

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

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State Fair Beckons Mid-Valley Farmers

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While a little barley and wheat harvesting remains to be done, while hops mostly yet to be picked, and prunes not quite ready — and peaches at the peak — are to be cared for, farmers in Oregon are going to take off considerable time this coming week to view the "biggest and best" of Oregon farm produce at the Oregon State Fair. The event opens Saturday at 8 a.m. and closes the following Saturday at 12 p.m.

Judging of the 540 dairy cattle in the open classes, one of the top events of the big show, will start at 9 a.m. on Labor Day.

Guernseys, Holsteins and Brown Swiss pass before the judges' eyes on Monday. There are 16 exhibitors of Guernsey cattle; nine exhibitors of Holsteins, besides the 87 Holsteins to be entered in open competition there is a fine group of Holstein heifers to be sold to 4-H and FFA boys and girls on Thursday, September 4. All youngsters who want to get in on this are asked to apply for a chance to buy through their local club advisor or director.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, is a big day for Jersey showmen. Twenty exhibitors will parade their 140 animals. Ayrshires will be shown at the same time.

National breed field representatives expected to be on hand are Jens Svith, American Jersey Cattle Club; Elmer Meadows, Guernsey Cattle club, and Gerald Plowman of the National Holstein association.

The American Can Company, which makes millions of containers annually in Portland to serve the state's big canning industry, will be represented at the fair with an exhibit demonstrating visually how cans are closed and

sealed after they have been filled with foods products at canneries. The display will dramatize the importance of Oregon's agricultural, can-making and canning industries and how the \$120,000,000 these bring annually into the state benefits virtually everyone in Oregon.

Television is going to have quite a place in the Oregon State Fair this year. On every day but Sunday, there will be a television

bull, superintendent of this division, has been rousing around demonstration on the porch of the agriculture building, at 11 a.m. and on every afternoon, including Sunday, there will be a similar demonstration at 3 p.m. on a stage in front of the art department.

Reminiscent of years gone by will be the evening (at 7 p.m. each night) balloon ascension and parachute jump from the machinery area on the fairgrounds.

Home-maker and handicraft demonstrations are also slated for each day at 10:30 a.m., 1 and 4:30 p.m. These will include everything from canning, freezing and electric cookery to laundry, bread-making, ironing, and making yeast rolls. Mrs. Gladys Turner in great order getting together an exceptionally fine and useful program for the week.

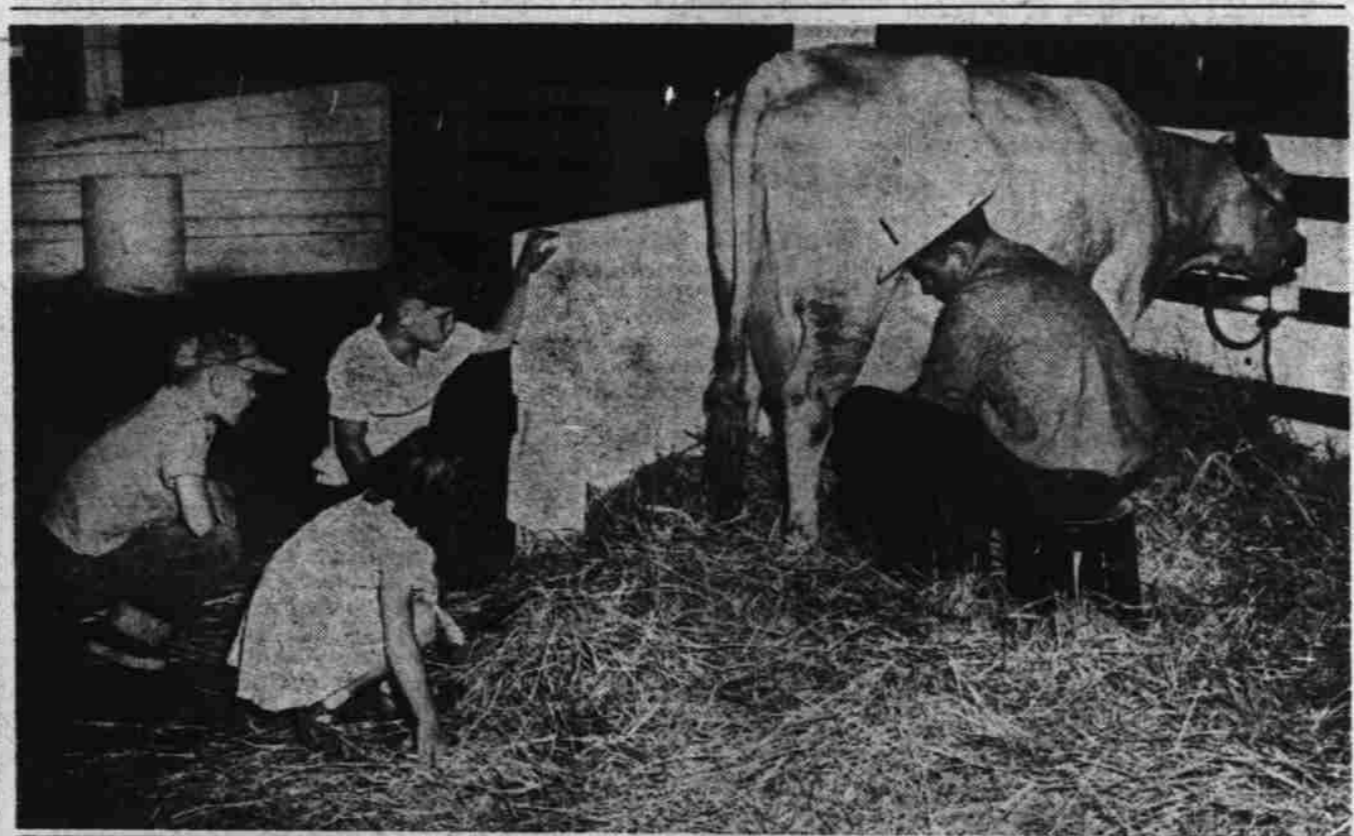
Under the competent Betty Miller in the floral show, a number of amateur floral competition events have been planned.

Sunday a free stage show in the grandstand, featuring the Multnomah County Police Motorcycle Corps and the Marine Band of HMS. Sheffield, British warship, will be featured. This has been set for 2:30 p.m.

On exhibit at the fair will be a quilt that dates back to 1877. Created in the style of the day, the quilt is fashioned from multi-colored pieces of velvet and silk with special corner fastening through the use of tiny rivet-like copper gadgets held in place by beads.

Lone Oak Track, mecca of early September devotees of the running thoroughbreds will be the scene of the outstanding races of some 310 thoroughbred and quarter horses, an all-time high of entries. Feature events of the Lone Oak seven-day meeting (there will be no Sunday racing) include: The Inaugural, upped to \$800 from last year's \$600; the Governor's and the Au Revoir Handicaps, raised from \$800 to \$1,000, and on Labor Day and the final Saturday, Sept. 6, the two quarter-horse features will offer \$500 purses.

"Fun Incorporated" ... that's the title of the revue which will be seen all eight nights on the fair. A two-hour revue, paced by Jack Marshall, the funnyman with a "face as flexible as rubber," the revue produced by Larry Allen, Inc., will bring to the stage a galaxy of six acts. The show goes on at 8 p.m. at the grandstand.



The youngsters shown above couldn't decide whether they liked the incoming cattle or the carnival attractions better Wednesday at the State Fairgrounds which is bustling with preparations for Saturday, the opening day. They are Connie Ruth Hickman, 5, and her brothers Danny, 11, and David, 9, children of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hickman, 1890 N. Commercial St. In top photo they are watching M. E. Marrs of Brooknook Farm, McMinnville, milking a big Shorthorn. (Statesman Farm Photos).

Peach Disease Control Should Be Continued

Growers should maintain a brown rot control program in late maturing peach trees, Don L. Rasmussen, Marion county agent, reminds. Improved Elberta and other varieties become more susceptible to brown rot attack as they approach maturity.

Sulfur dust or wettable sulfur sprays are recommended materials for brown rot control in peaches. In mature orchards, 50 pounds of dusting sulfur per acre or a spray containing 8 pounds of wettable sulfur in 100 gallons of water should be used.

If Western 11-spotted beetles are present in the orchard, 5 per cent methoxychlor can be added to the sulfur dust about two weeks before harvest for spraying. Three pounds of 50 per cent wettable methoxychlor can be mixed with the wettable sulfur spray. DDT can also be used for control of the 11-spotted beetle. Three to four per cent DDT plus sulfur as a dust or 2 pounds 50 per cent DDT powder in 100 gallons of wettable sulfur spray solution should control the beetles and brown rot.

Timing of applications varies with the weather. A grower who doesn't want to gamble with his crop will spray or dust at weekly intervals from now till harvest. Rains and heavy dews will increase the amount of brown rot injury. Dry weather lessens the development of the brown rot fungus.

It is very important to have sulfur on the fruit when picked in order to lessen the spread of brown rot in the boxes of fruit. The last sulfur application should be made a few days before picking. During picking and handling of the fruit, punctures and skin abrasions should be kept as low as possible. Any break in the skin of peaches enables brown rot to develop more easily.

Linn Barley Growers Try Experiments

Fifteen Linn County Hanchen barley growers are cooperating with the crops department of the state college in determining production and harvesting practices that affect the quality of malting barley.

Each grower is submitting a five pound sample of threshed grain and an information sheet giving data on soil type, whether irrigated or non-irrigated, cropping history, fertilizers used, date plowed and date seeded. The barley sample will be malted and the quality of the resulting malt will be correlated with production and harvesting factors. It is hoped that the quality of Willamette Valley malting barley can be improved as a result of the project.

Linn County growers were picked at random and are as follows: Floyd Fisher, Robert W. Schmidt, Carl Jarnisch, John Brandt, Harold Mathen, Arthur Wilson and Royce Hallaway, all of Albany; Buchner Bros., Lebanon; George L. Koss and Pierce Jenks, Tangent; John Pugh and Paul Pugh, Shedd; Lester Abraham, Halsey, and Malpass Bros., and Paul Jensen, Harrisburg.

Ranch Ramblings

And now we have ditch riders in the Willamette Valley—that is we have one anyway — one in Washington County.

Washington County, folks in Polk, and Marion, Linn and Benton, and Clackamas and Yamhill may think this shouldn't concern them. But the same thing could happen here. Chances are it will happen here, what with all the new individual farm irrigation systems.

We have all read stories of water hole shootings and feuds over irrigation water rights in the "good old days" before ditch riders and state regulations. Even with regular regulations they still do a little "feudin'" in areas where water is short, so we hear.

Palmer Torvend, formerly of Silverton, but now county agent in that area, and Victor Madsen, also formerly of Silverton and now Farm Home Administrator in that area, both report that in Washington county streams are so badly overappropriated that residents now have a ditch rider. Also it looks as if their ditch rider might have to exclude water for a total of 45 acres of string beans.

While that doesn't sound like much to the uninitiated, string beans are one of our most intensive farm crops. The cost of bringing a string bean yard up to the point of production is rather terrific, over \$300 an acre. These unfortunate growers stand to lose nearly \$15,000, which includes their initial investment in labor, soil preparation, cultivation, fertilizer, interest on investment, irrigation and taxes—before picking bean. The consuming public stands to lose 350 tons of canned beans—or about 300,000 cans.

In the North Portland Stockyards beef school (and this wasn't the kind in which everyone registered pet peeves) held recently, the "students" were told to "buy feeders from the front end." This was translated into meaning that animals with good head formation, lots of quality, and good chest capacity, usually make good feeders.

Joe Campbell, one of the buyers, also said that "the lower part of the ham, the brisket, and the flank are the last portions of a cattle's anatomy to fill out before marketing."

John Inskip, Clackamas County agent told the Rambler this week that the feeder cattle market is in a very unsettled condition, to say the least, and that no one is willing to gamble on October prices. During the past 10

years or so, it has been customary for buyers or prospective feeders to contract for all types of feeder cattle during the summer. Even last summer very few cattle east of the mountains remained uncontracted in August. This year the situation is in reverse. Practically none has been contracted. The nearest we could get to a feeder price is around 27 cents which a few steers brought at an eastern Oregon auction during the first half of August. However, John says, "very, very few have been sold and this price of 27 cents is only a straw in the wind."

Feeder cattle for sale this fall will include cows, yearling steers, and newly weaned steers and heifers. There will be relatively few yearling steers, but quite a number of weaned calves weighing around 400 pounds and more cows and heifers than usual, the Rambler is being told.

Many of the cows, so offered, will be bred. When purchasing cows of any description for use on valley farms, the purchaser may save himself a ton of grief if he makes sure that they are free of Bang's disease. This is reason enough for purchasing breeding females direct from the ranch on which they are grown. Animals going through the yards could pick up the disease in transit. It might, the experts are saying, be well for prospective buyers to consult their veterinarian before buying.

Farmers Showing Greater Interest In Pole Buildings

Oregon farmers are showing a growing interest in pole frame out-buildings, M. G. Huber, OSC extension agricultural engineering specialist, reports.

Pole frame construction reduces the cost by about one-half over the conventional building method, the specialist explains. It can be used for dairy and beef cattle, loafing sheds, for hog houses, sheep sheds, poultry houses, machine sheds and other miscellaneous types of farm shelters.

In putting up these buildings, pressure-treated poles or poles treated with wood preservative are set in the ground to serve as the first part of the framework. These treated poles will last from 35 to 50 years or longer.

Farm Calendar

Aug. 30-Sept. 6—Oregon State Fair, Salem.

Sept. 1—State Fair judging of Guernseys, Holsteins, Brown Swiss dairy, and Hereford cattle, Duroc Jerseys, Chester Whites, Poland Chinas in hogs.

Sept. 2—9 a.m. livestock judging at fair of Jerseys, Ayrshires, Shorthorns and Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Spotted Poland Chines, Berkshires, Hampshires and Large Yorkshires hogs.

Sept. 3—State fair livestock judging of Red Polls, and Milking Shorthorn cattle; Hereford and Barrow hogs.

Sept. 4—Holstein Calf Selection, 1 p.m. State fair.

Sept. 5—10 a.m. Joint 4-H and FFA fat stock auction sale, state fairgrounds.

Sept. 8—Southern Oregon Ram sale, Lakeview.

Sept. 12—13th annual Oregon Turkey Improvement Association meeting, Withycombe Hall, Corvallis.

Sept. 13—Your Opportunity Jersey Sale, Pacific International, Portland.

Sept. 17-30—Lane County Fair, Eugene.

Sept. 18-20—N. Marion County Fair, Woodburn.

Sept. 22-23—Oregon Cattleman's Association grade grange bull sale, Baker.

Sept. 22—Marion County Dairy Breeders Association annual Heifer Sale, 1 p.m. state fairgrounds.

Sept. 27—Heifer Investment Sale, Oregon Jersey Cattle Club, Ontario.

Sept. 27—Santiam Grange Harvest Festival, Lyons.

Oct. 4-11—Pacific International Livestock Exposition, North Portland.

Oct. 7—International Hereford Sale, Pacific International, North Portland.

Oct. 10-11—Fifth annual round table Pacific Northwest Chicken and Turkey Breeders, Corvallis.

Oct. 18—Oregon 4-H and FFA Guernsey Heifer sale, State fairgrounds, Salem.

Oct. 21-25—National Rabbit Show, Pacific International, North Portland.

Nov. 10-12—Agricultural Co-operative Council of Oregon, Multnomah Hotel, Portland.

Nov. 13-15—Oregon Woolgrowers Association convention, Imperial Hotel, Portland.

Nov. 18-21—Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Baker.

Nov. 20-21—67th annual State Horticultural meeting, Memorial Union, OSC.

Steady decline of national apple production has hit a new low, with growers in the four-state Appalachian fruit belt removing nearly a half-million trees in the past two years, about 8 per cent of the belt's bearing stock.

CATASTROPHE TOLL RISES
NEW YORK (AP)—About 900 lives were lost in the nation in the first six months of this year in catastrophes—accidents killing five or more persons, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. statisticians report.

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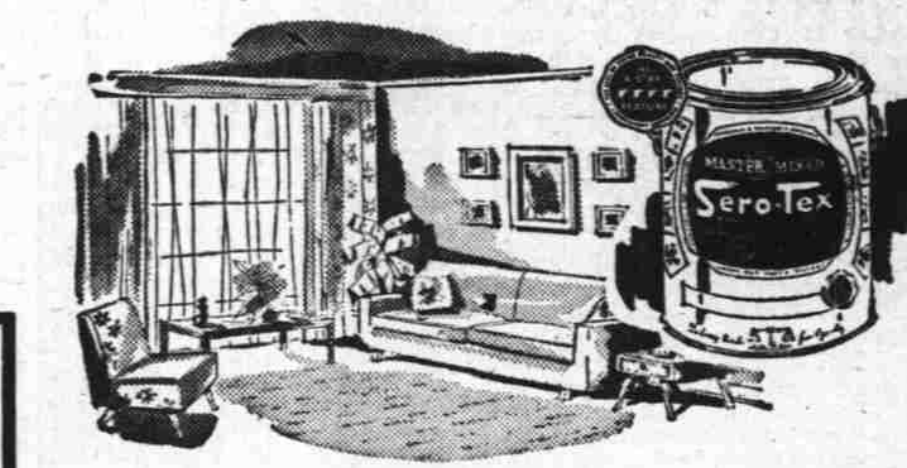


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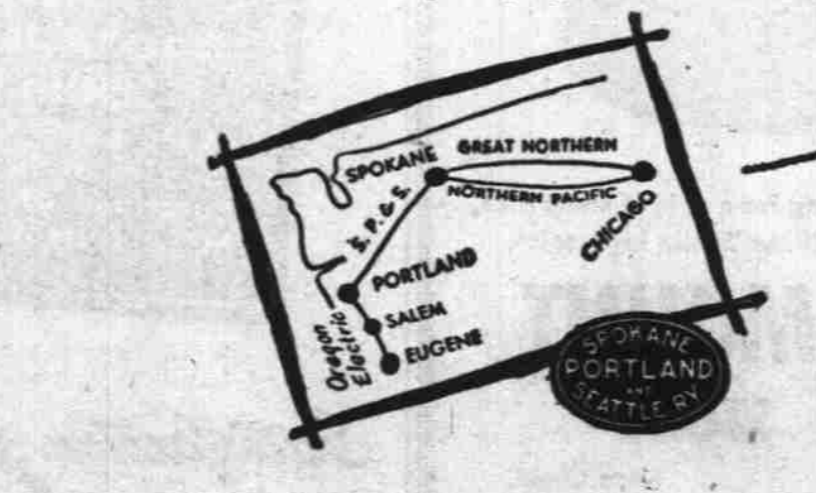
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