

Ferd Groner Will Sponsor Second Corn Yield Contest

Three Events Eyed by County Corn Growers; New Varieties Add Interest in Commercial Crop

Washington county corn growers will be given an opportunity to take part in the corn show at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, October 7 to 14, and also in the third annual Oregon State corn show which will be held at Corvallis November 29 to December 2. In addition to these shows 4-H club members may also take part in the annual Commercial National bank contest held for the corn club members of Washington county, reports Palmer Torvend, assistant county agent.

The introduction of new types of corn, both standard and hybrid varieties, has aroused considerable interest in the production of corn throughout the valley. Torvend said. With the increased acreage of corn, methods of handling and storage have become important problems. It has been found that for grain a corn crib or other well ventilated building is a satisfactory storage place. The main items in the successful storage of corn are letting the corn mature, careful shucking, the securing of plenty of air circulation in the storage place and the prevention of excess moisture coming in contact with the corn during our rainy season.

Crib Size Advised

Corn cribs with dimensions of from four to five feet at the bottom and six to eight feet in width at the top have proven quite satisfactory. The sides may be built from one-by-two-inch lumber spaced just far enough apart to keep the corn from falling out. In larger cribs some spoilage may occur because of insufficient air circulation in the center of the crib.

When picking corn for storage care should be taken that all husks and silks are removed, as these tend to hold moisture and thereby cause mold or other spoiling of the grain. In Washington county it has been found that a crib with the south end boarded up and the other sides and end open, works the best, as most of our rains come with a south wind. Whether corn is to be used for grain or seed it should be allowed to mature as much as possible on the stalks, usually being left until after the first killing frost.

Seed corn must be more carefully selected and the use of two compartments in the equipment used

for picking is usually found quite convenient for this purpose, as the inferior corn may be thrown into one compartment and that to be saved for seed into the other. Seed corn should be selected for uniformity of cob and kernel, vigor and fitness to type and variety.

Abnormally large ears are undesirable because they are hard to dry and ordinarily do not keep well for seed as the excess moisture causes a loss in germination. Care should be taken that seed corn is not left in large piles or in sacks as mold or heating may develop and thereby result in lowered germination. The seed may be stored in small cribs but wherever it is stored it should have sufficient air circulation from both the bottom and all sides.

Drying Efficient

An arrangement which has proven satisfactory is that as soon as the corn is picked have it dried in some artificial drier which may be either a prune, walnut or hop drier, or by having it in a room where a stove is kept burning continuously for a period of time until the corn is dry. The temperature for drying seed corn should not go over 110 degrees and a vent for the escape of the moisture laden air should be provided. After drying it should be stored in a place where it will not take up moisture and where mice or rats will not cause any damage.

Dixie Mt. Group Will Meet Today

DIXIE MOUNTAIN—The Home Economic club of the Grange will meet Thursday at the Grange hall. Mrs. Clarence D. Nelson will be hostess.

Mrs. William Prayther and three sons returned from a two weeks' visit with friends at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gisson left a week ago for Medford where they plan to stay with their son and daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Ada Jacober returned Saturday from California, where she has been visiting her daughter.

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Green Mt. School Opens with Three

GREEN MOUNTAIN—School started September 11 with three pupils attending. Five more are expected later. Mrs. Everett Genzer is the teacher.

Prune picking started this week at the Bailey and Genzer orchards. Both are selling to canneries.

Tax Board Denies Reduction Pleas

Two petitions for reduction of assessments by Washington county property owners have been disallowed by the county tax equalization board, it was announced here Thursday as that body concluded its 1939 session.

The first request for reduction came from Zina Wood, who owns 385 acres of farm land near Hillsboro, and the other was submitted by Jennette M. Lockhart, owner of 39 acres near Tualatin. Members of the tax equalization board here are County Assessor J. E. Carpenter, Judge H. D. Kerkman, and Clerk W. T. Tupper.

County C. E. Rally Held North Plains

REEDVILLE—With delegates from Reedville, Beaverton, Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, Bethany and North Plains, more than 75 were in attendance at the first fall rally of the county C. E. young people, held at the North Plains church Sunday afternoon. Reports were given from the International C. E. convention held at Cleveland, Ohio, in July at which Oregon was represented by 14 delegates. Mrs. Irene Hanson, of Gaston representing Washington county. Among those present at Sunday's rally were Walter Meyer, state field representative and Floyd Shaw, county president. Reedville's delegation of 13 was the largest of any group, except that of the host church.

Cash Awards Are Offered in Crop Event

A second yield-per-acre contest with cash awards will be held this fall under the sponsorship of Ferd Groner of Scholls in co-operation with the county agent's office, according to Palmer Torvend, assistant county agent. This contest is open to anyone, including both 4-H club members and farmers.

In order to be eligible the grower must have at least one acre of corn for grain, without irrigation, but it may be of any variety.

The contestant will select a one-acre plot in his field and 25 hills from four different quarters of the acre will be shucked and the yield for the acre computed from these weights. The weights will be figured on the basis of corn containing 15 per cent moisture.

Anyone interested in entering this contest should leave word at the county agent's office by September 25 in order that a schedule for testing the various plots may be worked out.

Green House, Kennel Being Constructed

LAUREL—Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cooley are building a greenhouse 16x24 feet. This is a "hot" and Mr. Cooley expects to enjoy himself "immensely" this winter, according to Mrs. Cooley. The Cooleys are having a chicken house remodeled, air-conditioned and heated for a dog kennel. Mrs. Cooley is breeding Shetland sheep dogs. She has some which she will show at several dog shows next month, including the Pacific International.

Mrs. Calvin Whitmore and son Arland attended the funeral of their niece and cousin, Mrs. Arthur McCormick, in Portland Saturday.

The deceased, as Grace Whitmore, was born and reared on the hill west of Laurel.

Mrs. Meyers Honored
Mrs. Lena Meyers was honored guest on her birthday anniversary at a pot-luck dinner at the F. L. Brown home Sunday. Tennis, horse-shoes and croquet were enjoyed.

Adolph Schmidt started Friday by train to Miles City, Mont., to visit the A. D. Hill family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill were born and reared here.

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Schefflin People Attend Convention

SCHIEFFLIN—The annual "College Day" of the Concordia college at Portland was held last Wednesday. This was the second Lutheran Women's Convention. Several hundred ladies were in attendance. Those who attended from here were Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Nitz, accompanied by Mrs. H. Salzwedel.

The North Central zone of the Waltham League held a skating party last Friday evening at the Oaks rink in Portland. One hundred and sixty-seven leaguers and friends were in attendance. Those attending from here were Rudy Berwald, Lester Kahle, Jack Heinrich, Don Kerkman, Orville and Hermie Sahnov and Anna Schwanke.

Wilbert Salzwedel returned from the Horet Bros. hop yards at Independence Saturday. He had been operating a store there for C. C. Condit of Forest Grove. Edwin Sahnov and Walter Kahle, who are still working there, will return home the latter part of this week.

Miss Elvera Sahnov, who had her tonsil removed at the Jones hospital last Tuesday, is recovering.

Miss Juanita Cawse returned home Sunday evening from a two weeks' visit with her aunt, Miss Cora Willis, in Seattle. She also visited Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Schaus and daughters Wilma, Dorothy, Victoria and Lenora, and Mrs. H. C. Dittrich at Snohomish.

Bible class was held Sunday evening. It was decided to drop class the first Sunday in October be-

Courage Needed to Buck Farming Game, Jock Vanderzanden Avers

"It takes courage to buck the farming game," Jock M. Vanderzanden, prominent farmer in the vicinity of Roy, avers in a recent informal interview. His attitude which accounts for his name being synonymous with good farming in Washington county.

A genial philosopher, a hard worker, a six-footer, father of five sons who stand taller than he, Jock has an agricultural service record not to be excelled. Except for three years when he was employed out of the state, Jock has helped on or operated threshers and hullers for the past 50 years—since he was a boy of 12. He now owns a combine and a thresher which services about 25 farms in the vicinity of Roy.

His son Ray, 25, a recent graduate of Gonzaga university, has operated the thresher for the past three years but Jock still runs the combine. Jock says harvesting is not the job today that it was when the harvest season lasted two months and over. With his combine, he now whips through this little task in about three weeks.

A lesson of encouragement for youth is to be found in the recent

cause it would conflict with the meeting of the voting members of the congregation.

The farmers of this community are plowing their fields preparatory to the fall seeding.

each in the rich country east of Hillsboro. Jock's father, Martin Vanderzanden, moved to the Verboort section in March, 1877.

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