



Steer and beef showmanship competitions were tough at the Clackamas County Fair this past week as 4-H

youngsters paraded their animals before large audiences.

At state fair

# Draft horse competition slated

Massive but beautiful draft horse teams weighing as much as two tons will attempt to pull dead weight half again as heavy as they are in the annual Draft Horse Pulling Contest at the Oregon State Fair, Sept. 1.

"The Draft Horse Contest is a special feature on the last day of the 10-day fair. It will be at 6 p.m. in the Stadium. It will be free to fairgoers, as is all other entertainment on the grounds, except for the Horse Show-Rodeo," says Dwight Butt, State Fair Director.

"The giant Belgians, Clydesdales and Percherons, although half again as heavy as their racing counterparts, are much more tractable and gentle," says Jimmy Scarborough, superintendent of the Horse Show. Some stand nearly six feet tall and weigh more than 2,000 lbs.

In the pulling contest, two-horse teams attempt to pull stoneboats (weighted sleds) a distance of 15 feet, with 500 pounds added on each succeeding attempt until one winning team remains. There are three classifications: lightweights (up to 3,000 pounds), middleweights (3,000 to 3,500 pounds), and heavyweights (over 3,500 pounds).

"Draft horses are staging a comeback in today's farming and logging operations," Scarborough said. A combination of high-cost equipment and fuel prices and the ability of horses to maneuver in tight places with a minimum of damage to soil and plants has led to growing interest in their use.

The draft horses also will compete daily in showmanship events in the Horse Show-Rodeo," Scarborough said, "and will be on exhibit in the barns adjacent to the Stadium."

## Special awards set for bakers

"Cake and cookie bakers and organizations with a flair for table decorating will be recipients of some new special awards, including four American flags that have flown over the U.S. Capitol," Oregon State Fair Manager Dwight Butt announced recently.

"The flags will be given in addition to previously announced cash awards and special prizes during the 1980 Oregon State Fair, Aug. 23 through Sept. 1," Butt said.

The flags, complete with standard and bracket and an engraved plate certifying that they have been flown over the U.S. Capitol, will be awarded to winners in the Cookie Jar Contest, the Gerry Frank Chocolate Cake Contest, the Professional Cake Decorating Contest and the Table Decorating Contest division for clubs and organizations.

Also being awarded are a \$50 savings account for first place in the Chocolate Cake Contest and savings accounts ranging from \$25 to \$10 for second through fifth places.

Four \$5 savings accounts will be awarded in the Cookie Jar Contest and a \$25 savings account for winners of the cake Decorating and Table Decorating events.

The flags and savings accounts are being donated by American Federal Savings and Loan Association of Salem. "The flags were obtained through the efforts of Sen. Mark Hatfield's office," according to Robert Stevens of the firm.

"There still are openings for entries in all categories," according to Sandra Brady, Superintendent of the Home Economics Department at the fair. "We are particularly interested in organizations wishing to submit table decorating exhibits," she said, "church groups, garden clubs, women's clubs, men's clubs, bridge clubs or any other group that wants to show its skill."

"Tables may be set for buffet, barbecue, brunch or a formal dinner," Brady said. The theme may be seasonal, humorous or anything the

group thinks appropriate. The contest has two sections: one for the first five days and one for the last five days of the fair.

"The section for individual

table decorators also has openings," Brady said.

Entries will be accepted on a space available basis, she said.

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