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Special Prize Money Posted for Turkey Growers

COUNTY COURT ADDS \$250 TO SHOW LIST

Distribution to Exhibitors in Lower Brackets Main Aim of Donation.

The Douglas county court has offered special prize money of \$250 to stimulate Douglas county turkey breeders and raisers to show their best birds and receive the benefit of the national exhibition at the Northwestern Turkey show in Oakland, December 12 to 16. This prize money is to be distributed in what will probably be a keen contest among those winning and placing in the lower brackets, and not in the top notch winners placing first, second and third.

"Most of Douglas county turkey raisers will be chiefly interested in the newly extended utility breeder department of live birds, and the dressed show," said E. F. Strong, president of the show, today. "The utility classes will consist of young toms, old toms, young hens, and old hens. Each exhibitor may enter two birds in each class or a total of eight. This class will be judged by conformation, not by feathers, only as texture and gloss may indicate vitality and vigor. The disqualifications will be any evidence of cross breeding, physical deformities, as split wing, bad legs, etc., or any indication of disease or sickness. Particular attention should be paid to breast formation in making selections."

According to Oregon State college reports, Douglas county birds last year brought nearly \$800,000. Besides this there has been a large sale of stock, eggs, and poulters. If the Douglas county turkey people will use the show properly this fancy income can be greatly increased, Mr. Strong says.

Plans for the Douglas county prize money are as follows: "Special Prize Money—The Douglas county court—M. L. Bowler, judge, H. H. Readman, and Rosa Hutchinson, commissioners—offers \$250 to Douglas county turkey raisers as special prize money to stimulate interest in turkey breeding.

"This prize money is open to Douglas county raisers of four birds, in any or all of the three departments of the Northwestern Turkey show, the Standard Breeders the AFA show 98 points on conformation, 32 points on color and pattern, the Utility Breeder show (based on conformation, vigor and vitality) and the Dressed Show. However, exhibitors who win first, second or third in any of these three departments are barred from the competition for Douglas county prize money.

"The \$250 shall be divided as follows: "1. The grand prize of \$25.00 for the exhibitor qualifying as heretofore stated, who wins the most display points, as computed in the regular display schedules of the show, in any one or two of all three departments. Any number of birds may be entered in the Standard Breeders and the Dressed Show; but the Utility Breeder show is on a restricted basis, two entries in each of four classes for the exhibitor.

"2. A second prize of \$15.00 and a third prize of \$10 is offered. The sum of \$25.00 is offered to be divided among the exhibitors qualifying by entering four birds, and not winning first, second, or third, in any of those heretofore three departments. Thus if there be 40 qualifying exhibitors each would receive \$250 money of \$5.00. The winner of the first three Douglas county special prizes shall be excluded from this group."

4-H Club News

4-H club raised extra pheasants which were not big enough for liberation two weeks ago are being picked up today by John McKen of the Corvallis State Game farm for liberation in Lane county which is a closed county this year. These pheasants which were placed up two weeks ago were liberated in Lane and Coos counties, as both are closed to hunting of pheasants this year. It is thought that these pheasants are a little more tame than others, and should not be liberated where there would be hunting allowed. This fall, so have been liberated in Douglas county.

There were 1102 pheasants picked up on the first trip and 700 are approximately ready now. There are a few that are not big enough or old enough to liberate which will have to be taken care of by club members for two or three weeks yet.

4-H club members have made an even lot of exhibits at the Community fair of Sutherlin and Canyonville held last week. According to E. A. Britton, county club agent, about half of this money were expected as there was an increase in 4-H club exhibits over previous years at the three spring fairs. Arrangements are being made today for the Community fair at Glendale tomorrow and also at Lookingglass for the fair which will

Greased Pole Still Popular



Climbing the greased pole still is one of the stunts popular at public gatherings. Shown above are Jack Culver (top), Hollis Reed and John Stukrove as they participated in the program at the Sutherlin Community fair, held last Thursday and Friday. The county's community fair program for this season was started at Sutherlin. The South Douglas fair was held at Canyonville Saturday, and the East Douglas fair will be held at Glendale Tuesday. Other dates are Lookingglass, Sept. 1, and Drain, Sept. 15 and 16.

rehearsed their demonstration on "Table Setting."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ivan Welch.

Wednesday the Rose and Flower Garden club of Days Creek met at the Welch home.

Members required to make an exhibit of flowers at the community fair are Sude Crispin, Henrietta Uam, Hazel Welch and Alice Mae Welch. All the others exhibited at the spring fair.

Several songs were enjoyed by the members. Visitors were Barbara Snyder, Lola Ellen Matthews and Mrs. Ivan Welch, who served delicious refreshments.

The committee to plan the Junior Foresters' exhibit met Wednesday. They drew an outline of their plot as they hoped it would look in the future. The club members are going to build this replica at the fair, but shortly after the boys of the club were called on a fire, so different arrangements will have to be made.

The Egg Centre poultry club of Days Creek met at the home of the local leader, Mrs. Howard Ward, to discuss the community fair exhibits.

Each member gave a report on work. James Ward gave a report on "How to prepare a poultry exhibit."

The community fair for the southern part of the county, held at Canyonville, was a great success. Many exhibits which were not completed at the time of the spring fair were exhibited. Ribbons were given as follows: In raising—Josephine Wright, Days Creek; A. Maxine Wright, Days Creek; A. Alice Mae Welch, Days Creek; A. Henrietta Uam, Myrtle Creek; B. Betty Lou Westman, Glendale; A. Lois Ellen Matthews, Days Creek; A. Violet Gohn, Days Creek; A. In the Junior Foresters club of Days Creek, Nettie Moore, Maurice Matthews, Josephine Wright, Willetta Hutchinson, Lester Ferguson and Sude Crispin all got A's. In the Rose and Flower Garden club of Days Creek, Hazel and Alice Mae Welch got A's. In Hobby club the awards are: Ralph Duncan, Days Creek; B. Edmond Moore, Days Creek; B. Bill Ward, Days Creek; B. Richard Snyder, Days Creek; B. Art Ward, Days Creek; B. James Ward, Days Creek; B. In the Clothing project the exhibitors are: Roberta Matthews, Myrtle Creek; A. Mable Jane Matthews, Myrtle Creek; A. Ethel Dyer, Myrtle Creek; B. In the corn division, Wilbur White of Days Creek, A. The Poultry club members all got A's. They are Josephine Wright, James Ward, Bill Ward, Art Ward and Maurice and Marshall Matthews. Two demonstrations were given by the Days Creek club members. One was on "Table Setting" by Josephine and Maxine Wright, and another on "Fruit Salads" by Marie Wright and Violet Gohn.

SUTHERLIN'S FAIR DEPICTS ABUNDANCE

Wide Variety, High Quality of Community's Farm Wealth Show.

By MRS. MYRTLE MUGROVE SUTHERLIN, Aug. 28.—The produce of the Umpqua valley was on display at the Sutherlin Community fair last Thursday and Friday. Tall corn, sun-flowers and many kinds of grains and seeds were on display; there were jars and cans of canned fruits and vegetables, a sample of the abundance which has been prepared for the winter; there were delicious looking cakes, pies, cookies, breads and biscuits. The flowers—asters, dahlias, gladioli, sinias, roses and others—made a bright section with the autumn colors in evidence.

In the center of the building were two long tables. One table had many attractive vegetables—beans, beets, cabbage, tomatoes, onions, peppers, potatoes, squash and pumpkins. The other table had colorful fruits—apples, pears, prunes, peaches, grapes, strawberries and various kinds of nuts.

The exhibits of Riversdale and Sutherlin granges, Fair Oaks Industrial club, Nonpareil and Kellogg granges presented an interesting display of farm produce and local industry.

The rugs were of outstanding interest in the sewing exhibit. Seven types of hand-made rugs were on display: hooked, wool, hooked, yarn, two types of crocheted, braided and embroidered; those were many crocheted table cloths and bedspreads. One knitted bedspread was a copy of a spread made by Mrs. Grace Coolidge while she was first lady; a design in needlepoint was an exhibit for the first time at the Sutherlin fair.

Then there were pillowslips, dresses, quilts, towels and many other articles.

The 4-H club had an interesting and instructive exhibit of its work. There were exhibits of art and craft work and of antiques.

No fair is complete without the livestock, and there were goats, sheep, cattle, chickens, turkeys, horses, ducks, hogs and rabbits.

GRANGES UNITE IN FAIR OAKS PICNIC

The Sutherlin Community and Kellogg granges met with the newly organized Nonpareil grange for a picnic last Sunday at Fair Oaks. After dinner a short program was conducted by the lecturers of Kellogg grange. As the purpose of these district gatherings was to have the members better acquainted each another, a roll call by introducing themselves and stating what office they hold in their respective granges. After some community singing, Mrs. Paula Anderson introduced the master of Nonpareil grange, Peter Adam, who gave an interesting talk. Priscilla Pruner sang for the group after which the master of Sutherlin Community grange, Clyde Henderson, was introduced. A special number in song was given by several members, mostly from the Riddle grange. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in games and swimming. Those attending this event were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartley, Miss A. Zoe Lewis, Charles W. Varralman, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Francis, Mr. and Mrs. George Shamp, Viola Shamp, Mrs. and Mrs. John P. Brown, Mrs. Stella French, O. W. French, Christine Miller, Pauline Anderson, Gladys Adams, Minnie Davidson, A. M. Hall, Robert Hall, Della Coleman, Conrad Miller, William

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RIVERSDALE GRANGE CLEARS HALL DEBT

Program Features Burning of Mortgage; Old-Time Dances Enjoyed.

Riversdale grange has retired the debt against its fine grange hall and celebrated the event with a very enjoyable program and social held Friday, August 25. One of the features of the program was the burning of the mortgage by Darley Ware, master, and Mrs. Desae Tipton, chairman of the home economics committee.

A lovely floor lamp was presented to Mrs. Tipton in appreciation of her work as chairman of the committee, which took an important part in the raising of funds with which to retire the indebtedness against the building.

The following program was presented during the evening by Wanda Ware, lecturer: Vocal solos—"God Bless America" and "A Little Bit of Heaven," Millard Magnus, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. L. Harmon. Readings—Miss Page. Piano solo—Dorris Gulbransen. Skit, "Meiler Drummer"—Roseburg Business and Professional Women's club. Vocal duet—Mrs. Martha and Frank Grubbe. Vocal solo—Mrs. Martin, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. M. Pennile. Old-time music—Bob Matthews and son. Talk, "History of Grange Hall"—C. W. Cook. Grange reading—Mrs. Gertrude Jones. Burning of mortgage.

Old-time dances were enjoyed by the large crowd following the program, and refreshments were served at a late hour by a committee which included Mrs. C. W. Cook, Mrs. R. L. Harmon, Vera Domelico, Effie Calkins, Harry Marks and Eldon Ogil.

FARMERS ORGANIZE PRUNE DRYER CO-OP

Five Douglas county farmers have organized the Yellow Creek Prune Dryer Co-op, under the sponsorship of the community and cooperative services section, farm security administration, according to Paul H. Helweg, county supervisor.

Facilities of a prune dryer service will be made available for use on member farms and a limited number of other farmers in the community may be enabled to participate. The new cooperative is set up on the master-grower plan with members signing patronage agreements on a fee basis.

Eugene H. Fisher is manager of the service. Other members include G. A. Maupin, Conrad L. Miller, Frank Kanske and Iroy Fisher.

The Kiwanis club attendance prize, so eagerly sought, was hard to give away at Roseburg, Va. on one occasion. Ray Johnson, manager of radio station WDBJ, offered 15 minutes of free time as a prize. The first four names drawn were those of doctors whose code of ethics does not permit them to advertise.

SUGAR CONTROL ACT HIT BY CRITICISM

Change to Relieve Industry at Home Demanded by Association Head.

When asked to comment on the recent disclosure made by Harry J. Brown, Washington correspondent, that the sugar division of the department of agriculture intends to make a counter drive for passage of a simple resolution continuing for another two years the present unsatisfactory sugar control act that will expire March 1, 1940, to nullify efforts of the congressional bloc from beet and cane growing states, H. A. Benning of Ogden, Utah, president of the United States Beet Sugar association, had the following to say: "We have been aware of the fact for a long time that the administration in Washington has been unfriendly to the beet sugar industry. On more than one occasion the president, or one of his cabinet members, have hurled unwarranted charges of inefficiency against the industry. The recently issued, but later suppressed, pamphlet of the sugar division of the department of agriculture, which indicated that it was opposed to any change in existing ratios that would take anything away from Cuba and give it to American beet and cane farmers, served definite warning on us that any relief we might receive from the destructive competition of beet produced sugar from Cuba or the Philippines would have to be won over the opposition of the administration.

"I feel sure, however, that our senators and congressmen are fully alive to the needs of our farmers and that the informal congressional committee that was recently organized to study the problem and to prepare new legislation for passage at the next session of congress, is well able to take care of the situation without being unduly influenced by employees in the department of agriculture.

"There are many who will agree with me that it is high time that the sugar division of the department of agriculture devote their energies to their sole legal duties, which are to carry out the wishes of congress through a fair and unbiased administration of the sugar control act, and leave the matter of new legislation to senators and congressmen who are elected by the people to perform this service.

"If the farmers of these irrigated western states expect to be able to increase their acreage of this one major American crop of which we do not already produce a surplus, and which will pay them a larger net cash income year after year than any other major farm commodity, and at the same time give them a soundly balanced farming and livestock program, they must take every opportunity to protest against any governmental policies which put a greater value on the welfare of foreign producers while overlooking the needs of our own citizens."

DAIRY INDUSTRY'S ADVANCE PRAISED

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Advancements of cooperatives in improving conditions for dairymen were commended here as federal and state agricultural leaders dedicated the recently completed \$100,000 plant of the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery.

Solon T. White, coordinator in Oregon for the federal soil conservation service, dedicated the plant to the memory of the late Otto D. Sitton, Carlton, who served as president of the cooperative from the time of its formation in 1931 at Carlton until his death in 1938. White and Sitton were close friends.

J. D. Mielke, director of the state department of agriculture, stressed the advantages of cooperatives to producers and urged in-

BUTTER IN WELL 30 YEARS FOUND O. K.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Aug. 28.—(AP)—We'll clean it up! At Mrs. Sarah Waller's farm here found a cask of butter, submerged in mud at the bottom of a well.

Mrs. Waller, now 93, said the jar was dropped accidentally while being hung in the well to keep the butter cool and fresh—30 years ago.

Yet, she said, the same butter, found by the workers, apparently was in good condition and had no rancid taste or odor.

Scientists have discovered garrulous rats three feet long and kangaroos that climb trees in Dutch New Guinea.

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