

Improvements keep pace with growth of fair

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Considerable time and money have been spent, enlarging and improving the Deschutes County Fair Grounds since the first fair was held in 1920.

The original grandstands, which are still in use, had a seating capacity of 1,000. Since that time, these stands have been supplemented so that they now afford a capacity of 2,500. The grandstands, plus three sets of bleachers, now offer a seating capacity of 5,000.

The half-mile race track was constructed in 1919. The first horse races were held on the fair grounds in 1920.

The fair buildings have been built through gate receipts and profits from the horse and dog races. The main exhibit building was built in 1922. Buildings for the different divisions of the fair are being built as funds are made available. There are over 20 buildings standing on the fair grounds. Ten of these are used for livestock.

There have been more recent improvements. Modern restrooms have been constructed of pumice bricks. All of the other buildings are wood frame.

In 1960, dormitories were provided for the 4-H club members who show livestock at the fair. Both the boys and the girls dorms have facilities for a counselor who stays with club members during the fair.

Another addition had been the 4-H food hall, which is run by the club leaders and parents of the club members. All club members who are staying on the grounds are required to eat at the hall.

The original purpose of the hall was to provide the youngsters with balanced meals. Club members can eat for just \$1.50 a day. This year there will be a paid dining room hostess. The facilities will be used for guest lunches, and service clubs which are meeting during the fair.

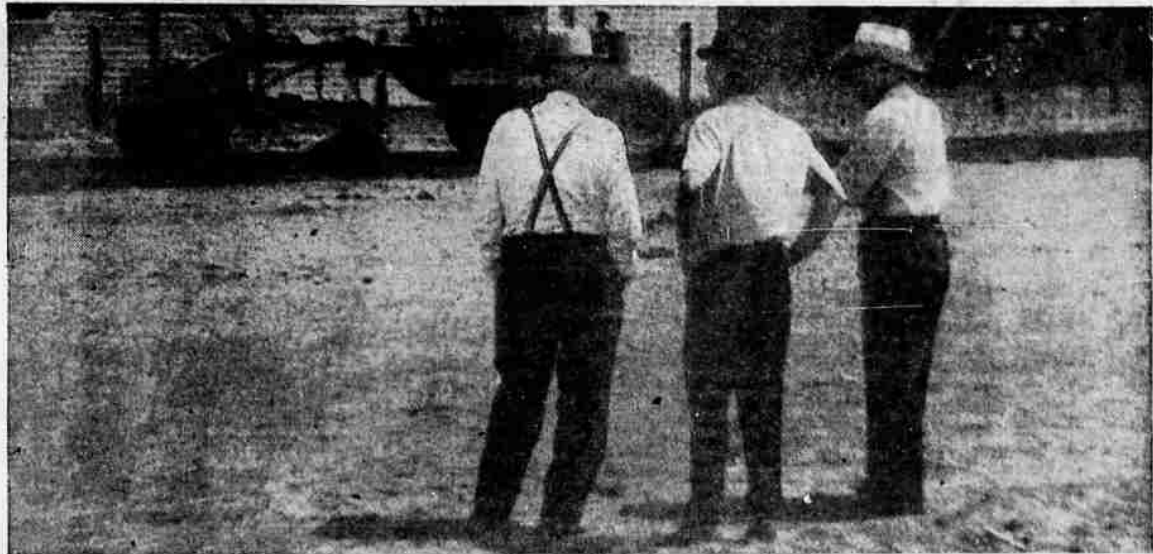
Profits from the food hall are used by the 4-H clubs for sending a delegate to the State 4-H Foundation, transportation and lodging expenses to the 4-H Leader's Conference, chaperones for the dormitories, or contributions to state funds for the International Farm Youth Exchange.

This year, a new 570 foot roof has been put on the livestock barns. As is done every year, paint has been added to the buildings. A new bed of cinders for the grounds has been provided, free of charge, by the County Road Commission. The race track will be in top condition with the new top soil that has been added.

U.S. rubber consumption up

AKRON, Ohio (UPI) — U.S. consumption of synthetic rubber this year will be larger than the nation's consumption of both synthetic and natural just a little more than a decade ago, according to the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

Goodyear's publication, Rubber Industry and Motor Vehicle Facts, gives a 1963 synthetic rubber consumption estimate of 1,265,000 (m) tons. This compares with total rubber consumption of 1,258,000 (m) tons in 1950.



PARKING AREA CINDERED—Cleaner cars at fair time will be the result of extensive cindering operations on the parking lot south of the fairgrounds. Ray Dempsey operates a city blade as fair directors (from left) Roy Newell, Laddie Jordan

and Carl Galloway look on. Cinders were provided and hauled by the county. This is the first time driveways in the parking lot have been surfaced.



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