

Area For Sheep Improved For Exhibitors, Fairgoers

Sheep constitute a major Douglas County industry and they are not ignored at the county fair. Howard Hatfield, Dixonville rancher, who has headed the sheep, goats and hogs departments at the fair for the past three years, has been going over plans for the sheep show this summer.

To increase spectators' comfort, new bleacher seats have been erected next to the sheep judging area. Barns have been cleaned up and spanned, and additional lighting installed for better night time showing, Hatfield reports.

per pound have been made from payments to growers to finance a wool promotion program under the direction of producer and trade organizations.

That the fair has one of the biggest and best sheep shows in the state is proven by the fact that producers around the state have held a major purebred sheep sale for Douglas County sheepmen at the fair the last three years, Hatfield noted.

Since barns will fill up fast, Hatfield has asked that exhibitors bring their animals in as early as possible on entry day, Aug. 22.

LADY WEARING SHAWL WON
BALTIMORE, MD. (AP) — No records are kept of such things, but one of the biggest wagers ever made at Pimlico was a show bet of \$7,000 placed by an elderly lady wearing a shawl. She bet Native Dancer in the 1953 Preakness. The horse won.

Premium Books Being Claimed

Douglas County Fair Premium Books have been going fast, according to Fair Manager Dick Turley.

Turley has asked all county residents who have not yet received a copy of the free booklet to notify the fair board for their copy.

The booklet contains everything a fair exhibitor could want to know. It lists all classes of competition and a breakdown of the more than \$8,000 in prizes which will be on the block at the 1956 fair.

Also included in the 76-page brochure are farming and household hints and a number of pictures. Call Orchard 3-6277 for a copy or write to the fair board, P. O. Box 750, Roseburg.



SHEEP remain as Douglas County's most important source of agricultural income. Each spring, the Douglas County Fat Lamb Show is held at the fairgrounds, and a winner there is exhibited above.

Wool Payments Total \$167,306

Through July, wool growers of Douglas County had received a total of \$167,306.74, in incentive payments for wool sold in the marketing year ending March 31, 1956, according to J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

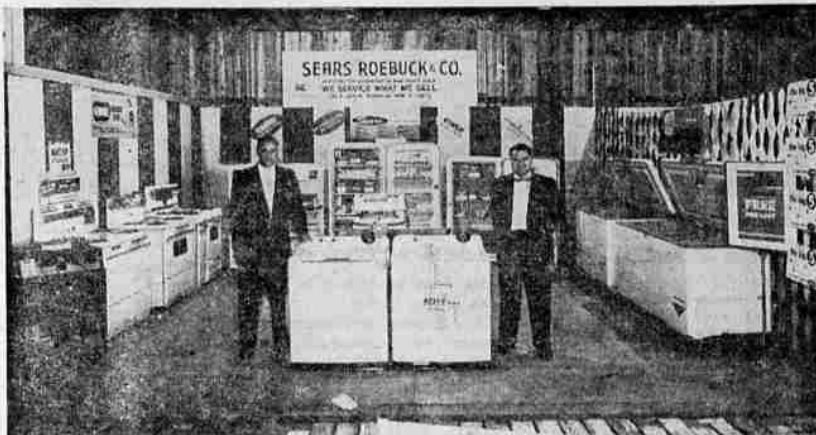
Based on 1,010 applications for payment received by the county ASC office, total payments to county wool growers will be \$181,007.31. Some 24 of the above applications had payments earned of less than \$3 for which no payment will be made.

Chairman Bonebrake explains that the national average price received by wool growers for the year ending March 31 was 42.8 cents per pound. Based on this figure, the average payment to wool growers to bring the average return to 62 cents per hundred was determined to be 44.9 per cent of the price at which the grower sold his wool. The payments now being received by wool growers are based on \$44.90 for each \$100.00 the grower received for his wool.

As a result of the referendum among wool growers held a year ago, deductions totaling one cent



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