Independence Man Sets New Record at Marion Corn Show

By CLOUDE STRUSLOFF

A new competitor dominated the 18th annual Marion County Corn Show held Saturday at Central Howell school by growing the top yield in both irrigated and dryland adult division corn and winning the corn yield contest sweepstakes trophy awarded for the highest yield in the entire show.

Eugene F. McCarthy of East Independence grew 149.1 bushels per acre on his 40-acre irrigated corn patch to set a new yield record for the Marion county show. The previous high mark was 99.5 bushels per acre grown last year on irrigated land by Pat Johnson of Jefferson. McCarthy won the nonirrigated adult division with a yield of 96.4 bushels per acre.

In his first year as a show contestant, McCarthy used hybrid variety Oregon 355 planted 9.5 apart in rows 38 inches apart which gave a population of 17,355 plants per acre. It was irrigated twice during the summer, at maturity some plants were measured at 12 feet high. Commercial fertilizer application was 46 pounds of nitrogen, 40 pounds of phosphorus and 8 pounds of potassium per acre together with a fertilizer residue from a broccoli crop the year before. Moisture content of the corn was 40.3 percent when picked but for the contest yields, show officials calculated moisture back to the 15 percent which is standard for U.S. No. 2 corn.

Good Corn Year

This seems to be a good year for high corn yields in the U.S. A Mississippi 4-H boy has just broken the world record by growing 304.38 bushels of corn per acre on an 18-acre plot. His corn was only 13.93 percent moisture when picked. The national yield average is about 38 bushels per acre, however in some states yields average only 15 bushels.

Ronnie Larson, F.F.A. boy of Hermiston, holds the record for the state of Oregon with 204.3 bushels grown in 1953. In the past six years, 26 Oregon farmers have grown more than 150 bushels per acre to become members of the 150-bushel club for irrigated land. Only 8 growers have yields over 100 bushels on nonirrigated plots.

Neal Reiling of Hubbard grew 79.3 bushels per acre of hybrid 355 to take first prize for 4-H and F.F.A. exhibitors. Reiling, an F.F.A. boy, also took first place at last year's show.

The 10-year exhibits were unusually uniform and of excellent quality. Raymond Werner of Silverton, took first place in the adult division and along with it the Sweepstakes trophy for best 10 ears of the show, making the third time in four years he has done so.

Francis Ryan, a new exhibitor from Aurora, took second for adult division. Third went to James Hadley, Aurora, who had the sweepstakes award last year.

David Myers, Aurora, F.F.A. boy was first in the junior division 10-ear display.

Charles Bernards, 4-H boy of St. Paul won the corn judging contest with the exceptionally high score of 481.7 out of possible 500.

46 Exhibits at Show

In all there were 46 exhibits at the show according to T. F. Hobart, show chairman and Hollis Ottaway, Marion county agent, secretary of the committee.

Dennis Bunn, Ron Jeskey, Howard Mikkelson and Gene Smith, North Marion F.F.A. boys, furnished music during the evening program.

Ron Jeskey described his trip to the national F.F.A. meeting at Kansas City where he played the baritone saxophone in the 225-piece national band.

Dan Dunham of Lakeview was elected as national president by 10,400 F.F.A. members at the convention.

Neal Reiling, president of the North Marion F.F.A. chapter, who went to the national meeting last year, recommended the trip to any farm boy interested in F.F.A. work.

Ladies of the Central Howell community served a ham dinner prior to the program. Sweepstakes trophies were donated by Heyman-Campbell Seed Co., Albany, and the Mt. Angel Farmer's Union Oil Company.

Judging results:

Corn judging contest for juniors: (1) Charles Bernards, St. Paul; (2) Dennis Burnn, North Marion; (3) Rudy Sonnen, Broadacres.

Ten-ear exhibits, juniors: (1) David Myers, Aurora; (2) Lyle Myers, Aurora; (3) Howard Mikkelson, Woodburn.

Ten-ear exhibits, adults: (1) Raymond Werner, Silverton; (2) Francis Ryan, Aurora; (3) James Hadley, Aurora.

Corn growing, juniors: (1) Neal Reiling, Hubbard, 79.3 bushels; (2) Rickey Sonnen, Aurora, 75 bushels; (3) Rudy Sonnen, Aurora, 69.8 bushels.

Corn growing, adults, nonirrigated: (1) Eugene McCarthy, Salem, 96.4 bushels; (2) Claude Steusloff, Salem, 73.2 bushels; (3) Dan Steffen, Silverton, 67.8 bushels.

Corn growing, adults, irrigated: (1) Eugene McCarthy, 149.1 bushels; (2) Carl Morris, Jefferson, 88.9 bushels.

Top Corn Show Winners

CENTRAL HOWELL—Pete Kirk, right, top photo, presents plaque to Raymond Werner, sweepstakes winner at Marion County Corn Show held at Central Howell school house Saturday night. At left is Francis Ryan winner of second place. Kirk represented the Marion County Farmers Union Oil Co. of Mount Angel which provided the trophy. In lower photo are Future Farmers of America winners, all from Aurora. At left is Neal Reiling, who won first in junior yield with 79.3 bushels per acre; in center is David Myers, first in 10 ear junior exhibit, and Lyle Myers, right, second in 10 ear junior exhibit. (Capital Journal Photos)

Grange Group Bogs Down in Policy Parley

CLEVELAND (AP) — A spokesman for the Grange's agricultural committee said Sunday night the committee members apparently will be unable to reach a unanimous agreement on policy recommendations.

For that reason, said the spokesman, the question of recommendations probably will be put up to the entire delegation to the Grange's 89th annual convention underway here.

Statements by two members of the committee indicate the range in views of the committee members.

The committee's chairman, Beatty B. Dimit, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, commented:

"The major aims of our policy should be to work for less government in agriculture as rapidly as conditions permit. The long time aim is to get away from all price supports, although we recommend this must be done gradually."

A committee member, A. Lars Nelson, master of the Washington State Grange, said:

"In view of the seriousness of the farm situation, . . . we can no longer stand halfway between the concept of rigid supports and flexible supports. We stand for full parity for all of our farm products going into the domestic markets."

The island of Tahiti has an area of 402 square miles and is 33 miles long.

Arabia Denies Buying Arms

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Saudi Arabia has denied as "lies and fabrications" reports that she is trying to buy Communist arms.

A communique from the Middle Eastern kingdom's information department denied specifically reports that (1) King Saud had sought a meeting with Soviet representatives to discuss an arms deal, (2) the Arabian government is sending a delegation to visit Czechoslovakian arms factories, and (3) Soviet President Klementi Voroshilov offered arms in his message congratulating King Saud on the anniversary of his accession.

Stricken Hunter Will Return Soon

SILVERTON—Chet Carter has sent word to local friends that he hopes to be able to return to Silverton to conclude his business affairs here after a two weeks' absence.

Carter was on an elk hunting trip with several friends in the eastern Washington and Oregon areas, when he suffered a heart attack. For a time he was hospitalized at the Walla Walla, Wash., General hospital, and later was moved to Portland to be at the home of the parents of the late Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green, where he plans to remain until he is able to return to Silverton.

Carter recently sold his plumbing and appliance business to the Edward L. Divnichs, formerly of Gresham, who have taken posession.

600 Served at Liberty Dinner

LIBERTY—Open House and the annual Ham dinner sponsored by the Liberty Mothers and Dads club was held Wednesday evening at the school.

Six hundred dinners were served with the club netting nearly $230 and 125 persons participating in the dinner affair.

Chairmen were Mrs. Sid Boise, Mrs. Robert Bryum, and Mrs. Wally Murdock. The room mothers were in charge of the various foods axed at the dinner.

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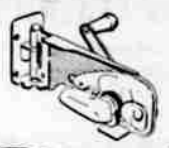

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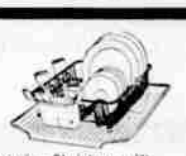

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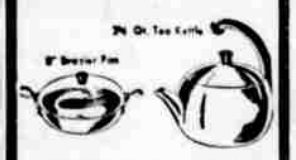

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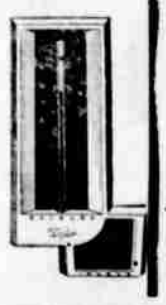

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