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## Northwestern Turkey Show Program Shaping

### Annual Event Set For Dec. 10 to 14

Exhibit Will Consist of Three Departments; County Aids in Prize Money Phase.

Plans for the annual Northwest Turkey show to be held Dec. 10 to 14 at Oakland, are being expedited under the direction of its managers, E. G. Young and T. H. Garrison. The show will have three departments as last year: first, the regular standard breeding class under the A. P. A. rules; second, the utility breeding class, in which the birds are judged by conformation and their value as commercial breeders; and, third, the famous dressed show in which such birds are entered.

Of the first two classes H. P. Griffin of Sonoma, Calif., and J. H. Nichols, of Tacoma, will be the judges. In the dressed show, M. H. Shook of Roseburg and F. E. Fox of Corvallis will serve. There is a possibility that Stanley Mendenhall, famous department of agriculture expert, will judge a class or so in the dressed department and in the utility section.

**County Prize Money**  
Special Douglas county money is offered to exhibitors from Douglas county who enter four or more birds in any one of the departments. The Douglas county court offers \$250 to Douglas county turkey raisers on the following terms:

**Rule 1.** This prize money is open to every turkey raiser in Douglas county who enters four birds or more, in any of all of the three departments of the Turkey show.

**Rule 2.** Exhibitors who win first, second or third in any of the three departments are barred from the competition for the Douglas county money.

**Rule 3.** The sum of \$250 shall be divided among the qualifying exhibitors.

**Rule 4.** Any number of birds may be entered in the standard breeders class and the dressed show, but the utility breeders are limited to two entries in each of the four utility classes, namely: young tom, young hen, old tom and old hen.

**Four-H Leader** E. A. Britton heads the club department, and in organizing this part of the show.

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with Major Hoopie

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Dates have been set for the fourth annual Oregon state corn show and advance arrangements completed to make this year's show bigger and more widely attended than last year's and with more premiums offered, says C. W. Smith, county agent leader at Oregon State college and chairman of the cooperative committee in charge of the show.

This year's dates are November 22 and 23, the two days immediately following Thanksgiving, and the location will be the same as last year, in the Museum building at Oregon State college. The state corn show and contest will be held again in the county nearby.

The state corn show committee met recently and decided on a number of changes in this year's premium list which will be issued soon. Most important of these changes is the creation of a new class for hybrid corn. This will provide a separate class for the 10-year samples of hybrid corn and eliminate competition with the open pollinated varieties.

The exhibit for the hybrid class this year will include eight pounds of shelled corn in addition to the 10 ears, as judging will be based more on the corn as feed rather than on a seed corn basis. This hybrid corn class will be in addition to the hybrid corn growing contest requiring complete records of production on a minimum area.

A total of \$500 in cash prize money is again being supplied for the show by the First National bank of Portland, which was one of the original boosters for increased corn production in this state.

Each of the general state farm organizations, Grange, Farmers Union and Farm Bureau, is supplying one or more class trophies and is represented on the corn show committee.

### New Grass Type Not Up to Claims

Michels' grass, which has recently been highly advertised as an outstanding pasture grass resulting from a cross between Mesquit wheat and Giant wild ryegrass, has recently been pronounced a variety of eye by the bureau of plant industry, according to J. Roland Parker, county agent.

Two years of tests at several experiment stations show that Michels' grass has no resemblance to either of the supposed parents in wheat or Giant wild ryegrass, and that tests on the longevity of Michels' grass show that under favorable conditions probably 20 per cent or less of the plants may persist for more than one year. Even those plants in the field are practically all gone by the end of the second year. Normally most of the plants die after seed is formed, showing a winter annual habit of growth.

Seeding trials of Michels' grass made in connection with grass nurseries in Douglas county, states Mr. Parker, bear out the findings of the experiment stations. Nursery plots of Michels' grass did not make the growth expected from the literature advertising the wonder-ful tonnage qualities of the plant. The plants appeared like ordinary eye from the time they appeared through the ground until seed was formed, and did not make an abundance of forage for pasture as claimed. Farmers in Douglas county who have planted Michels' grass for pasture purposes, as there is no indication that this grass is adapted to Douglas county conditions or will produce forage in the quantity or quality claimed in advertising circulars, if anyone desires to try out Michels' grass it is recommended that only a pound or two of seed be secured and planted in small test plots.

### Walnut Marketing Quota Up to Growers' Vote

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—(AP)—A recommendation of the control board for the walnut industry marketing agreement fixing the salable and surplus percentages of the 1940-41 crop in California, Washington and Oregon has been approved tentatively by Secretary Wickard.

The control board recommended an amendment to the agreement that the salable portion of the crop be 75 per cent and the surplus be declared at 25 per cent. It was estimated these proportions would supply the domestic trade with about 51,000 tons of 100 pounds each and place the surplus at about 20,000 tons.

The proposal would become effective upon approval of two-thirds of the growers' voting by number or volume of production, and holders of 30 per cent of the warrants in interstate and foreign commerce.

### Geo. Cooney, at County Hospital 16 Years, Dies

George Cooney, 77, resident of Roseburg for the past 16 years, died at the county hospital Sunday.

### Oregon Leghorn Wins 2d At National Exhibition

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 7.—(AP)—Miss Oregon, a White Leghorn owned by J. A. Hanson of Coquille, can strut when she gets home.

She was named the second best hen in the United States after calculation by 15 judges at the 10th northeastern poultry convention here.

Miss Oregon laid 242 eggs in 51 weeks, three more than Miss Massachusetts, who was crowned champion. The New England hen was deemed better looking.

Third place among the 12 regional champions went to "Miss Nantux."

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### ODDITIES

(By the Associated Press)

**Customer**  
ANDERSON, S. C.—During the excitement of a downtown fire a small coupe skipped a curb and rammed into the front of a department store.

Disentangling herself, an elderly lady emerged from the car and said she was in a hurry to get to the department store.

"Lady," said the store manager, "you're in it. What can we do for you?"

**No Offense!**  
CLINTON, Okla.—The charge was adding to escape, but Arthur DeWalt, accused by jailers of carrying several hawks into the Custer county jail, got off scot free.

Dismissing the charge, District Judge W. P. Keen ruled there was no law violation because he said the jail is so strong hawks could make no impression on it.

**Legal Logic**  
PRESNO, Calif.—Asked if the city commission had authority to order a hatrack for its chamber in the new city hall, City Attorney Ozias sat down to think it over.

Up he bounced with an affirmative opinion.

He had dropped his own hat in the chair.

**Of Mouse and Man**  
ROCHESTER, Ind.—While driving along, Leo Mow wondered why his automobile was so sluggish.

He stopped for a new battery, but still the engine did not run properly. Next day he took the generator apart.

In one end lay a mouse, pressed out flat and its tail cut off.

**Nothing Serious**  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Mrs. Lela Jeffers told her husband, the Rev. A. R. Jeffers, she believed she had chlamydia in her right leg.

The minister examined her leg and pulled out a needle.

Mrs. Jeffers said she must have swallowed it when a girl but didn't remember doing so.

**Yoncalla**  
YONCALLA, Oct. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lasswell spent several days last week visiting relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Albert Cockeram and daughter, Dorren, transacted business in Roseburg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Palmer motored to Eugene Wednesday.

Forrest Jones of Edenhower and Mrs. McGuire of Bevelly, Wash., visited at the Albert Cockeram home on Red Hill Tuesday.

Mrs. Ollie Martin of Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. May Duffy of Portland visited at the Herman Thiel home over the week-end.

Mrs. Rebecca Campbell is visiting relatives in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt and daughter of Ashland are visiting at the Elmer Dunberry home for a week.

Mrs. Wm. Cook fell down in her home Monday and although no bones were broken she was highly bruised and is confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Labour left Monday for Toledo, called there due to a death in the family.

Mrs. E. M. Briner, who has run the service station at the foot of Rice hill for a number of years, left just west with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Gray of Fairfield, Ill. Mrs. Briner will spend the winter with another daughter in Terre Haute, Indiana.

A recently developed and for invalids is a motorized chair, which is reported to be easy to operate. The chair is powered with a two-horsepower engine, runs 100 miles on a gallon of gas and travels 20 miles an hour.

### Turkey Crop to Be Slightly Larger

Oregon, However, Not to Share In Increase; Marketing to Be Earlier This Season.

Market prospects for 1940 crops still to be held, including apples, peaches, turkeys, and walnuts, will be covered in the October outlook report prepared by the agricultural extension service, and will be available to farmers of Douglas county upon written request or by calling at the county agent's office, states J. Roland Parker, county agent. Of special interest to the farmers of Douglas county will be the information on the 1940 turkey market. Figures just released by the agricultural marketing service of the United States department of agriculture indicate the 1940 turkey crop will be larger than last year by about one per cent. Hatchery production of poulets decreased this year, but home hatching was materially increased. Reports indicate the number of flocks increased in the west, north, central and in most of the southern states, with no change shown in Texas. The only states showing a decrease are Oregon, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan and Virginia.

**Earlier Marketing Likely**  
Growers apparently expect to market the turkeys much earlier this year than last. It is estimated that 12 per cent of the season's birds will be marketed in October or earlier, compared with ten per cent reported during the same period last year. Marketing in November is expected to be 45 per cent of the total compared with 29 per cent marketed last year; December marketing is indicated at 23 per cent compared with 56 per cent last year; while January and later marketings will be about 11 per cent as against 15 per cent last year.

Weight of turkeys is expected to be slightly heavier than last season over the country as a whole. Cold storage holdings of turkeys on September 1 of this year were reported to be 21,116,000 pounds compared with 9,994,000 pounds in September, 1939, and 5,111,000 pounds in 1938. The holdings reported are almost entirely heavy toms.

Turkey growers and farmers desiring summaries of market reports on turkeys and other harvested crops should make written requests for the reports or call at the county agent's office for a copy.

**Elkton**  
ELKTON, Oct. 7.—Mrs. Mary Beckley has gone to Salem to visit her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Houston.

Frank Griffith and Bill Griffith have returned from Portland where Bill Griffith has been receiving treatment for an infected hand.

Mrs. Verona Daniel is spending this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Rolph, who live near Elkton.

A. V. Benedict of Forest Grove, visited the H. L. Bossen home over the week-end.

Mrs. Mary Grubbe has returned home from Trail where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Reta Peart.

Alton Andrews has gone to Corvallis to enter Oregon State college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marganti spent the week-end at Vaughn.

Friday visitors to Roseburg were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunch, Walter Haines and Wilbur Colecomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Holmes left Thursday for Berkeley where they will spend their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solomon, Joe Solomon and Mr. and Mrs. A. Townsend, of Roseburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Haines.

George Binder, Carl Binder and Earl Griffith made a business trip to Hillard Monday.

Mrs. Mary Hart, Roscoe Hart, Joyce Hart and Janet Hart spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binder.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Betty Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Janner were Randon visitors Friday.

H. L. Bossen and Miss Faye Bossen were attending to business matters in Drain Thursday.

Miss Mary Belle Henderson and Miss Normabelle Weatherly have gone to Portland to go to business college.

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### THE SPIRIT OF 76

by JOHN CLINTON

I do a bit of driving down by the highway and one of the troubles with it is—what happens to your windshield. It gets all covered over with a special kind of gunk that hovers over the Pacific and places itself on passing windshields. Ever notice it?

Well up till recently I had accepted it gracefully—like I would a traffic ticket, and figured that it was one of those things you had to put up with.

And then Union Oil Company put its new Minute Man Windshield Service into operation and—oh boy! Gone is the gunk. Ditch the traffic film, the little beads of water that blind you at night, together with soot, dirt, fuzz and streaks. How?

There are 2 parts to it. First there's the new Minute Man Towel—made of a secret-process paper, chemically treated and all fixed up so it leaves not a single trace on the glass. They use a new one on every car. And second—Union Windshield Cleaner. Good together, these things will give you not only clean, sparkling glass—but safe glass to drive behind in dirty weather.

They have these Minute Man Towels in special dispensers alongside the 76 pumps in Union Oil stations all over the West. And if you will take a tip from Clinton, stop in at your neighborhood Union Oil station and let them give the glass a Minute Man super cleaning, and see if I'm not right. It's all for free.

Scissor Snippers Meet  
By Joanna Benhardt Reed

A meeting of the 4-H club was held Friday, September 27. It was called to order by President Faith Cochran. Last year we were in our project. Our name was Twenty Little Weavers. This year we are making clothing, so the club name had to be changed. The organization is now called Scissor Snippers. The first thing the club bought is a box towel. Our next meeting will be held in Friday, October 11.

There are three 4-H clubs in the school. Two of them are girls' clubs and one is a boys' club. The boys are doing woodworking, and

one girls' club is doing cooking, and the other one is doing sewing.

Edenhower 4-H Club News  
By Patricia Calkins  
A homemaking club under the leadership of Mrs. H. T. Hess was organized Friday of last week, at which time officers were elected as follows: Thelma Graham, president; Donna Welt, vice-president; Betty Dewar, secretary, and Patricia Calkins, song and yell leader. Other members included Joyce Maak, Betty Hess and Marcelle Moore. A name for the club has not yet been decided upon, but as a name was asked to think of a name and make suggestions at the next meeting.

Mrs. Currie Calkins is leading a club in bachelor sewing which was also organized on Friday. Don Lee Jones was elected president; Arthur Bartlett, vice-president and Duane Pope, secretary. Other members of the club are Jimmie Rayner, Jean Bartlett, Billie Ann, Anita Well, Earl Raup, Steve Hess and William Barton. The name of "Edenhower Sewing Club" was decided upon.

Elgarso 4-H Club News  
By Carolyn Tanner  
The meeting of the Elgarso Health club was called to order by the president, Patty Holmquist. Eileen Williams resigned as song leader, and Lorraine Tanner volunteered to lead us in "America." Arthur Backlund led us in a yell, after which followed the pledge. Patty Holmquist conducted a contest between the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades by asking questions on safety. The sixth grade was winner of the contest. The secretary's report followed the contest. Fremont Williams resigned as song leader and Lorraine Tanner volunteered to lead us in "America." Arthur Backlund led us in a yell, after which followed the pledge. Patty Holmquist conducted a contest between the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades by asking questions on safety. The sixth grade was winner of the contest. The secretary's report followed the contest. Fremont Williams resigned as song leader and Lorraine Tanner volunteered to lead us in "America." Arthur Backlund led us in a yell, after which followed the pledge. 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