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PREMIUM LIST FOR BIG SHOW READY

PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL IS TO AWARD \$100,000

One of Best Shows in History is Expected by Management, Oct. 29-Nov. 5.

The premium list of the seventeenth annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition, to be held at Portland, Oct. 29 to Nov. 5, inclusive, is now being distributed. Extra copies may be had from O. M. Plummer 211 N. W. Bank Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

The total amount of cash prizes offered in all of the various departments approximated \$100,000 and is divided about as follows: \$11,000 in the beef division, to which the breed associations from the various parts of the country have added \$7,000; the dairy department \$11,800 in addition to about \$2,000 of the breed associations; the sheep classification carries \$6,500 of our money and about \$2,000 additional of breed association money; the draft horse class \$3,750; the fat classes, roughly, around \$5,000; in the horse show department, which is second to none in the country, \$12,500 of Pacific International's money and \$22,500 in entry fees, making a total of roughly \$35,000 for the horse show, which again makes it lead the world. In the Land Products department \$4,500; dairy products show about \$1,000; for boy and girl club work \$5,000; judging contests of various kinds \$3,250. There will be a divisional show of the American National Fox Breeders' Association with prizes aggregating several thousand dollars given by the association itself. The district this year will probably comprise Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, with perhaps some other territory taken in.

The same superintendents, practically, have been selected for the coming show. As a matter of fact, the heads of departments of the Pacific International are changed very little, which assures a smooth, splendid show year after year. The various department heads are as follows: A. P. Fleming, manager of the Pacific International horse show, Mr. Fleming is known all over the country as the manager, not only of the Pacific International horse show, but of the Oakland, Stockton, and Palo Alto shows in California. His handling of these four big shows on the coast insures him a splendid entry list in every case.

E. J. Fjeldsted of Idaho has charge of the beef division; D. L. Fourt of Idaho, of the dairy division; Ray Fox, one of our directors, has charge of the swine section; Professor O. M. Nelson of O. A. C. with the sheep; C. D. Minton in charge of the Manufacturing and Land Products show; Professor Chappell of O. A. C. has the dairy products show; R. H. Thomas, Portland, is in charge of the industrial section; H. C. Seymour in charge of boy and girl club work at Camp Plummer; Dr. Lytle, of Oregon, in co-operation with his fellow associates from Washington and Idaho, will enforce the sanitary arrangement.

With bumper crops all over the country, and livestock people beginning to feel the increases which are slowly taking place, it is a foregone conclusion that the Pacific International this year will live up to its motto—"Bigger and Better."

Wheat Yields High

Yields of wheat in the Athena district ranging from 34 to 62 bushels per acre have been reported, according to the Athena Press. Yields have varied more than usual, due, it is believed, to the spring freeze damage. The freeze injured some fields and did not reduce yields in others, variety and time of planting apparently being the deciding factors.

Fred Harper of Spokane and Clinton Harper of Heppner were here to spend the week end with their sister, Mrs. Cecil Warner.

COL. S. R. H. TOMPKINS



Col. S. R. H. Tompkins, one of the most colorful characters of the old army days during the winning of the west, who retires after 30 years' service.

KANSAS CLOUDBURST HITS MANY TOWNS

Topeka, Kan.—More than a dozen towns were flooded and many miles of lowlands inundated by terrific downpours in central Kansas, usually a sun-baked section where little rain falls at this time of year. No lives were lost, but heavy property damage was reported.

The flooded area is in a rich farming belt and the high waters took a heavy toll in wheat crops, horses and cattle.

The Smoky Hill river, ordinarily dry in the summer, went on rampage near Salina, flooding the towns of Ellsworth, Wilson, Blackwolf, Dorance and Marquette. Reports from Duluque said the water reached the second stories of homes and rescuers responded to many calls for help.

EDISON OBSERVES DAY

Golden Anniversary of Invention of Phonograph Observed.

West Orange, N. J.—Thomas A. Edison, the electrical wizard, celebrated the golden anniversary of his invention of the phonograph here.

A bound volume of congratulatory letters from governors of the various states, foreign rulers and others high in public and private life, was presented to him by Governor Moore.

The first words Mr. Edison spoke into his original phonograph in 1877 were from the nursery jingle, "Mary had a little lamb," to a congratulatory message from Mary Pickford, screen star, on the record of a dictating machine, was presented to the inventor.

The original machine that recorded the human voice and reproduced the sounds was on display.

Sacco-Vanzetti Reprieve Given.

Boston, Mass.—A respite to and including Monday, August 22, for Nicola Sacco, Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Celestino Madeiros was granted by Governor Muller and the executive council. The fate of Sacco and Vanzetti is again in the hands of the courts. The supreme court of Massachusetts will consider the bill of exceptions of defense counsel, previously denied by Judge Sanderson, but who announced that he would permit his decision to be reviewed by the full bench.

Indiana Banker Taken in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.—John G. Shaw, ex-secretary of the Terre Haute, Ind., savings bank, was arrested here on a warrant charging him with embezzlement of more than \$50,000 of the bank's funds.

Bee Keepers Contribute

The Umatilla County Bee Keepers' association has voted to contribute \$10 again this year to the Hermiston Dairy and Hog show to be awarded as special prize money for foods sweetened with honey. The contribution has been made for a number of years.

CLUB MEMBERS DO PRACTICE JUDGING

DEMONSTRATION HELD ALL DAY WEDNESDAY

H. A. Lindgren From O. A. C. Gives Boys Pointers in Livestock Work at Jackson's.

Wednesday proved a big day for boys who are members of livestock and crop clubs of the project because the whole day was given over to special study of livestock problems and to enjoying a big basket luncheon at the noon hour.

The all day demonstration and picnic was held at the home of the project supervisor of clubs, E. L. Jackson, with some of the parents of members aiding in the picnic part of the program.

In the demonstration work, the boys had the whole-hearted aid of H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist of O. A. C., who gave his whole day in teaching the boys all the pointers possible to crowd into a few hours. He was assisted by C. H. Jenkins, assistant county agent, and the club leaders.

The boys acquired practical experience in fitting and judging all kinds of livestock, except beef cattle. They tried their hands and knowledge in fitting and judging Hampshire sheep which are the property of the sheep club members. They also practiced on some Duroc-Jersey hogs.

In the afternoon practice work was done in the dairy cattle division.

The club members who participated in the day's activities included Loren, Donald and Jimmy Jackson, Floyd McMullen, Enos and Dick Martin, Lawrence Starr, Tilford Stillings, Donald DeMoss, Dick Upham, Walther Ott, Leo and Gerald Haddock and Walter Jenderewski.

Quite a lot more work remains for the club members to do before their training for livestock judging is completed for the fall fairs.

HOOSIERS OF COUNTY TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC AT STANFIELD PARK, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Stanfield's park has been secured as the place and Sunday, August 28, has been established as the date for the seventh annual picnic of all native born Hoosiers now living in Umatilla county. Announcement of the time and place of the reunion was made yesterday by the special committee of Hermiston women which is at work on the details of the affair.

Originally, the reunion and picnic was a Umatilla project affair, but with the passing of the years native Hoosiers from other parts of the county took notice and began attending. Last year the association of Indians broadened its field and urged Hoosiers from all over the county to attend.

The custom has been established and will be continued. All details of the day's program have not been arranged, but there will be a picnic dinner at 12 o'clock for which all who attend have been invited to bring plenty of food.

The local committee on entertainment includes Mrs. Ida Simmons, Mrs. N. W. Bloom, Mrs. F. B. Pennock and Mrs. W. A. Hineline.

Last Saturday evening a delightful surprise party was given at the home of Mrs. F. L. McFalls by her granddaughter, Mrs. Harlan P. Kaher, who was honoring the birthday anniversary of her mother, Mrs. Peer Bokish. There were about thirty friends and neighbors present. The first part of the evening was spent in games, then refreshments were served. Then all went to the home of Mrs. Bokish and spent the remainder of the evening in music and singing. About 12 o'clock the guests all departed for their homes after declaring they had had a delightful time, and wishing Mrs. Bokish many more happy birthdays.

HOSPITAL MATRON RETURNS AFTER COURSE IN PORTLAND

Mrs. J. D. Harrah, in charge of the Hermiston hospital, returned Monday night from Portland where she spent about three weeks in special training.

She divided her time between the Good Samaritan hospital and the Wilcox Memorial hospital. She did work in anaesthesia and obstetrics. The special training in anaesthesia was made so that minor surgical operations may be performed in the local hospital.

Trips on Sunday to Longview and to Camas, Washington, to see Mrs. M. W. Sims who has been there for several weeks during the illness of her mother, were taken by Mrs. Harrah.

Show Oct. 26-27

The Milton-Freewater Apple show will be held October 26 and 27 this year. The premium list will be larger than ever. This will be the seventh annual show.

Dr. and Mrs. David S. Rowe were Heppner visitors Tuesday.

JACK WHITE DIED MONDAY IN PENDLETON HOSPITAL

Jack White, a resident of Hermiston for about 12 years, died Monday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton after an illness of several weeks that resulted from a fracture suffered in a fall. He was 47 years old.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock in the local cemetery with Rev. S. Hamrick, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, in charge. The deceased had no relatives in this part of the country. He was a native of Indiana. He was a tailor and conducted a cleaning business here.

THIS DISTRICT SUITED TO POULTRY, GRAHAM SAYS

Local Grower Thinks Hermiston is Without Peer as to Natural Advantages.

"I think this is as fine a district for the poultry business as one will find anywhere," E. E. Graham said the other day while in town from his ranch, six miles east on the Diagonal road.

"We made a count of our flock just the other day," he said, "and we have slightly more than 900. Less than half of them are hens, but the flock has been paying for its own feed and feeding the young birds and leaving a little besides. I've compared notes with others in the poultry business, and most of them seem to think our flock has been doing exceptionally well."

Most of the credit for the showing should belong to Mrs. Graham, however, according to his idea. Feeding the birds is about the biggest factor in the business, he said, and Mrs. Graham has spent much time and effort on this phase of poultry production.

"Hot weather cut down our flock production, but we started feeding kale to the flock, and now our production is higher than it was a month ago. Kale has done very well for us, and I like it, not only because it has proved a good summer feed for the flock, but because it produces a big volume on a small acreage. I believe it is mighty fine for this country."

Mr. Graham said that his experience over a ten year period in this district has convinced him that one of the greatest improvements possible for farmers to make is to plant trees.

"I think every 40 acres should have at least five acres devoted to trees, planted like hedgerows across the farm," he said. "I've noticed that my neighbor, Mr. Haddock, can plow his fields and work them at pleasure without any worry about the possible bad effects of heavy winds. His fields are so well protected that the wind can not damage them. That is one of our biggest problems, and I believe that if we go ahead with a tree planting program, we can solve the problem."

STRANGERS SHOW INTEREST IN LAND

BIG HIGHWAY SIGNS ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION

Motorists Stop in Increasing Numbers to Get Data on Irrigated Land.

Contrary to the generally expressed belief that there is little or no interest on the part of the public in land, either as a home or for an investment, Hermiston residents have come to believe that land has a lively appeal.

The idea has gained headway here since the completion last week of the big highway signs advertising the Hermiston country as a country particularly adapted to dairying and commercial poultry production.

The signs were not completed as to lettering until motorists were stopping at local business houses and asking for more detailed information about prices of land, length of season and other similar subjects.

One young man from Oklahoma, desirous of specializing in the poultry business with a small dairy unit as a part of his farming activities, was well pleased with what he saw and expressed his intention of returning to Hermiston after he had visited relatives in Portland. He said he thought he would have to go clear to the western part of the state before it would be possible to find anything in the way of a location that would fill his requirements, when he left his old home.

A Kansas farmer remained here for several hours investigating the possibilities of the project. Many other strangers have evinced a lively interest in the country.

"The northwest is the country that is due to grow in the next 10 or 15 years," said a Portland man one day this week. "The expansion will be on the farms as well as in cities, and unless all signs fail, the growth in population and wealth is likely to exceed our fondest hopes. Nothing could drive me away from the Northwest. It's the coming country, in my opinion."

Johnson S. Smith is state deputy of Modern Woodmen of America and has contacts with farmers all over the state. He used to be a farmer and dairyman himself and so maintains a lively interest in farming.

"You folks have a lot better country up here than the general public has any idea of," said Mr. Smith Wednesday while here for a short time. "From the highway only one or two of your real farms can be seen. I took a drive out through the project this afternoon, and I'm convinced this district has great possibilities."

"Alfalfa, dairy herds, chickens and some pigs to take care of skin milk and bees to gather honey from the blooms of the alfalfa strike me as offering the big possibilities. If you people will let the world know about your possibilities, you're bound to see a material growth."

Mr. Smith said he had tried living on the farm and in town and admitted that as he grows older the appeal of the farm grows on him.

CALIFORNIA GROWERS GET RATE REDUCTION

Washington, D. C.—A reduction of 13 cents a hundred pounds on California fresh fruit, other than oranges, lemons and apples, moving to the eastern half of the United States was ordered by the interstate commerce commission, effective October 10, next.

By the same decision, the commission ordered the California fruit rates to Denver and Rocky mountain territory generally reduced at the same time by 12 cents.

Complaints of the California producing interests against the present rates were sustained almost completely by the commission.

Fruit growers of the Pacific northwest may have opportunity to reopen their fight for lower freight rates to the east as a result of the decision.

In contrast to the new California rates, the rate on the same commodities from Hood River and Yakima, the two great fruit shipping centers of the northwest, remains at \$1.69 to Omaha, \$1.87 1/2 to Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York City and \$1.58 to Denver.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Lon Westermann of Seattle, Wash., was elected president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in national convention at Milwaukee.

James Oliver Curwood, author and noted conservationist, died at his home in Ososno, Mich., after an illness resulting from streptococcus infection.

A \$783,000,000 "melon," establishing a record profit for American industry, is to be distributed among holders of stock in the General Motors corporation.

Cash and players to the amount of \$75,000 were offered by the Chicago White Sox for the contract of Lyn Lary, sensational young Oakland, Cal., shortstop.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway announced that it would intervene to prevent the proposed merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads.

Captain Arthur V. Rodgers was killed at Los Angeles when his Tandem-motored monoplane "Angel of Los Angeles" crashed to earth and the pilot attempted to leap to safety.

The Stork

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark are the parents of a daughter born Friday at the Hermiston hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Quimby are the parents of a daughter born Sunday night at Hermiston hospital.

Labor Is Plentiful

The supply of labor is plentiful all over the state, according to reports received by G. H. Gram, chairman of the seasonal employment commission. The reports were from 11 Oregon cities. Several of the towns indicate a surplus of labor, and none any shortage.

MAURICE DROUHIN



Maurice Drouhin, one of the best commercial pilots in France, who may pilot the plane Columbia on the return flight from Europe.

WESTLAND ABOUT DONE IRRIGATING

1927 SEASON TO CLOSE ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1

District Board Decides no More Water Needed This Year and Orders Shut Off.

Contrary to reports from Pendleton that water will be shut off for the use of the Westland Irrigation district, the supply will keep coming until the district orders its discontinuance, according to J. W. Messner, secretary and general manager of the district.

The district and the government are not in any controversy about water, Mr. Messner stated. The district has a sliding contract with the government for the use of McKay storage water over a period of years, and the contract is being adhered to and will continue to function.

"The district made a contract with the government for the use of storage water to be applied between June 15 and October 15," said Mr. Messner. "For the first year, 1927, our minimum was 10,000 acre feet which we had to pay for whether we used that much or not. We have the privilege of using more for which we must pay in proportion.

The present plans of the board call for shutting off water about September 1. It will be shut off at that time because there will be no further need for it during this year. When the water is shut off it will be done at the order of the district, not by action of the government."

The Stanfield district will dispense with water within a few days, according to local men, but the action of that district was taken for the same reason that actuated the Westland board, to cut expenses. Both districts have had plenty of water during the hot summer season, a condition that did not prevail until McKay dam was built, and the application of water now being used will be sufficient to mature all crops and leave the soil in very good condition.

"The statement made from Pendleton gave the impression that water was being shut off at the government's order and to the detriment of the district," Mr. Messner stated.

"We have received quite a few inquiries about the facts in the case, and the cause of a public statement is that the real situation may be explained," he said. "There is no quarrel about water, and we have no water shortage. Crops have done well in the district this year."

325 COWS SIGNED HERE FOR PROPOSED CREAM POOL

Agreement Papers at Office of the Co-operative; Mutual Asks For Chance.

The signing of cows for the cream pool that has been urged by the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau has reached 325, according to S. H. Barnard, chairman of the organization committee.

No concerted effort to get signatures has been made, and such signatures as have been secured have been made by dairy men on their own initiative.

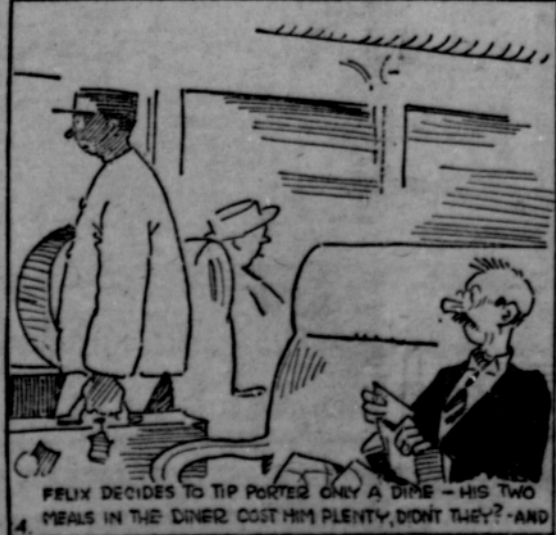
A request from the Mutual Creamery Co. that it be permitted to bid on the product of the pool has been received by the farm organization.

"The agreement for a sign-up of cows will be kept in the office of the Farm Bureau Co-operative until the sign-up reaches 500," Mr. Barnard said, "and then we plan to go out after the rest of the 800 required to make the pool a reality."

George Wins

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Powell of Walla Walla, were week end guests at the F. D. Callahan home. Mrs. Powell has been coaching with Mme. Leah Leaska in Portland, and is a staff artist over KOIN and "The Voice From Broadway."

THE FEATHERHEADS



By Osborne