

FARM

Horse Show Set Early in Fair

The 4-H Horse Show, scheduled for Sunday, August 10, is the first event scheduled for the Morrow County Fair. Club members will compete for honors in horsemanship and showmanship in an all-day show at the county fairgrounds beginning at 9:00 a.m.

This is the first year the show has been an all-day affair. The change was necessary due to the large number of entrants. Other changes include use of score cards for judging, with the cards to be given the entrants at close of the show. For the first time, there will be classes for colts on halter and saddle, which have been trained by club members.

Superintendents in charge of the horse show are 4-H club leaders Charley Daly and Floyd Jones.

Additional preparations for the fair August 19-22 are underway. Letters have been mailed to all enrolled 4-H home economics club members for their entries in the various events. Pre-registration forms by the club members are to be returned to the county extension office by August 6.

Forster Named New Shipping Inspector

Leonard Forster, Shedd, who the past year and a half was a seed buyer for W. R. Grace Company in Linn and Lane counties, has joined the Oregon Department of Agriculture staff as a shipping point inspector.

Safety Measures Urged To Reduce Farm Accidents

National Farm Safety Week, July 20-26, is a good time to take stock of your ranch and home, notes Harold Kerr, Morrow county extension agent.

The farm safety theme "Management to Prevent Accidents" is the key to making agriculture a safer industry. Only mining and construction have more accidents per 100,000 workers than agriculture. In 1967, 7,700 farm workers were killed in farm accidents. This is a rate of 71 deaths per 100,000 farm workers.

Statistics gathered by the National Safety Council show that each year nearly 600 persons are killed in tractor upset accidents. An additional 5,000 persons suffer injuries, many of which are permanent disabilities.

Research has indicated that 3 out of 4 persons now killed in tractor upsets could have been saved if their tractors were equipped with protective frames or crush resistant cabs and safety belts.

Fire prevention is also an important part of farm safety. Each year farm fires cause the loss of 500 lives and \$200 million dollars in property damage.

A few simple preventative measures will prevent many of the farm fires which start each year. These measures are:

- Keep buildings free of unneeded combustible material and accumulations of chaff, straw and dust.
- Rid the farmstead of dry weeds, brush and old lumber.
- Keep paint rags in metal containers.
- Store farm fuels 40 or more feet from buildings.
- Keep small quantities of fuels in sturdy, well-marked metal containers.
- Burn rubbish at a safe distance from buildings and other combustibles, and only when the wind is calm.
- Check electrical systems and make necessary repairs.
- Watch smoking in buildings.

—Check daily the temperature of newly stored hay.
—Place portable heaters away from anything that could catch fire.
—Place fire extinguishers in buildings, and on tractors, self-propelled harvesting machinery and trucks.

Changes Made to 1969 State Fair

The full premium list for the Oregon State Fair was mailed July 16, according to Fair Manager Robert L. Stevens. The list contains all departments except the Horse Show, FFA, and 4-H.

With the exception of livestock, poultry, pigeons and rabbits, inserts of other departments have been mailed previously to interested exhibitors.

New this year in the beef cattle competition will be Charolais, Rambouillet and American La Manchas have been added to the sheep division, and American La Manchas will be competing for the first time in the dairy goat division. A record total of \$66,875 will be awarded this year in the livestock division.

Most entries close by August 1, and must be postmarked by midnight of that date. Exceptions are Horse Show entries which close August 8, Art Show entries close August 12 and Photography on August 14.

Interested entrants may obtain a premium list by writing to Oregon State Fair, Salem, 97310, or phoning (Area 503) 362-4122. It would be helpful if departments and divisions are specified in the request.

The fair runs from August 23 through September 1. A classification for Cavies has been added this year in the Rabbits Department, and Tropical Fish is a completely new department.

Entries Urged In Fair Exhibits And Pet Show

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As fair time grows closer, the Morrow County Fair Board and I would like to invite and encourage all residents of Morrow county to exhibit in as many different areas of the fair as possible.

Look the premium book over carefully and plan to exhibit clothing you've made during the year; foods you have canned since last fair; flowers; hobbies—cooking; needlework; art work—and in many, many more different areas of the fair. Remember—the Morrow County Fair is a no-admission or "free" fair. This makes it even more possible for everyone to attend and participate.

If you haven't received a copy of the 1969 premium book, please call 676-9143 and one will be mailed to you.

Pet Show Offers Premiums

The Pet Show has become a very popular event at the Morrow County Fair each year. Mrs. Bernard Doherty is superintendent of this event and has helped to create lots of fun and interest for the young exhibitors. The Pet Show is open to children 5 years through 14 years of age. All types of pets may be shown such as cats, dogs, birds, banties, guinea pigs, etc. It will be held on Thursday, August 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The parade of pets begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Judging Arena.

This year, to make the show even more popular, a \$1.00 premium will be paid to each exhibitor, plus a ribbon. So let's bring and exhibit our pets this year at the Morrow County Fair.

Morrow County CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY

(For week ending July 19, 1969) Wheat and barley harvest progressing well in the north end of county. Green shoots in barley and green spots in wheat are prolonging harvest in most of the county. Yields are variable. Excellent apricot crop in the north end of county.

Oregon Profits From Cautious Pesticide Use

Oregon has few, if any, pesticide-caused problems, according to Dr. James M. Witt, Oregon State University extension agricultural chemist.

Hastening to point out that undiscovered environmental damage could exist, Witt said that Oregon has profited from a "cautious" pest-control program.

There is a difference between localized damage caused by over-application, and long-term effects, Witt said. He explained that organic chlorine-containing chemicals such as DDT and Dieldrin were not developed until 1944. These and other "persistent" chemicals can be taken in by small plants and animals and stored in their tissues.

If these pesticides are not broken down, they can be passed to larger animals which feed upon the smaller organisms. Thus, the larger animals can, in certain cases, accumulate the pesticides in amounts much higher than those which were applied to the environment, the extension specialist said.

"Accumulation, and its possible effects on our wildlife and food animals is what we are concerned about," Witt said. Research conducted by universities and various federal agencies has not revealed health problems directly attributable to pesticide use, according to official U. S. Department of Agriculture sources.

However, these same studies have found traces of pesticide in the tissues of most fish, birds, domestic animals, and humans. Conservationists and wildlife scientists suspect certain of the chemicals, principally DDT and Dieldrin, are at least partially responsible for a decline in number of certain types of wild fowl. Furthermore, over application and careless disposal techniques have been proven to be a serious pollution problem.

It is for these reasons that the USDA is continuing to support pesticide research, the OSU scientist said. Witt mentioned the three-day symposium on pesticides and the environment, to be held August 18-20, and the recent grant of \$68,853 from the U. S. Public Health Service as excellent examples of federal support of current OSU investigations.

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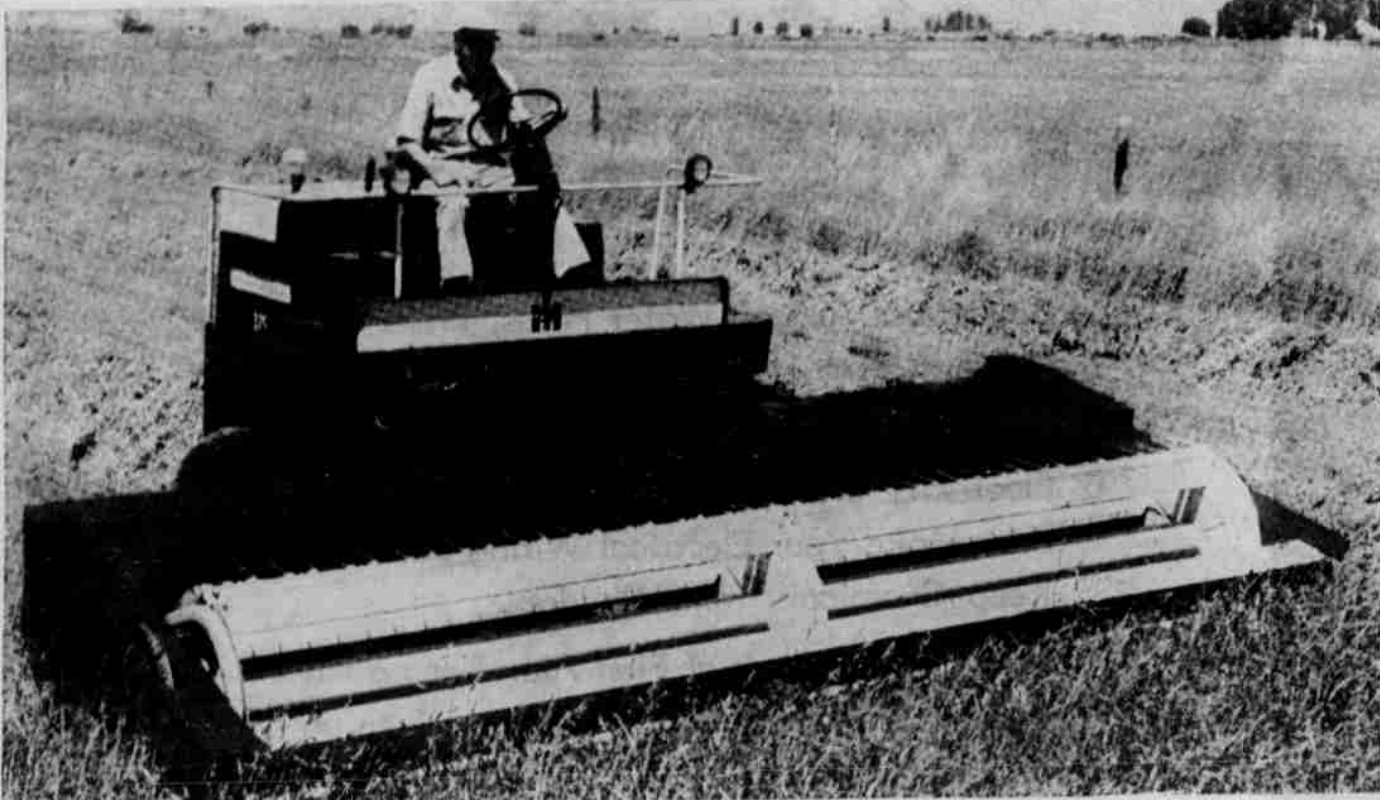


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