

### From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

With fair time only one month away, our farm people should be giving much thought to the exhibits they are going to make this year.

In the past, grain exhibits have been few, especially when we stop to realize that grain crops, wheat of course being major, provide our main source of agricultural income. Last years twenty-three exhibits of grain could hardly be called a representative sample of a crop that brought almost nine and one half million dollars to our farmers.

Lots of work goes into the preparation of a fair. A few people do all the work. Nothing pleases these people any more than to see a great number of exhibits—so many that there is not enough room to set them in place.

So—you can do your share in contributing to the success of the fair by getting your exhibits together now. Start by looking through the premium list that has been sent you. You will find classes for beef and dairy cattle, sheep and wool, hogs, poultry, rabbits, horses, hay and grass, grain, fruit, vegetables, school exhibits, booths, clothing, needle-

work, photography and art work, cookery, canning, flowers, upholstery, antiques and articles pertaining to Morrow County, 4-H home economics and agricultural exhibits and F. F. A.

If you want to bring in some of the hay and grain exhibits to have them stored till fair time leave them with Ed Craber, caretaker at the grounds. Whether you bring them in now or the day the fair starts, you will get much satisfaction from making an exhibit as well as knowing you have contributed in making Morrow County agriculture prosper. Remember! county fairs are one way of showing our people what we can produce on our farms. Everyone is bound to go home to do as good a job in producing grain and livestock—farm wives, a little better cooking and sewing before next year's fair rolls 'round.

Ranchers who are going to need a clean source of seed wheat for fall planting should be getting this seed now. Many times supplies of good seed cannot be kept clean or unmixed with other varieties on the farm or in the warehouse. There are many sources of good clean seed. We have a list of the certified seed growers in Oregon that can be secured at this office.

One such source of clean seed of the Elmar variety is at Don Greenup and Randall Martin ranches near Buttercreek. This is being harvested now and can be taken right from the combine. It is from certified seed last year.

Feed efficiency testing for selection of faster gaining and efficient feed converters, which you have all heard so much about in the past few years, is paying off. Where research on the project in Montana has been carried for many years, commercial cattlemen are seeking bulls that have been selected and tested for rapid and efficient gains. Feeder buyers are paying premiums of \$2.75 to \$3.00 per hundred weight for steers from herds using such bulls, with a difference of \$30 to \$40 in net return per steer above another. Montana research officials say that if only one-fourth feed cost of one sire group over as much difference in net return could be had for that state's entire beef output, it would mean a net increase of 4 million dollars annually.

Last week we mentioned in this column the livestock grading work scheduled at the Portland stock yards. This proved very educational and interesting. A workout for county agents concerned with livestock marketing, grading was done on hoof and carcass. Sheep and cattle of

## National Ag Fraternity To Convene in Portland



DR. J. C. KNOTT  
Washington State College

GEORGE L. PENROSE  
Union Pacific Railroad

Dr. J. C. Knott and George L. Penrose are key figures in the coming national convention of Alpha Gamma Rho, national agricultural fraternity, to be held in Portland, Ore., Aug. 15-17. Dr. Knott, director of the Institute of Agricultural Sciences at Washington State College and nationally known dairy judge will be the principal convention speaker. He is a charter member of the fraternity's Sigma Chapter at WSC. Penrose, Union Pacific Railroad agricultural agent and member of the Alpha Beta Chapter at Oregon State College, is general chairman for this first national convention to be held in the Northwest.

various classes from feed lot fed to grass steers and cull cows were graded on hoof then followed through to slaughter carcass. We found that even the experienced cattle grades of live cattle many-times do not put a grade on that carries through to the U. S. inspectors grade of the carcass.

The 26th Annual Oregon Ram sale sponsored by the Oregon Wool Growers Association will be held at Pendleton, 10:00 a. m. S. T. August 15, reports L. E. Pearson, vice-president and member of the sale committee.

Twenty-two breeders from the western states will offer 350 rams in the Rambouillet, Lincoln-Rambouillet Crossbred, Lincoln, Corriedale, Columbia, Suffolk, Hampshire-Suffolk crossbred, and Hampshire breeds.

Members of the sifting committee passing on quality of rams offered will be Harold Cohn, Heppner; O. M. Nelson, professor of animal husbandry at Oregon State college; Dr. R. R. Younce, state veterinarian; Martin Maine, Pilot Rock; and John Landers, O. S. C.

"Featured at the sale this year will be offerings of single pens or pens of two rams in each breed. This will give farm flock owners an opportunity to purchase their ram requirements," said Pearson. Catalogues may be obtained from the Oregon Wool Growers Association, Pendleton.

Rams offered at the sale on August 15 will be auctioned by the head, Earl O. Walter, Filer, Idaho, will cry the sale.

### Entries Coming in For PI Hereford Show

The National Hereford show attracted the first entry for the 1952 Pacific International Livestock show—an entry from the Coffee Hereford ranch at Chehalis, Washington. This year's P. I. is scheduled for October 4-11th.

Four additional entries have been received, the largest being the "Double M" Hereford ranch with space reservations for a herd of 25 head. The Haybrook Hereford ranch and the Joe Fisher Hereford ranch have also indicated their intention to show.

Entries will be open until September 20th. Herds from all over the United States will be represented, according to Walter Holt, exposition manager, especially

from Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Washington and Oregon.

The Coffee ranch entry will be 12 head of the famed white faced cattle to compete in the National Hereford show at the big exposition. It is the biggest cattle show and sale of any breed held anywhere in the United States. A minimum of 400 head is expected to be entered. The sale date is 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, October 7th.

W. O. Dix, county assessor, and Mrs. Olive Hughes, deputy assessor, spent Thursday in Condon conferring with the Gilliam County assessor relative to joint school districts and other matters concerning the tax rolls.

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Mrs. Grace Nickerson returned Sunday from a three weeks' vacation trip which took her to Chicago where she visited her son, Francis, and family and on to Quebec, Montreal and Toronto in Canada. The trip was made by train. She was accompanied by a niece from Sebastopol, California.

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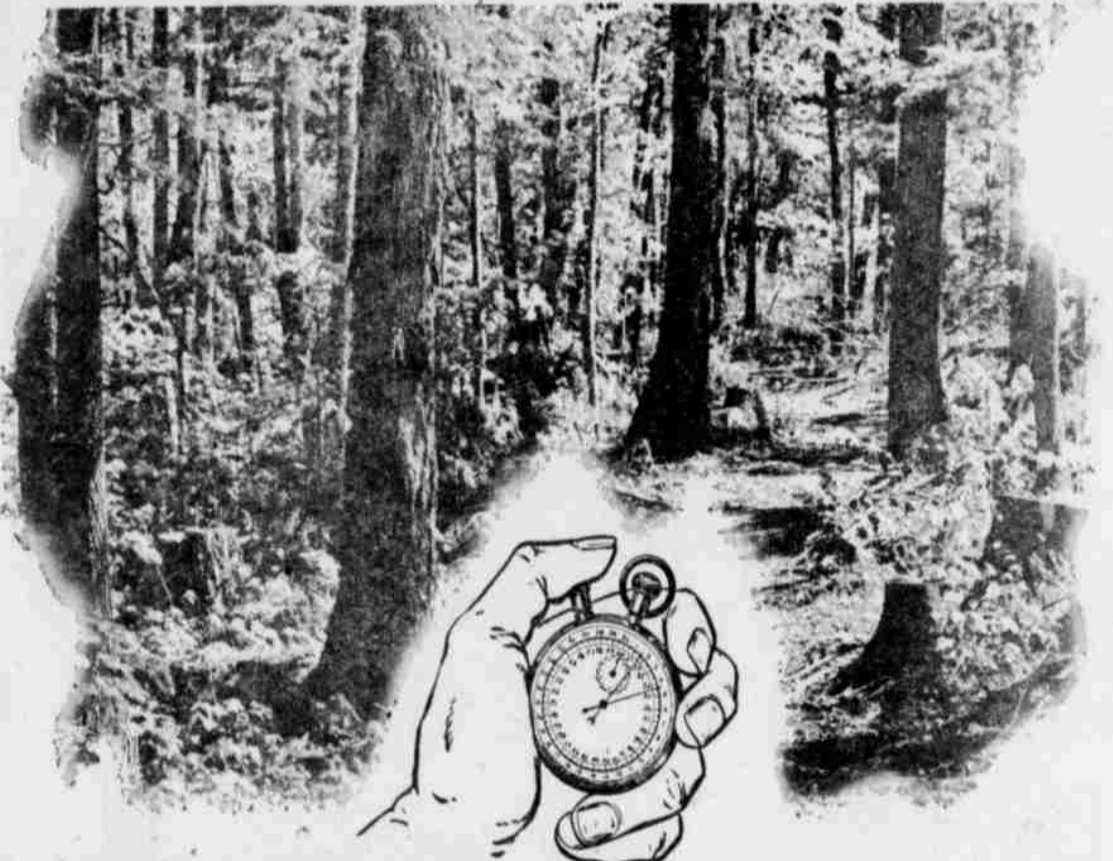
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