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Farm and Garden

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Full-scale 4-H Participation in State Fair Set

Awards valued at approximately \$7000 have been arranged for the first full-scale 4-H club participation in the Oregon state fair at Salem since 1941, announces H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader at Oregon State college. The fair will be held from September 2 to 8.

Although a few exhibits and even fewer streamlined demonstrations were held for a couple of years at the fairgrounds and one year in Portland, this will be the first time in five years that the 4-H department at the fair will be back at its colorful pre-war tempo. Premium lists for the 4-H contests and exhibits will be available shortly at all county extension offices.

Demonstrations and judging contests have been scheduled in livestock, poultry, crops, rabbit, cloth-

ing, cooking, homemaking, and canning, Seymour says. In addition special demonstrations will include those in dairy foods sponsored by the Kraft company, baking demonstration sponsored by Sears-Roebuck, canning demonstration sponsored by the Spreckles company, dollar dinner contest sponsored by Safeway stores, and the style dress revue sponsored by the American Viscoe company and the Oregon Bankers association.

About 750 boys and girls are expected to participate in the demonstration and judging contests alone, Seymour estimates. Livestock exhibits will be in the barns and the building which has been converted for the youngsters from the old poultry building. The new building will provide more room for demonstrations and exhibits.

Wheat Insurance From Government Now More Liberal

More protection at lower cost is afforded to wheat producers in many Oregon counties through federal crop insurance now being offered on 1947 winter wheat, according to E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee. Insurance now on sale at county agricultural conservation offices for 1947 wheat is being written for new yields and at new premium rates. The revisions were made by the federal crop insurance corporation on the basis of new information on production and losses in the state.

All applications for 1947 winter wheat insurance must be filed before the crop is seeded and before September 28, the closing date in Oregon.

County average yields have increased as much as five bushels per acre, and premium rates have been lowered in many counties, Miller reported. Insured yields for individual farms have been adjusted in accordance with the change in the county average yield.

The three-year contracts being written now will protect the wheat crops through 1949 against all unavoidable hazards, including hail, drought, flood, insects, frost, plant disease and fire. The contracts written for all 1946 wheat on 3,000 Oregon farms still have two more years to run. But many of these producers, Miller pointed out, will file it to their advantage to cancel their present contract by signing a new three-year contract at the 1947 revised yields and rates. Under a new contract if signed, 1946 insurance will remain in effect for 1947 and 1948 at the old yields and rates.

Insurance covers the production of a specified percentage of the average yield selected by the farmer from the several choices in the amounts of production available for the farm, Miller explained. A wider choice is offered for 1947, from coverage of the minimum in the county to the crop to 75 percent of the average yield. This depends on the level of coverage selected, but premiums are set to bear only the weight of actual crop losses.

Funds Increased To Help Support PMA Conservation

An additional \$400,650 has been made available for assisting Oregon farmers and ranchers with soil and water conserving practices under the 1946 agricultural conservation program, it has been announced by E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee.

Oregon's share of the funds provided by congress for conservation practice payments to farmers in 1946 has been increased to \$2,833,650 as compared with the original allocation at the start of the year of \$2,433,000.

Miller said that the additional funds will be allocated to counties whose original allocations are not sufficient to cover all the conservation work for which farmers have requested assistance. He indicated that county agricultural conservation committees will be asked to increase the extra funds to increase minimum farm allowance on farms where the most conservation can be obtained.

The operators of some 33,500 Oregon farms have filed plans requesting practice payment assistance amounting to more than \$5,000,000, Miller reported. County committees currently are asking operators to report any changes in the intended practices listed on the farm plans, which were made out last spring.

"Farmers who find that they will not be able to carry out some of the practices for which they requested assistance are urged to amend their farm plans accordingly," Miller said. "This will release funds for conservation work on other farms."

Visit in Montana

SHUTE—Mrs. A. M. Perrine and children Betty and Bobby are visiting her parents in Cascade, Mont. Ross Munkres visited his brother in Bend for a few days last week.

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Farm Income Not Affected Much by Month OPA Recess

The recess in subsidies and ceilings has not affected gross and net farm income as much as the sharp advance in the general level of prices for farm products might indicate, says L. R. Breithaupt, OSC extension agricultural economist. Offsetting the higher market receipts some farms were a big advance in the prices paid by farmers, the loss of subsidy payments and higher marketing costs. Lower prices for some farm products.

From mid-June to mid-July there was an advance of 12 percent in the general level of prices received by farmers, according to data from the U. S. department of agriculture. The increase was due primarily to higher prices for change valueably farm products and meats, including poultry. Prices declined for most kinds of fruit and truck crops.

The formula also sharp advance in the parity index of farm costs. That index moved up six per cent during the month ending July 15. Not including costs for hired labor, the "parity" index of costs stood at 199 per cent of 1910-1914 at mid-July. The United States farm wage rate index stood at 378 as of July 1.

According to the official parity formula, the general average exchange value of farm products at mid-July was 123 per cent of 1910-1914, seven points above mid-June. With hired farm labor included in the formula, the exchange value of farm products as of July 15 would have been about 34 per cent above 1910-1914, however, Breithaupt estimated.

Some further increase in market prices occurred during the last half of July, especially in hogs, high grade beef cattle and feed grain. Eggs advanced seasonally, but butter declined. Trends in August will be influenced by new crop prospects and the progress of price controls and decontrols.

Current crop reports continue to indicate a very large crop of corn this year as well as the largest output of wheat on record. Unless otherwise ordered by the decontrol board, price controls are to be restored automatically on grain and feeds as of August 21, and also on livestock and milk, but not on poultry and eggs unless the recontrol is ordered by the new board.

County Farmers Can Enter Special Contest in Barley

A special malting barley contest at the land products division of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition is available to Washington county farmers, announces Palmer S. Torvend, county agent.

The competition will include separate divisions for two-row barley and for four-row barley. Each carries a first prize of \$250 and a second prize of \$100, or a total of \$350 for the winners who compete in this contest.

Any grower who has 20 acres of barley can enter the contest. Each exhibit must be a full 100-pound sack, and the county PMA committee must certify that the sack in question came from a field of 20 acres or more. Each competitive contestant should get in touch with the local PMA office before three-thirty p. m. Entries should be double-sacked and should be sent by express or delivered in person to the Pacific International in Portland at least three days before the opening date, which is October 6.

E. R. Jackman, crops specialist on Oregon state college extension staff, said "These premiums are large enough to pay anyone's time. Oregon is becoming noted as the producer of some of the best malting barley to be found anywhere."

Brookwood Group Plans Labor Day Picnic

BROOKWOOD—Brookwood Home Builders met at the home of Mrs. Marie Malone Thursday afternoon. The club members at the families will be held Labor day at the Max Schultz grove at 1 o'clock. Miss Ida Snyder of Carlsbad, Cal., niece of Max Schultz, visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz and Miss Snyder went to Tillamook Friday to attend the fair and visit with relatives.

Club Entertains

The girls 4-H club "The Bubbling Teapot," had their final meeting of the year at the home of their leader, Mrs. Marjorie Hansen. They entertained their mothers and young sisters and brothers by an out-of-door luncheon and small program which they planned and supervised themselves.

Visit in Nebraska

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Von Hollen and son, Dick, went by car to Red Cloud, Neb., to visit their son, Charles. They spent three weeks visiting among relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Long and family of Washington, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Martin McElroy of Tacoma, Wash., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Malone. Earl Olson and Max Moody went to Yellowstone park with the Scouts.

Mrs. Grace Miller's father, Frank George, from Milnor, N. D., is visiting her.

Lyle and Merle Hewett left for Mounds last week.

Wayne Petersen of Junction City is spending the week at the John Eckert home.

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Demonstration Contests Staged At Forest Grove

Four-H demonstration contests were held Monday in the Portland Gas & Coke company hospitality room, Forest Grove.

Teams winning first places will be Washington county representatives at the state fair in Salem.

Barbara Meier, route 1, Hillsboro, and Constance Jo Connel, route 1, Hillsboro, won first place in the canning demonstration, having as their subject "Judging and Scoring Canned Vegetables."

In the cookery demonstrations, Jane Connel, and Margie Meier, both of route 1, Hillsboro, placed first in their demonstration, "Good Tastes at the Luncheon Table." Faye and Alma Whistler, route 1, Sherwood, placed second on "In-teresting Salads," and Beverly Theis, North Plains, placed third on "Preparing a Vegetable Plate."

Margaret Freudenenthal, and Leona Roberts, route 3, Hillsboro, won first place in clothing demonstrations, having as their subject, "Pressing Makes Perfect." Grace Connel and Ruth Arnold, route 1, Hillsboro, placed second on "Cleaning and Adjusting a Sewing Machine."

Dairy Payment Reminder Given

Dairy farmers who have not as yet applied for their August installment payment for the months of April, May and June are reminded that August 31 is the final date for filing their August claim with the county AAA committee.

The dairy payment program ended on June 30 with the lapse of OPA, but payments on milk and butterfat sold during the second quarter were not affected. Whether the program will be resumed under the new OPA agreement will be decided by the OPA decontrol board before August 20.

Veterans Victors In Softball Game Sunday

SCHIFFLIN—Over one hundred members of Zion congregation attended the following softball game honoring the veterans of the church Sunday noon. The following were the honored guests: Rudy Herwald, Roy Herick, Herbert Allen, Lester Kahle, Robert McNew, Armin Ottmoller, Grace and Warren Sahnov, Wilbert Salzwedel, Leonard and Walter Schwanke, Allen Simantel, and Elmer Weigt. Decorations were in patriotic colors. A few words of welcome were spoken by Pastor Krueger and the song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung by the assembly at the close of the luncheon. A softball game between veterans and non-veterans came out with the score in favor of the veterans. Committee in charge of arrangements were Mesdames Roy Herick, Herbert Sahnov Jr., and Elmer Salzwedel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bottem and Mr. and Mrs. Leith Williams of Bremerton, Wash., were guests last week-end of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Krueger and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bottem and Mrs. Leith Williams are parents and sister of Mrs. Krueger.

Dairy Sire Sale To East Reveals Oregon Standing

The recent sale at auction of a mature Jersey sire, developed and proven in Oregon, for \$500 to a Tennessee breeder illustrates both the high standing of Oregon-bred cattle and the possibility of continuing to improve this quality by keeping enough such proved sires in the state, comments P. M. Brandt, head of the animal industries division at Oregon State college.

The sire which brought such a good price at the annual Washington Jersey sale at Emuclaw was Brampton Blue, bred by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sherman, who operate the Sherman Stock farm at Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Professor Brandt added that it is to be regretted that the blood of this high-grade proven sire cannot be used to a wider extent in the herds of this state, but the

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County Needing Hop, Bean and Peach Pickers

Hot weather has caused a shortage of help in county hop yards with many pickers laying off afternoons, according to Roy Davidson, farm labor assistant.

Bean and peach pickers are also in demand with men or women preferred on the latter harvest, most of the yards with early hops started picking this week and late hops will probably start right after Labor day.

The farm labor office reported that there are still many vacancies for families in the county migratory workers camp on the southeast edge of Hillsboro. Applicants may contact the farm labor office at the courthouse (phone 2171) or at the camp, Davidson said.

A bus for hop pickers is leaving Hillsboro regularly mornings and persons desiring to use this are asked to contact the farm labor office. Another bus for pole bean pickers leaves at Tenth avenue and Baseline mornings at 6:45 and proceeds through Forest Grove.

Special Effort Urged to Fight Swine Disease

To help prevent, feed waste in the face of today's shortages, livestock authorities have urged a special effort this month to combat enteritis in the state's swine herds.

Hogs afflicted with "necro" are unable to utilize feed properly and do not gain weight in proportion to the feed consumed, even though they may otherwise appear to be in normal health, the American Foundation for Animal Health pointed out.

Farmers were urged to take these three steps to combat enteritis among their swine:

1. When new feeder pigs are purchased, segregate them from the home herd until they are proven free of the disease.

2. When pigs develop digestive troubles, variations in temperature or loss of weight, move well animals away from them, and obtain a veterinary diagnosis at once. This diagnosis is extremely important because the symptoms of enteritis may otherwise be mistaken for those of hog cholera or other diseases of swine.

3. Practice rigid sanitation. Do not crowd or generally satisfactorily has been an enteritis outbreak. Provide individual, movable houses. Concrete floors, thoroughly cleaned each week, are a great help in controlling this disease.

Medical treatment for enteritis has proved more generally satisfactory when preventive sanitation and segregation are applied in control of this often-fatal disease, the American Foundation reported.

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The senior league game camp with Rev. E. H. Becker serving as coach Sunday. The team from the local group attending the junior camp last week were Audrey Langbecker, Helen, Marven and Ralph Peterson. The team from the Zion Lutheran school will begin the fall term September 9. W. Heinrich formerly of Salmon Creek, Wash., will be the new teacher.

Mark Simantel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Simantel, fell Friday and broke his left wrist.

Mrs. W. B. Miller of Houlton and her sister Mrs. W. W. Grindeman of Netawaka, Kan., arrived Saturday for a visit with their cousin, Mrs. C. L. Schwanke, and family. It had been 38 years since the girls had seen their cousins. It is their first trip to Oregon and they enjoyed the sights of the Columbia River. They will go to Corvallis to visit their cousins, Walter Schwanke and Mrs. F. Oetj.

Rev. and Mrs. August Gerken and Dorothy and Gertrude of Marysville, Ohio, Miss Ida Gerken of Napoleon, Ohio, and Oscar Gerken of Palo Alto, Cal., left Sunday for California, en route home. They have been for the past week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kerkmann and daughters, Mrs. Clara Helen of Portland is visiting with her father, Grandfather Luck, and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Koble, Grandfather Luck, who is 92 years old, is failing in health.

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