm and at Home." Those answering roll call were Wayne Taylor, president; Leland Van Norman, vice-president; Maxine Wright, secretary; Lola Ellen Mat-

thews, Berdean Perdue, Isaac Wright, Henrietta Ulan, Wayne Moore, Betty Jean Perdue, Roy Houston, Alice Mae Welch, Irvin Wooster, Jean Duncan, Roger Houston, Lavina Perdue, Norma Duncan, Elton Moore, Billy Perdue, Ralph Duncan, Bill Ward, Art Ward and the local leader, Miss Grah Hutchinson. Roger and Roy Houston are new members.

The Jolly Marketers held their 6th meeting at the Days Creek school November 18. The meeting opened by singing "Hail, Hail, the Clubs All Here." We had the club pledge. Some yells and songs were sung at the close of the meeting. Members present were Violet Goin, president; Marjorie Wright, secretary; John Wright, vice-president; Geraldine Spore, Jolly Widrig, Melvin Welch, James Ward, Harry Wooster and the local leader, Elmer Ayres.

The Days Creek 4-H clubs wish to congratulate the Lookingglass 4-H clubs on winning the trophy for their outstanding club work. We won it last year and were very proud of it, and we are sure that you will be, too.

Mr. Britton, county club agent, attended the Days Creek P. T. A. meeting at the Days Creek school, November 17. He showed four reels of moving pictures concerning club work which were greatly enjoyed by all.

GRANGE'S YOUNGEST MASTER YOUTH OF 14

EUGENE, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Charles V. Lies, 14, was elected Master of the Crow Grange last week. Local grange officials said they believed him to be the youngest grange master in the United States at the present time. The youngest master previously known being 16 years old.

Young Lies, who is a sophomore at Crow high school—and an honor student, according to his teachers—will take his seventh degree in the grange before the national grange convention in Portland.

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The pears will be distributed to needy families through state relief agencies.

Officials said that because of this year's crop of 157,000 short tons, the largest on record, it was necessary for the government to make purchases to prevent demoralization of prices. The purchases will be made in Oregon, Washington and California, where the bulk of the winter pear crop is produced.

NEW YORKER BUYS PRIZE OREGON COWS

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Nov. 21.—(AP)—Sale of Sybil Tessie Lorna, Jersey cow that has three world records and who was featured last month at the national dairy show at Columbus, Ohio, and Sybil Lad's Tetata, a 2-year-old cow, was announced by L. A. Hurlburt. The buyer is W. R. Kenan, Jr., of Lockport, N. Y., and the two animals have started east in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt. Price was not disclosed but it is rumored about \$7500 was paid for Sybil Tessie Lorna. Sybil Lad's Tetata has a record of 660 pounds of butterfat in a 305-day test.

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SURPLUS MENACES PRUNE INDUSTRY

Growers of Oregon Form Committee to Bolster Sagging Market.

CARLTON, Ore., Nov. 20.—The prune growers of Oregon are facing a condition as to their product which is forcing stern and sincere attention as to the marketing end. Louis Hurrer of Carlton, as chairman of the prune growers' stabilization committee of Oregon, sees the danger ahead in the large surplus of prunes that are piling up in the state. He has therefore formed a stabilization committee which has appealed to the National Association of Food Chains and other sources of distribution, to make an extra effort to move the surplus of Oregon prunes. November 19 to 26, inclusive, is designated as "Prune week" in Oregon.

The Portland chamber of commerce, upon request of Mr. Turner, has fallen in line with the campaign to increase the sales of prunes throughout the state, not only in that week, but weeks that will follow. E. S. Strother of Dundee is secretary of the stabilization committee, and these officials together with their members, including Oscar Haynes of Yamhill, C. Roy Fryer of Yamhill, H. L. Pratt of McMinnville, Oliver H. Schrepel of Gaston, W. M. Elliott

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