

Pomona Grange Seeks 'Grassman'

The Douglas County Pomona Grange has announced that it is conducting a contest to find the county's "Grassman of the Year." Entries in the contest must be in by Oct. 1. The winner will compete against grassmen from other counties in the state for the title of Oregon "Grassman of the Year." That deadline is Oct. 15. Statewide, the contest is sponsored by the Portland Chamber of Commerce's agriculture committee. The winner tries his luck against the Washington and Idaho victors for title of "Pacific Northwest 'Grassman'."

Buck Sees Winner

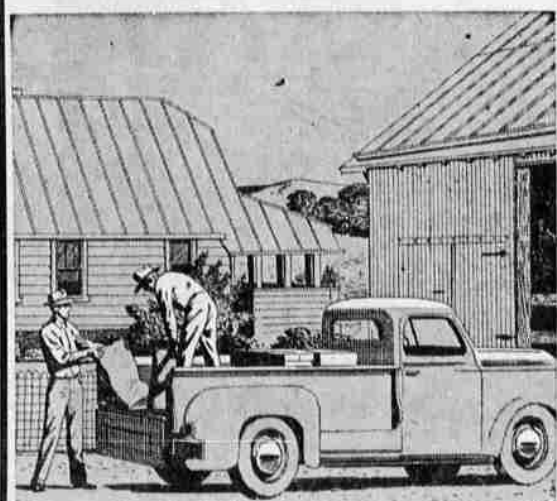
Local county chairman is L. C. Buck, Drain. He says he is certain that a regional winner lives within the county "if he will just make application." State winner receives a \$300 award. Both money prizes are awarded by the United States National Bank, of Portland. Regional winner is awarded the \$1,000.

Fair Manager Lists Important Entry Dates

Fair Manager Dick Turley reminded Douglas County residents of some important pre-Douglas County Fair dates this week. He pointed out that all animals and goods must be in place and ready for exhibition by 6 p.m. Aug. 25. Entry to the fairgrounds may be made at 9 a.m. Aug. 24 for the purpose of entering exhibits. The one deadline exception concerns Division D which is arts and crafts. Exhibits there must be entered at the fairgrounds before 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. The new ruling in this division was made, Manager Turley said, to allow judging and display to be completed by opening day Aug. 26. This year the holding of classes in the open division for horses has been suspended. Turley said it was due to a lack of sufficient barn space. He said building plans at the fairgrounds for next year include an additional number of horse barns to care for an open class horse show. Charles McFerron, Roseburg, is superintendent of the dairy cattle and beef cattle departments in the livestock division. Howard Hatfield, Roseburg, is superintendent of the sheep and goats and swine departments. Glen Wellman, Roseburg, will direct activities in the poultry and rabbits department.

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MOISTURE FLUCTUATION is demonstrated on graph by OSC irrigation specialist Marvin Shearer. He was featured speaker at county irrigation field day Wednesday. Above, the specialist indicates low periods. From left: assistant county extension agent Wayne Mosher, Shearer, Bobby Harmon and Don Harmon, seated. Demonstration was made on Don Harmon farm in Riversdale. (Paul Jenkins photo)

OSC Slates Livestock Sale Thursday In Corvallis At 1 P.M.

More than 100 registered animals will be offered at the third annual Oregon State College livestock sale Thursday. Dr. Fred F. McKenzie, head of the OSC department of animal husbandry, says buyers may choose from a sale list of Hereford bulls and cows; Angus bulls, cows, and heifers; Romney rams and ewes; Southdown rams and ewes; Suffolk rams; Hampshire rams; and Berkshire gilts. All bulls to be sold have above average rate-of-gain, feed efficiency and are very satisfactory in type. During a testing period when the animals were from 500 to 800 pounds in weight, the Herefords gained an average of 2.67 pounds per day and the Angus 2.55 pounds per day. Growing ration consisted of two-thirds roughage and one-third concentrates. The cattle to be sold are part of the OSC production testing program. Complete rate-of-gain and feed efficiency information is available on each animal—an accurate guide to its quality, McKenzie points out. Because of a shift in the college's breeding research program, the OSC Romney and Southdown flocks will be dispersed—except for part of the 1955 lamb drop—during the auction sale. Both of these flocks are the result of many years of careful breeding and selection. Normal increase in the livestock used for teaching and research makes a yearly reduction sale necessary. All animals sold are guaranteed to be breeders if properly cared for. Any bull that settles at least one-third of the healthy cows he breeds will be considered a breeder.

Farm Bureau To Support Emergency Tax Clause

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation will support the Legislature's attempt to get permission to put emergency clauses on tax bills, and thus make it impossible to refer them to the people.

The action was taken at a meeting of the federation's house of delegates at Bend.

George Dewey, federation secretary, said delegates from 12 counties voted for the resolution, and eight against. He said some of those opposing it want an immediate sales tax, instead of waiting for a possible emergency measure later.

He added that the federation might take the lead in promoting the emergency clause measure. The federation's board of directors also voted to give active support to the federal plan of legislative apportionment, and will aid in distributing initiative petitions. Under this plan, each county would have a senator.

Broad Breasted Bronze Turkey Still Favorite

SALEM (AP)—The favorite turkey in Oregon still is the broad breasted bronze, but the white ones are gaining fast. The annual report of the Department of Agriculture says there were 202,069 of the bronze birds in the state last year, compared with 227,954 five years ago. There were 6,992 large whites and 25,335 of the small Beltsville whites, compared with 2,121 and 19,391 five years ago.

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Chairman Sees More Fruits, Vegetables Displayed At Fair

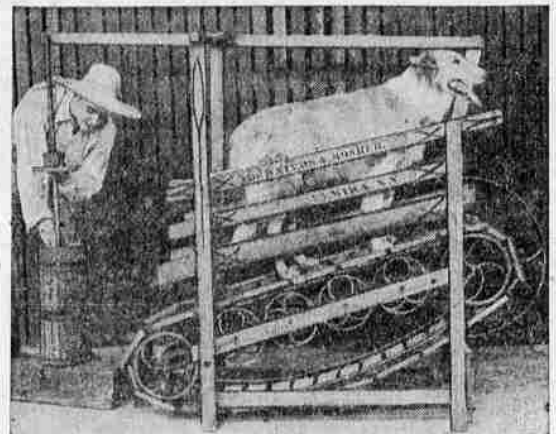
A more attractive fruits and vegetables display at the 1955 Douglas County Fair, August 26-28, is promised by department superintendent Bill Tipton. Flats will be supplied by the Fair Board for all entries in the foods and vegetables department.

The fair this year will be nearly the same date as last year and the number of entries, according to Tipton, will probably overflow the allowed space.

Some new classes have been added, Tipton says, and even if you have but one "hill ole tree or row of beans," there is a place in the fair for you. Further details and a premium book may be obtained from Tipton at 214 West Cass, Roseburg, or by writing to Box 750, Roseburg.

Meat Regulation Hearings Slated

The schedule for public hearings which the Oregon State Department of Agriculture will hold upon proposed regulations relating to the pilot program of meat inspection was announced today by M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal industry. Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained from the department at Salem. All interested persons are urged to attend one of the seven hearings. Hearings are set for: Eugene—Wednesday, county court house, 8 p.m. Grants Pass—Thursday, annex to county court house, 8 p.m.



DOG DAYS—Here's how great-grandfather got power for churning butter 100 years ago. This model of a dog-sized treadmill was found on a farm near Corvallis, Mich. It's shown operating a 100-year-old churn. It'll be on display at the Centennial of Farm Mechanization, August 15-20, at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Stock, Poultry Loss Caused By Wild Animals Tops 1,300

Livestock losses in Oregon due to predatory animals in the second quarter of 1955 totaled 994 farm or range animals and 312 chickens, turkeys and other poultry.

This is the report from predatory hunters, working under the joint sponsorship of the Oregon State Department of Agriculture and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. M. E. Knickerbocker, animal division chief for the department, released the reports this week.

A second report, covering predatory animals taken in June, shows these hunters disposed of 173 coyotes, 107 bobcats, 80 bears and 34 foxes—a total of 374 predatory animals. The 40 hunters on the job in 32 counties also took 64 badgers, 11 skunks, 58 raccoons, 213 porcupines and 6 wild housecats.

Forty-eight predatory animals were taken in June in Lake county, the most for a single county. Stocks and poultry losses in the second quarter included 935 sheep, 17 goats, 35 calves, 192 chickens, 30 geese, 75 turkeys and 15 ducks.

local farm organizations that he received information about the hearing from Sen. Ellender (D-La.), a member of the agriculture committee. Ellender was quoted as saying the discussions will emphasize price supports on basic commodities, dairy products and wheat.

Poultry Field Day Slated Wednesday

Douglas County's fourth annual poultry field day will be held Wednesday at the county fairgrounds.

Featured speakers are Dr. E. M. Dickinson, and Marion Thomas, both of Corvallis. Dr. Dickinson

Smith River Fair Set For Aug. 21

Smith River residents (adults and 4-H club members) will participate in the Smith River Fair Aug. 21. The theme will center around growth of farms in the area.

It will be held in the grange hall there, beginning at 9 a.m. All entries are to be in place by 10 a.m. Table space for exhibits will be furnished, according to the Port Umpqua Courier.

A slight entry fee for exhibits will be charged to help pay for fair expenses. There will be blue, red and white ribbon winners in each class.

Entries may be made in 12 classes: Family booth, canned foods (a junior division also) flowers, farm crops, baking (junior division), handwork (with junior division), machine sewing (also junior), miscellaneous arts (with junior), livestock (4-H may compete in this as an open class), chickens, rabbits, and 4-H.

New Farm Specialists Named By OSC Extension

Appointment of a poultry marketing specialist and a potato certification specialist to the Oregon State College extension service staff has been announced by F. L. Ballard, associate director.

Charles M. Fischer, OSC agricultural economics research worker in poultry marketing for the past eight years, will become poultry marketing specialist Sept. 1. Fischer graduated from South Dakota State College in poultry husbandry and agricultural economics and received his master's degree in agricultural economics from Iowa State College in 1947.

George W. Clark will work in the potato certification program next year while specialist Elmer Johnson is on sabbatical leave at the University of Minnesota taking graduate study in plant breeding and agronomy.

Clark is now completing requirements for his master's degree in farm crops at OSC. He has assisted in certification work the past two summers and has experience as a farm manager and as a loan inspector for the Benton County agricultural stabilization and conservation committee.

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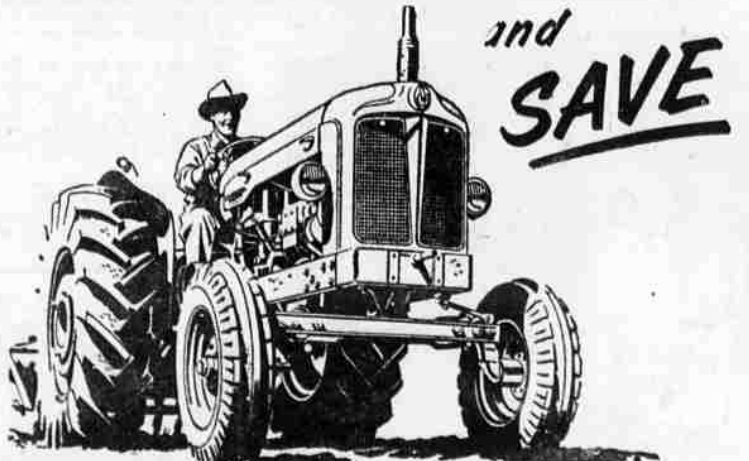
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