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CONGRATULATIONS!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Again the Northwestern Turkey Show has demonstrated its championship calibre, proving its right to the title of the world's best exclusive turkey show, a position achieved with the very first event and since held consistently in the face of growing competition.

Some shows, it is true, have equalled the Northwestern in number of entries, but judges and exhibitors alike are unanimous in declaring the Northwestern to be the leader in competition.

H. P. Griffin, who has judged some of the nation's best poultry shows, who has attended others as an exhibitor and observer, and who has served as judge at the Northwestern for many years, explains that while the quality of championships birds in the various Pacific Coast shows, which have sprung up in competition with our own event, may be as good as local prize winners, no show has been able to meet the "depth" of the Northwestern quality. In other words, birds which may be rated far down the list locally would be near the top in other shows because the Northwestern has so many entries of show quality, while competitive events have only a few birds of top calibre.

It is interesting to hear the comments of exhibitors who have been coming to the Northwestern Turkey Show year after year. They complain that it is becoming tougher and tougher to win high prizes. Competition among breeders is keen. Each year the list of winners contains new names, as breeders new in the industry gain experience and begin crowding the old-timers for show honors.

It is particularly gratifying to learn that quality this year compared favorably with prewar birds. There was a bad slump in breeding during the war years. Farm help was difficult to secure. Feeds were lacking in essential elements for production of show birds. Breeders had less time to devote to maintenance of quality.

It takes considerable time and effort to breed turkeys for show purposes and it is of interest that quality has climbed so rapidly during the brief time since feeds were restored to original formulas and in face of a continuing shortage of farm labor.

The Northwestern Turkey Show was created for the purpose of improving turkey breeds. At the time this show was started, the broad-breast turkey was virtually unknown. Little attention was paid to breeding for standards and quality. The Northwestern Turkey Show is entitled to exclusive credit for development of the broad-breast turkey and its acceptance in poultry shows throughout the country, where for a number of years the breed was rejected as a "freak." It also is to be credited with the first effort to promote "market-type" show birds, an achievement which has resulted in a steadily improved bird for the consumer, who now gets more meat, better quality, and a higher degree of maturity in the fowl purchased for home use.

Early compilations of benefits indicated that the Northwestern Turkey Show resulted in producing more than \$50,000 additional revenue annually to participating turkey growers. This annual benefit has since increased many times, as producers have learned, through the show and its contacts, to market birds commanding premium prices, while creating more consumer demand. At the same time the consumer has benefitted because he gets more meat per pound from the improved bird together with a far superior quality, particularly in meat texture and flavor.

It appears that the troublesome problem of space, which has handicapped staging the Northwestern Turkey Show in the past, has been solved temporarily. Eventually, however, the annual event should have a permanent home—preferably in connection with the County Fair facilities—with ample space in which to properly display exhibits and to accommodate social, organizational and educational activities.

The Northwestern Turkey Breeders Association, sponsors of the show, the manager and various officials and the many individuals responsible for handling the event are entitled to congratulations and community appreciation for this year's highly successful show.

N. Santiam Highway To Be Finished About June

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The new North Santiam Highway will be finished about next June 1, Col. O. E. Walsh, District Army engineer, said at a meeting of the Willamette Valley Project Committee.

The highway, now being rebuilt because it would be flooded by the Detroit dam now under construction, now is almost impassable.

Colonel Walsh said the Southern Pacific freight line to Detroit would be abandoned about July 1.

He said the last two Willamette Valley floods caused at least \$14,000,000 damage, and that floods in the valley since 1942 caused \$50,000,000 damage.

Greyhound Lines Ask

Slice of Motor Stages

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Oregon Motor Stages has created a new subsidiary company, called City Transit Lines, to handle its Salem and Eugene city bus service. Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg said today. Flagg also said Pacific Greyhound Lines has applied for per-

mission to buy 25 per cent of Oregon Motor Stages. Greyhound is partially owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Czech Consul Quits, Asks Permit to Remain in U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—One of Czechoslovakia's consuls here has announced his resignation as a representative of his Communist-dominated government and says he is appealing for asylum as a "democratic political exile." The consul, Zdenek Smetacek, announced last night he was resigning because "the present Czechoslovak regime is dependent on foreign interests contrary to the true wishes of the Czechoslovak people."

He said he was asking U. S. immigration authorities to allow him, his wife, their two children and his mother-in-law to remain in this country.

BAD DRIVER FINED

Robert Morris Stevenson, 24, Roseburg, pleaded guilty to a reckless driving charge in Municipal Court Thursday, and Judge Ira B. Riddle fined him \$50 and suspended his driver's license for one year.

OUT OUR WAY



Letters to the Editor

Riddle Feels Handicap Of Transportation Lack

RIDDLE—I read with much interest and approval the recent editorial in the News-Review in regard to a diesel train to operate over the S. P. lines between Eugene and the state line. It would certainly add a lot to the American way of life in this part of Oregon, which has been practically isolated by the said Friendly Southern Pacific.

However, it is a huge project and would require the cooperation of all the towns in the covered territory and would require a large initial investment and would take a long time to put into effect.

Very often in planning civic improvements, we set our sights too high—hold a dime before our eye so closely that it obscures the dollar which is easily within our reach.

I am speaking of our own local communities which are not only isolated from the outside world by our "Friendly" Southern Pacific, but are even isolated from our own local metropolises.

Take, for example, Riddle where about 1,000 persons reside and earn their living. They have a payroll of close to \$2 million a year. They want to live like other people, dress like other people, wear the kind of clothes other people wear, and enjoy the recreation other people enjoy.

But while there is probably at least one car to every family, most such cars are needed to carry members of the family to work, so any excursions to outside points must either be made at night or at the expense of the family income.

Last winter, Riddle had a bus running to Roseburg. This service was discontinued because, the owner said, the traffic would not support it. He (the owner) said if he had been allowed to carry parcels, the revenue would have been increased sufficiently to make the run show a profit.

I don't know who has the right to issue a franchise to carry parcels, but I don't see who it could

having a tough time. When they land in this soft, mucky snow, he says, they stick tight, as flies stick to flypaper. They can't get the necessary push-off to get into the air again.

Dan tells of plans for feeding them. The plans include donation of tons of grain, and the lending of trucks to distribute the grain.

When we see suffering (people, birds or animals) our first impulse is to do what we can to alleviate it.

Our back yard, there is a band of quail. They were wild, at first. Now they barely move out of the way as one approaches. The wild folk learn quickly. At this time of the year (with no seasons open) they MAKE FRIENDS WITH US. We help them all we can instead of shooting them.

These quail, like us human beings, prefer the food they are accustomed to. In our back yard is a locust tree. It is still covered with seed pods. When one drops to the ground, they'll leave their bread and cracked grain to hop onto it and strip it of its seeds.

Then they go back to the SUBSTITUTION foods we've provided. People are that same way. We all like what we like.

In the space of ten seconds, I was happy and contented. COMPARED WITH THE BEGINNING OF WAR AND ALL THAT WAR MEANS, nothing else counts. As long as we can stay at peace, we'll be lucky no matter what else happens.

DAN LISKEY has just phoned in that the upland birds are

By J. R. Williams

New Theater At Sutherlin Opens

SUTHERLIN—The new Rand Theater opened in Sutherlin Thursday evening of last week. In spite of the rainy weather, with an enthusiastic crowd on hand nearly an hour before the time for opening. Children of the community commenced to gather and before the opening time a

line was formed for nearly a block. The theater, which has a seating capacity of 499 patrons, is constructed of pumice stone and the interior is finished with Fir-tex with fluorescent lighting.

The Simplex sound machines are equipped with new type lenses, which are said to make the pictures 40 percent clearer. Packard-Mallory lights and air conditioners are installed in the building. The air is completely changed every minute. Velour seats have been installed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Randall and daughter, Miss Mary Alice, owners of the new theater, have been in the theater business for several years, the last seven one-half of which have been in Sutherlin.

Rhubarb has been used in medicine from very early times; Chinese prescribed it as early as 2700 B.C.

hurt, unless it should be some other carrier who cannot, or does not, provide satisfactory service. If someone in Riddle needs a machine part of any kind he has to drive to Roseburg to get it. If a parcel carrying bus were running he might phone in his needs and have the part delivered on the next bus. The same is true of any article for the home, store or shop.

I would suggest that the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce or some other civic organization either subsidize a bus to outlying communities not already served, or assist worthy individuals or company securing a franchise to carry parcels so that such a project would not be a financial loss to the operator.

It has been estimated that the people of Riddle send at least \$5,000 a month to the mail order houses—\$50,000 a year.

I believe that a large part of that sum would be kept here at home if the people of Roseburg will extend a helping hand. At the same time it will be a step toward the end suggested in the editorial referred to.

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