

State Fair Dated Sept. 2 to 10



Salem (Special)—Two-and-a-half year old Junie Tompkins of Salem gets an advance look at the beautiful grounds at the 95th annual Oregon State Fair to open in Salem September 2 through 10. From the grin on her face she is all set to attend the Louis Armstrong All-Star Stage Show, feature of the annual event this year.

Jean Stockard is Best Demonstrator

Jean Stockard, 13, daughter of Mrs. Anita Stockard, Heppner, swept the field in 4-H home economics demonstrations at the Morrow county fair this past week, according to Esther Kirnis, Morrow county extension agent.

Besides winning the champion purple ribbon, Jean will receive a plaque donated by Mr and Mrs Walter Wright, Heppner; for the best over-all home economics demonstration; and \$5.00 from the lone Garden Club for the best food demonstration.

Sue Townsend and Jeanne Stockard were chosen by the judge to represent Morrow county as demonstrators at the State Fair in Salem the first week in September.

Linda Thornberg and Theresa Munkers, both Lexington, won champion rating in team demonstrations. They showed how to make an oven mitt.

Nancy Doherty, Heppner, won the best individual clothing demonstration; Linda Thornberg and Theresa Munkers, the best team demonstration. These three girls will be presented shears by the lone extension unit as

a special demonstration award. Earning blue ribbons for their 4-H home economics demonstrations were the team of Joyce Peck and Phyllis Thornburg, Lexington, on how to fringe a place mat; Christine Munkers and Jan Frink, Lexington, on how to make a pin cushion. Individual blue ribbon winners were Nancy Doherty, Heppner, how to prepare a sewing box; Sue Townsend, lone, how to set a table correctly; Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington, how to make a garment protector.

Red ribbon winners were Rogena Wilson, Heppner, how to equip a sewing box; Leora Van Winkle, Heppner, how to lay a pattern; Joan Stockard, Heppner, fabrics for a drawstring apron, and Brenda Steagall, Lexington, how to make a needle case.

Connie Tellafson, Hermiston, judged the 4-H demonstrations.

Boaters Involved In Accidents Must File Reports

A new accident reporting program for boatmen was initiated by the state of Oregon this year. Under the new program, all accidents involving watercraft,

which occur on state waters, must be reported to the Oregon State Marine Board within 48 hours.

In the event more than one boat is involved in an accident, a separate report must be submitted by the operator of each boat. If the operator is not physically capable of making the report, it should be made by the boat owner or other person familiar with the facts of the accident.

A State Marine Board form "boating accident report" has been designed to simplify and minimize the writing required by an operator completing the form. The forms may be obtained from the offices of county sheriffs.

Information obtained from the reports, which are required by the state law, will be used by the State Marine Board in compiling statistics on boating accidents. Analysis of these statistics, once compiled, should indicate measures that best could be used to enhance boating safety.

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SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS IN COUNTY NEARLY \$300,000 YEARLY

At the end of 1959, as federal social security was starting its twenty-fifth year, old-age, survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits were being paid in Morrow county to 386 persons at the rate of \$295,800 a year, according to Mr Vernon A. Welo, manager of the La-Grande, Oregon social security district office. "This is an increase in number of beneficiaries of about 5 percent since February, 1959, the last previous date for which county figures are available," he said.

Nationally, about 13 1/2 million persons were receiving old-age, survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits at the end of 1959 at an annual rate of more than \$10 billion. At the close of 1940—the first year in which monthly benefits were payable—beneficiaries throughout the nation totaled 200,000. Almost half a million disabled worker beneficiaries and their dependents receiving benefits at a yearly rate of over \$400 million are included in the figures for 1959.

The number of wives, husbands, and children of disabled worker beneficiaries receiving monthly benefits increased sharply in 1959. Such benefits were first payable for September, 1958. Nationally, from February to December 1959, the number of these beneficiaries more than doubled—from 60,000 to 126,000.

Payments to a retired worker with no dependents receiving benefits averaged \$69 a month nationally at the end of last December; to a retired couple, both of whom were receiving benefits,

the average payment was \$121. The average for a widow with two young children was \$169.

By contrast, Welo recalled that when benefits first became payable in 1940, the average monthly payment to a retired worker with no dependents receiving benefits was \$22, and to a retired couple the average payment was \$36.

As social security celebrates its silver anniversary (the original Act was signed into law on August 14, 1935) about 74 million working people are in covered employment or self-employment in the course of a year. They are building old-age, survivors, and disability protection for themselves, their dependents, and their survivors under the social security law.

The table below shows the number and monthly amount of each type of benefit being paid in Morrow county, as of December 31, 1959, the date of the latest available tabulation:

Retired workers (248) \$18,150 monthly; Disabled workers (2) \$161 monthly; Wives or husbands of retired or disabled workers (57) \$2,118 monthly; Widows or widowers (29) \$1,701 monthly; Dependent parents (1) \$32; Mothers with children (8) \$435 monthly; Children of retired, deceased, or disabled workers (41) \$2,053 monthly.

For the entire state of Oregon, old-age, survivors, and disability insurance payments at the end of December, 1959 were being paid to 160,259 beneficiaries at the rate of \$10,213,440 per month. Benefits totaling \$122,561,280 were paid in Oregon during 1959.

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