

County Fair Growth Outstrips 'Beanstalk'

'55 Facilities Best Last Year

Jack's mighty beanstalk which sprouted overnight has a near modern day counterpart.

Since the present day Douglas County Fair got its start in 1945, the past 10 years have seen a minor event mushroom into a county fair of mammoth proportions.

The 1955 edition offers facilities that are newly-painted, modernized and approximately double those of 1954. Manager Dick Turley attributes the growth to "greater interest and knowledge of the fair by county residents." This year he believes the fair board will distribute more than \$10,000 in premiums. That's an increase of \$3,000 over the 1954 amount.

Many Entries

Last Friday there were more than 50 entries in one division (arts) already entered. In 1954 there were none. Last Friday there were entries in every department.

With physical facilities doubled, twice as much exhibit room is available. Turley says twice the number of commercial booths were sold for this fair compared to last year.

Biggest single addition is the new Community Building which will house community booths and 4-H exhibits, along with art department displays.

As exhibit spots expand, so does the need for food. Turley anticipates that a record 5,000 persons will be served at the giant barbecue Saturday. It's a 25 per cent increase over 1954's 4,000.

A new shed-like building has been erected on the west side of the pavilion. It houses the various eating establishments. Built at a cost of \$3,000, it has been named "restaurant row." Turley said the facilities will make food preparation and serving "much easier."

The fairground's physical plant has been improved. New restrooms (4) in the Community Building have been installed. Six new drinking fountains placed throughout the grounds will satisfy thirsty fairgoers.

Floral beds, in full bloom, will add cheery spots of color to the grounds.

Fairgoers will zoom to their destination over a newly paved highway. The new section of Highway 99 is not open to through traffic, but it is open to local use. Manager Turley pointed out that parking for the fair is free. Cars will be parked in the main lot directly across from the main entrance.



A PRIZE WINNING COMMUNITY booth exhibit at the 1954 Douglas County Fair was prepared by members of Melrose Grange.



THE RAY DOERNER family, Melrose, was named Douglas County's "farm family of the year" at 1954 fair. Ray, primarily a poultryman, grows some strawberries; has made good use of new agricultural developments. His family was first so honored. A new family will be selected this year.

Judging Of 4-H Exhibits Varied

Judging of 4-H exhibits at the 1955 Douglas County Fair will be different this year.

In a major departure in the premium system, the exhibits will initially be given point awards instead of money. Agent Frank von Borstel said the change was made because only a "certain amount of money was available to distribute to winners."

When judging is completed, the points will be compiled. The money will then be divided according to points received.

The 4-H winners will get their ribbons while the fair is in progress. Money awards will be given after the fair, Von Borstel stressed.

PLUM WRONG

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Albert L. Foster, 31, took a bite out of a plum while driving, decided he did not like it and — without looking — tossed it out. The plum spattered against the windshield of a car, driven by Montana Highway Patrolman Ernie DeDycker.

Charged with dumping garbage on a public highway, and Foster forfeited a \$10 court appearance bond.



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