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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 Menden, 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.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



THE NEXT EPISODE TAKES PLACE TEN SECONDS LATER

with Major Hoople

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The Douglas county court also gives \$100 in prize money for the 4-H club premium money. Besides this, Mr. Britton is planning special events, and will probably have new arrangements for this year's exhibit show.

News of 4-H CLUBS

The news writing contest for Douglas county 4-H club members closed October 1, so all those contestants should send their scrapbooks in to the county club agent at once. The county winner's scrapbook will be sent on to the state club office for competition with scrapbooks of other county winners in the state contest.

According to County Club Agent E. A. Britton, club members have shown 699 exhibits at the spring fair and five community fairs. Of this number, 295 were class A, 218 class B, and 48 class C. In addition to these, 14 exhibits were made at the state fair. Quite a few will be shown at the Pacific International, the State Corn show and the Northwestern Turkey show.

Three corn club members are showing corn samples at the Pacific International this week. Labrie Ritchie of the Garden valley has entered corn in both the yellow and white classes and in both the 4-H club and open classes. He has four ten-ear samples and one 100-ear sample. Alvin Heard of Lindburg has entered two yellow corn samples of ten ears each and one 100-ear sample. Brown of the town of Snick has entered two yellow corn ten-ear samples. In addition to these exhibits, Labrie Ritchie is showing a pen of four fat hens and one single fat hog.

Today the livestock judging team from Lookingglass is taking part in the livestock judging contest at the Pacific International. The team is composed of George Marston, Alvin Heard and Clara Meredith.

The county winners of the 4-H club achievement and leadership contest sponsored by the Douglas National Bank of Roseburg, are Betty Ann Weisman of Glendale and George Marsh of Lookingglass. These winners will see to it that in time to come with the bankers program Wednesday morning and remain through Friday. All expenses of the trip will be met by the Douglas National Bank. This group will be kept busy from the time they arrive in the time they leave the home. They will be given trips through various districts, will be taken to the house show, will be given a party, will attend a radio broadcast, and certainly will be well fed.

Scissors 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 Scissors Snippers. The first thing the club should do is to hold our next meeting. It will be held on 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

Edenbower 4-H Club News

A home-making 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 Mack, 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 "Edenbower Sewing Club" was decided upon.

Elgarso 4-H Club News

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 Paul Backlund was elected health inspector for the same week. Our new song leader is Rotta Johnson. The president asked Arthur Backlund and Ray John to plan a short play for the next meeting, which will be held October 30.

A 4-H Health club under the leadership of K. Barno-gram has been organized at Willner. This club consists of seven members, of which Joyce McMillan was elected president, Elizabeth Boyce, vice-president, and Bonny McMillan, secretary.

Twenty-three members of the Riddle school have been organized into a health club under the leadership of Letitia Barber. The members of this club elected Stella Barber, president, Hilda Gillespie, vice-president and Bernice Risby, secretary.

New Fumigant Tried for Treating Nursery Stock

Methyl bromide fumigation of nursery stock to control yellow root and satin moth is being tried by the entomology department at Oregon State college in an attempt to assist the nursery industry to market its stock in areas having a vineyard or citrus grove. Methyl bromide is a contact insecticide which is available in a new fumigant which is composed into water for various fumigation purposes, says Dr. Don C. Mott, head of the entomology department. It has the advantage of being non-flammable and non-explosive and although it is highly poisonous, tests are available which show even slight leakage from fumigation chambers. It is hoped to determine the results of these tests with nursery stock by about the middle of October, or in time for this season's shipping. Walnut Marketing Quota—A farm-

Oregon Pea Seed Enthuses Georgia

How Oregon's big pea and vetch seed industry looks from "the other end" is partially revealed in a recent news release issued by the Georgia Extension service which reads in part as follows:

"Georgia's farmers, now in the swing of fall's biggest planting, have ordered approximately 9,000 bushels of Oregon winter peas through the AAA grant-aid plan, in addition to sizable amounts of cover crop seed purchased outright or produced on the farm for local sale and home use, according to E. D. Alexander, agronomist for the Georgia Extension service.

"Mr. Alexander predicted that more winter legumes would be planted in Georgia this season than ever in the state's history, provided present interest continued. County agents, AAA committees, vocational teachers, soil conservation technicians, farm security supervisors and other agencies working with farmers are manifesting great enthusiasm in the soil building campaign, he asserts."

All of the Australian winter pea seed supplied through the AAA came from Oregon.

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 bushels of 100 pounds each and place the surplus at about 20,000 bushels.

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.

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 Corvallis, can strut when she gets home.

She was named the second best hen in the United States after calculation by 15 judges at the 45th International 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."

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.

He was born in Jamaica, N. Y., Nov. 16, 1862, and was never married. He has no known relatives excepting a niece somewhere in the east. Funeral services will be held in the county cemetery at 4 p. m. today. Father Sheehan officiating. Arrangements are in care of Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

State Corn Show Prizes Increased

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 judging contest will be held again in the armory 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 rice 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, beat 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 forage qualities of the plant. The plants appeared like ordinary rice 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, states Mr. Parker, should not purchase quantities of Michels' grass seed 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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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