

Turkeys Must Be Up to Standards To Capture Prizes

By JEROME SHELDON
Most popular attraction at the Northwestern Turkey Show this week are the long judging tables, where awards are placed on the classes of birds as they are brought from the cages by the high school boys assisting in the show.

The birds must conform to certain standards. They are judged for their symmetry, health and vigor, the condition of their legs, wings, heads and necks, and of course their broad, deep breasts. As many as 40 birds are judged at a time.

The high school boys, members of the Future Farmers of America, hold the birds, side by side, while the judge moves up those which show quality, and sends back to their cages others which cannot place. The final selection of the top awards is hard.

The judge feels the birds' feathers, tests the firmness of their flesh, puts the prospective champions in a nearby coop where they can strut back and forth. When the decision is made, the judge—H. P. Griffin of Sonoma, Calif.—takes up a microphone to explain his reasons for his selection.

Although a number of varieties of turkeys are on exhibit in the Northwestern Turkey Show, the principal breed is the bronze—the broad-breasted bronze, which has been developed in the last 20 years largely through the efforts of this, one of the oldest and best turkey shows in the industry.

Easterner 'Impressed'
An interested spectator at the turkey show Tuesday was H. H. Kaufman, poultry extension specialist at Pennsylvania State College, who came here from the

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon
Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness with rain this afternoon. Showers Thursday.

Highest temp. for any Dec.	70
Lowest temp. for any Dec.	55
Highest temp. yesterday	55
Lowest temp. last night	40
Precipitation yesterday10
Precipitation from Dec. 1	3.07
Precipitation from Sept. 1	10.08
Excess from Dec. 1	1.75

recent Far West Turkey Show at Turlock, Calif., where he served as a judge.

"I can't help but be impressed," he remarked, "by the broad-breasted conformation of the birds on display and by the interest of the people taking part in keeping the show moving. The arrangement with the FFA to assist can mean a lot to the judge."

Of the dressed turkey display, Kaufman commented that the birds are arranged to be pleasing to the housewife, and "after all, it's the consumer who counts with turkey producers."

Of his own state, Kaufman explained that Pennsylvania is the largest turkey producing state east of the Mississippi. One and a half million birds are grown there each year, with a very large number dressed right on the farm and sold directly to the consumer.

He said that turkey producers in the East have developed to a higher degree the local turkey markets—selling to the people of their own communities—than the industry generally has on the West Coast. Here, a large percentage of the birds are shipped to other parts of the country.

The fighting weapon of the rhinoceros is a horn on the nose. Its sight is poor but its hearing and scent are acute.

S. P. Strike Threat Draws Mediation Move

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signed William F. Mitchell to the case. He is due here Friday.

Truman Could Step In
In Washington, President D. V. Robertson of the Union would not comment on the prospects of reaching an agreement before Dec. 15. "We've got our date set," he said. "If they (the employers) want to settle it between now and then, it's up to them."

Union officials here said that under the law the only remaining provision for a delay in the strike would be for President Truman to name a fact-finding board. This board would be given 30 days to hear the case and 30 more in which to report to the president. Such a board could only make recommendations.

The issues mainly concern working conditions and disputes over arbitration awards.

Railroad Paralysis Would Cripple Lumber Industry

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Lumbering and allied forest industries in Western Oregon would be crippled by any tie-up of Southern Pacific trains.

A West Coast Lumberman's Association spokesman, who declined to be named, said today 80 percent of the state's mills would close, laying off 20,000 to 25,000 workers, if a threatened strike occurs.

He said the bulk of the mills lack storage facilities and the lumber marketing situation does not warrant maintaining production in the face of any such shipping halt.

All major cities in Western Oregon are served by the S. P. A Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway branch between Albany and Lebanon also would be stalled.

Strike for Pay Hike Ties Baltimore-Annapolis Line

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Commuting service between Baltimore and Annapolis was stopped in its tracks at 4 a. m. today by Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad employes striking for higher wages.

Governor Lane met with representatives of the railroad and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen for three and one-half hours until 1:35 a. m. today, but no agreement was reached.

The railroad's 65 conductors, trainmen and bus drivers have asked an increase of 15 cents an hour. The railroad offered 7 1/2 cents.

Trainmen now receive 80 cents an hour, ticket takers 85, and bus drivers \$1.02.

Annexation Pros, Cons Told in Aired Talks

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asked Mayor Flegel "could the city have built a road there as quickly."

Pinkerton summed up the discussion by saying the city should "clean up its own back yard," before promising to perform this function for the West Roseburg area, should they vote to "come in." He referred to what he

termed "inadequate sewage facilities and an accumulation of trash (which has since been removed) within the city."

Other Side Presented

Mayor Flegel initiated the forum by offering to West Roseburgers police and zoning protection and a "greater diversity of industries." "Do you want a hide factory next to your home?" Mayor Flegel asked, in illustrating the benefits to be derived by zoning out objectionable businesses from residential areas.

"Roseburg has the lowest tax rate in the state outside of Yoncalla," Johnson said, in picturing to the negative side the fallacy of a "high tax bugaboo" held by many West Roseburg residents, should they come into the city. "Let's get the benefits of state license and gasoline taxes," he said.

Rural School Budgets Topic at Board Meet

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determining what items of maintenance and repair could be listed as capital outlay—thereby qualifying for inclusion in the rural budget.

Some Items Excluded
The board stated athletic equipment used in inter-school competition could not be included in the budget, although physical education equipment used by the entire school could be listed. Since hot lunches are not provided by all schools in the county, it was pointed out this item could not be listed in the budget.

A question as to the feasibility of providing part time school nurses, to be paid for out of the budget, was also listed by the School Board as not falling within budget specifications.

Student insurance, it was stated, will not be carried on the budget, but insurance on school buses and school buildings may be listed.

County School Superintendent Mrs. Lulu C. Gorrell

and large, all items involved in the operation of schools may be included in the rural budget."

It was announced a meeting of the Rural School Board will be held Wednesday night, Dec. 15, in the county school superintendent's office.

Better Turkeys Noted At Northwestern Show

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afternoon, placing awards on groups of hens in the bronze class; the Beltville white class, and on 4-H entries.

Prize Winners Listed

Results of yesterday's judging follows:

Live Division
Bronze Heavy Young Hen—Guy Lovelace, Dinuba, Calif.; 1st, Max Lyons, Portland; 2nd, Loren Johnson, Scappoose; 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. George Arnett, Shedd; 4th, Max Lyons, 5th, George Arnett, 6th, Gath Bros., 7th, Gath Bros., 8th, Gath Bros., 9th, Gath Bros., 10th, Gath Bros.

Dr. Geo. M. Melvin, Former Head Of VA Hospital, Dies

Word has been received of the death late last week of Dr. George M. Melvin at Gulfport, Miss., where he had recently retired from the Veterans Administration after approximately 30 years of service.

Dr. Melvin served as manager of the local Veterans Administration hospital from April, 1942, transferring to Jackson, Miss., in April, 1948.

The deceased was born in Mississippi, attended the University of Virginia, and received his medical education at Tulane University and interned in a New York City hospital. Prior to the first World War he was in private practice in Mississippi and during the war served as a medical officer in the Army in the psychiatric service.

Following war service, Dr. Melvin served as medical officer or manager in the U. S. Public Health Service at the following stations: Staten Island, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Penn.; Perry Point, Md.; Tacoma, Wash.; Palo Alto, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; Gulfport, Miss.; Roseburg, Ore., and Jackson, Miss.

While in Roseburg, Dr. Melvin was a member of the Roseburg Rotary Club.

Dr. Melvin is survived by his widow in Gulfport, and two sons, Dr. Edmund Melvin, a practicing physician at Gulfport, and George M. Melvin, a student at the University of Oregon; also by two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Gulfport last Monday.

Remedying of Power Shortage is Ordered

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other utilities in Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho, a more definite curtailment program.

The state departments have no jurisdiction over the Bonneville Power Administration or such public systems as City Light at Seattle and Tacoma, but they have promised to join in.

"The utilities were also directed to 'continue to cooperate' with all other Northwest utilities in such load curtailment programs as have already been started, such as 'load molding,' the shifting of certain power demands to off-peak periods, and advertising appeals to their customers.

Newspaper Job Topic Of Editor Stanton's Talk

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each department's work.

He likened the editor of a newspaper to the prewar situation in Japan, when every time something appeared in a paper the government didn't like, the editor was jailed. It eventually came to the point where an editor was hired only as the man to spend the time in jail.

On a newspaper usually, he said, the editor is merely a figurehead, to entertain and meet people, hear complaints, and "go to jail."

Employees' Tasks Told

He described the city editor, the editor's right hand man, as the one who does most of the work—a sort of "buck sergeant" so to speak. The news department is made up of the telegraph editor, and reporters under the city editor. On a large paper, he said, there may be a head for each department, such as sports, radio, society, features, pictures

and so on, with men under these heads, but on a small paper each man is responsible for several jobs.

He described the setup for wire news, offered by such news agencies as the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service. The Associated Press, from which the News-Review receives its wire service, has seven chief bureaus. Local service comes from the Seattle bureau, with a break in the service for state news out of the Portland bureau. Also, he said, each of the 35 newspapers served in Oregon, Washington and a part of Idaho may break in with news of their own, typed out on a keyboard on the teletype machine.

Local news, when deemed of sufficient importance, may be received and sent on to the Seattle office, or, if of greater importance, be released to the national trunk line.

Handling Of News

In explaining how the front page is filled in, he said each day the press service files a "budget" of coming top stories as the most important happenings of the last 24 hours. These stories follow during the day on the wire, with new leads sent out when more important information is obtained, and with additions to the story as details are learned. These are all put together and edited for use in the newspaper.

Top stories are "dummed" for the front page, and the remainder of the front page is filled up with short "filler" stories, picked to fit a given space.

"Leads" and "slugs," thin pieces of metal, are used, he said, to "justify" or space out the columns to make them tight. In the afternoon, advance stories and feature materials for the next day's use usually come on the wire.

When the pages are put together, he said, a mat is "rolled" and a cylinder "cast" from the mat. The cylinder is then toolled and placed on the press for printing of the paper.

A newspaper, he said, has its own language, unfamiliar to many on the outside. When a printer says, "Throw that pie in the hell box," he merely means to put the metal which has been used into a pot to be melted for re-use.

Announcement was made by Dave Carroll of the Christmas party scheduled for next Tuesday night at Riversdale Grange at 6:30. This will be a "big" affair, he said, and a large crowd is expected.

The final board of directors meeting of the year was called by President M. M. "Red" Nelson for Wednesday night, at a place to be announced to the directors.



Barbie Wants a Home for Christmas!

She is a quiet and well-behaved five-year-old who attends Roseburg Kindergarten. Her mommie works at the News-Review, and they desperately need a two-room apartment or tiny house close enough to walk to school and work.

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