

FARM

PI Opens Friday; Morrow Livestock To be on Display

Two Morrow county exhibitors will have livestock on display at this year's Pacific International Livestock Exposition in North Portland October 4 to 12, according to Irvin Mann, Jr. of Stanfield, livestock show chairman.

They are Frank Anderson of Heppner, exhibiting two Herefords, and Herbert Ekstrom and Sons, Ione, exhibiting seven Polled Herefords.

They will compete for a share of \$105,000 in livestock premiums, highest in the history of the 58-year-old show. Also, meat animal exhibitors will vie for grand championships in their respective categories.

Visitors to the P-I will be entertained by 12 arena shows during the nine days of the exposition—a show at 8 p.m. nightly, plus 1:30 p.m. matinees on the two Saturdays and one Sunday. Each arena show will include horse show performance classes, plus finals of the Northwest Rodeo Association-Idaho Cowboys Association rodeo.

Ten leading point-makers from each association in each rodeo event will compete at the 12 performances, with cumulative point totals, throughout the P-I to determine the 1968 champions.

Intermission entertainment will include the trick-riding Warvel Family and the Meadowland Dairy six-horse hitch. In addition, there will be six calf scrambles, and the first Friday night will also feature games on horseback by the Western Horsemen of Oregon.

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OSU Releases New Hard Spring Wheat

A new white spring wheat variety has been released by the Oregon State University Agricultural Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Named "Adams," the new wheat variety was developed by Dr. Charles Rohde, superintendent of the Pendleton Experiment Station, in cooperation with the Crops Research Division of the Agricultural Research Service.

The new variety is considered a hard wheat and is suitable for growing in the white wheat areas of eastern Oregon. Adams is a mid-tall, awned, common variety with white chaff and white kernels. It matures slightly earlier than Federation, but later than Idaea 59.

The new variety has moderately stiff straw, and appears to resist lodging under both dryland and irrigated conditions. It also appears tolerant of stripe rust, although this disease seems to infect the variety quite readily.

Adams has very good milling characteristics and produces high flour yields.

Leth Attending Sun Valley Meet; Due Here Oct. 30

Oregon's Director of Agriculture Walter Leth is at Sun Valley, Idaho, this week for the annual convention of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. This is the first of many engagements he has for the month of October. Leth will speak in Heppner on October 30.

The director is participating in the Sun Valley session as a member of the association's committee working on livestock diseases and sanitation.

He has also proposed to directors of agriculture of the states bordering Oregon that they confer with him on the merits of a uniform and reciprocal system of brand inspection for livestock moving across state lines.

Leth said one of the important items on the association's agenda for the meeting is a discussion of the effect of federal inspection on state services in meat inspection and poultry inspection.

The week after his return from the association's meeting Leth will be the speaker for the Portland Kiwanis Club. The date is October 9.

October 11 the director will be in Columbus, Ohio, for the 100th anniversary of the American Jersey Cattle Club. Leth is a former director of the club, representing all of the western states on that board.

The Kiwanis Club at St. Helens will have Director Leth as a speaker October 17 and October 21 he is to speak at the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce.

Leth will spend the remainder of the week of October 21 in Southeastern Oregon and accompanied by R. A. Long, member of the State Board of Agriculture from Fort Rock, will visit various areas in that section of the state.

The state agriculture director will be the principal speaker at the joint banquet of the Morrow County Livestock Growers, Conservation District and Chamber of Commerce in Heppner, Wednesday evening, October 30.



RONALD HAGUEWOOD of Heppner, Paul Tews of Ione, and Ival Sullivan of Irrigon compose the new ASC committee for Morrow county.

Cattlemen Discuss Changing Trends At Meet Sunday

Cattlemen from the four Northwestern states heard the nation's leaders of the cattle industry discuss the fast changing trends in beef production at the A Bar L Ranch near Canyon City, Sunday, September 29.

Dr. Robert A. Long, head of the Animal Science Department, University of Georgia, told more than 450 ranchers that cattle produced for the modern markets must be bred to concentrate on muscling with a minimum of excess fat. Skeletal relations of muscling bone, and fat were explained in dramatic fashion by the highly scientific but very personable Dr. Long.

Reub Albaugh, livestock extension specialist emeritus, University of California, was backed up by Dr. Ralph Bogart, Professor of Animal Science, Oregon State University, in developing the genetics to produce the kind of cattle needed today. Albaugh made a strong point of the necessity of production and progeny records as the necessary tool for profit in today's cattle business. Ron Baker, Brent Horn, and Jim Allen, leading feeders in the Northwest, discussed the requirements of today's cattle in the feeding business, which is the marketing device for most of Oregon's cattle.

Don Barnard, head meat buyer, Kienow's Markets in Portland, laid before the cattlemen the requirements of his retail industry as dictated by the consumer. Donald Ostensoe, Oregon Beef Council executive secretary and Beef Council Chairman Jim Brooks pointed out the necessity of promotion in today's competitive market.

Taking this type of conference to cattle country proved an overflow success, according to Don Bradshaw, president of the Oregon Hereford Association. He was a panelist on the producer panel, led by Doug Bennett of the Stone Hereford Ranch. Bob Steward, prominent Keating rancher, put before the conference the "facts of life" faced by today's commercial cattlemen if he is to exist economically.

Perfect fall weather in the most beautiful mountain ranch setting glamorized by colorful Hereford cattle made an excellent setting for what everyone present described as the most successful conference ever put together in the Northwest.

Sewing Club Keeps Active Through Year

The Ruralettes 4-H club held seven meetings last year. We met during spring vacation at the home of Shauna and Carley Bergstrom for an all-day meeting. Our leader, Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, showed us how to put in a bound buttonhole, shrink wool material, and how to fill out our record books.

Then on Monday, June 10, our club went to the Pendleton Woolen Mills. Here we bought some wool fabric. We held all-day 4-H meetings the rest of the week in the Home Ec. room at Ione High school. We brought our sack lunch and sewed all day. For relaxation we went swimming.

On Monday, September 23, we held our last meeting in the Home Ec. room. We elected our officers for the next year. President, Shauna Bergstrom; vice-president, Cheri Carlson; secretary, Carly Bergstrom; news re-

New County ASC Committee Chosen

Ronald W. Haguewood of Heppner, Paul W. Tews of Ione, and Ival Sullivan of Irrigon, were elected to the Morrow county ASC committee at the county convention September 27, 1968.

Haguewood is chairman. He has completed a three year term and was re-elected for one year. Tews is vice chairman and was elected to a three year term. Sullivan, regular member, was elected to a two year term. The term of office begins October 1, 1968.

Terms of office for county committeemen are on a 3-year basis, with one new member normally being elected each year at a convention of newly elected community ASC committeemen. The situation varies, however, according to the number of actual vacancies on the committee. In addition, first and second alternates are elected for one year each.

The newly elected alternates are Norman Nelson of Lexington and Leo Ashbeck of Echo.

The ASC farmer-committee system is unique, according to David McLeod, manager of the ASC office here. No other group of citizens has so direct a voice in developing and running government programs. Farmers eligible to take part in programs administered by the committee first elect county committeemen, who in turn elect county committeemen. While the county committee is in actual charge of administering the program locally, the community committeemen lend operating assistance where needed and are particularly responsible for keeping their neighbors informed about the programs available.

The elected committees are not federal office holders. Congress holds the Department of Agriculture responsible for program activities, and the Department in turn relies on the judgment and leadership of the locally elected farmers and the county office employees. The county office serves as the headquarters for farmer business connected with program participation.

Major ASC activities in Morrow county include the Agricultural Conservation Program, price-support loans on wheat, barley, oats and rye, the feed grain program, the wheat program, the conservation reserve program and wool incentive program.

Total farm program business handled by the county ASCS office in Morrow county last year amounted to \$4,185,500.00, which both improved the income of farm producers and strengthened the economy of the whole area, McLeod said.

porter, Chris McCabe. Those who had not filled out their 4-H records filled them out. Then we talked about next year and how we will hold our meetings. We decided to hold them the same as last year.

Cheri Carlson, reporter



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