

County Fair Part Of Tradition

The county fair is as much a part of the American tradition as barn dancing or baseball.

But the county fair is now changing to keep up with the modern American way of life and the Kiwanis sponsored county fair here reflects this trend.

The number of farmers has decreased through the years, and many communities have turned to trades other than agriculture. This event will pick up the traditional role as a "show-window" for the county. The fair will tell the story of forestry, manufacturing, recreation, and many other enterprises as well as agriculture.

Some of the exhibits include such diverse things as a guided missile and baby calves as well as the usual new products for farm and home and produce of the land.

A county fair is only as representative as the people make it, and the Kiwanis event is an attempt to reflect most facets of community life in Jackson county.

International Trade Fair Is Included In Oregon's Birthday

Salem—Oregon is going to have a birthday party in 1959. The striping state, admitted to the union in 1859, will begin celebrating on Feb. 14, the admission date, and keep on going well into the fall.

Pony express riders will carry the mail again, covered wagons will roll, historical pageants will abound.

And the highlight of the whole celebration will be an exposition at Portland, opening June 10 and lasting a symbolic 100 days. Part of it will be a two-week international trade fair, with displays from 35 countries—a fair which the United States Department of Commerce calls the second most important ever held in the United States.

Underlying Feeling

And the underlying feeling of the whole celebration is that this is only a halfway house between the fledgling state of yesterday, existing on a colonial, raw-material economy, and the industrial giant of tomorrow, now beginning to flex its muscles.

The centennial first assumed definite form in 1957, when the Oregon legislature appropriated \$830,000 to get it under way.

Plans for the celebration were divided into two sections: the historical observance, and the exposition and international trade fair, for which an attendance of 8,000,000 is forecast.

Special Stamp

A special commemorative stamp will be issued; citations will be presented seagoing ships as they enter the Columbia river; tourist welcome and information booths will be built on the edges of the state.

Huge pictures will be drawn in growing flowers on hillsides; ghost towns and mine shafts will be re-opened and guided tours will be held through fossil beds in central Oregon.

As the crocuses begin to give way to daffodils, a train of covered wagons, drawn by oxen, will begin re-tracing the toilsome trail of pioneers who braved dust, floods, winter storms, drought and starvation—and attacks by the Indians who really owned the land. The prairie schooners are scheduled to reach the exposition at Portland toward the end of July and form a circle in authentic pioneer style.

Pony Express Riders

Pony express riders will thunder down historic trails June 7 through 10, bearing mail and braving mock Indian attacks. They will seek as far as possible to re-live the days when the only communication with remote mining camps in Oregon was provided by pony express riders who charged 50 cents of \$1 a letter—payable by the recipient—and 3 per cent of the value of treasure, such as gold dust. Horsemen carried the mail in parts of Oregon as late as 1863.

when the Wells Fargo Express company bought out the last pony express rider of record.

Twenty-six countries have reserved space at the international trade fair, where displays will be viewed and purchases made by buyers and importers from the western half of the United States. The public actually will be kept out of the trade fair area until noon of each day of the two-week fair so that business can be done without interruption.

The exposition will be centered in a 65-acre site with an 11-acre pavilion as its heart—the biggest display area under a single roof in the United States. Other buildings are being erected by business firms and associations, and the Northwest Natural Gas company is setting up a \$35,000 towering gas flame.

Adventureland

Eighteen acres of the site are reserved for Adventureland, the Disneyland of the north, which will combine historic displays and glimpses into the future. The village in which Lewis and Clark wintered on the Oregon coast will be re-created; an authentic log stockade will be built; a frontier boom town will be in operation, with trading going forward—and maybe gun battles—and a mining center in the background; a logging train salvaged from days of yore will carry visitors around the area; a stage coach will roll again and a sawmill will operate while the silent giant of atomic energy works its peacetime wonders.

A tea house and rickshaws will feature the garden of tomorrow, which also will be graced by newly-developed flowers from all over the world, as well as native plants and shrubs. The biggest floral clock in the world, about 30 feet across, will tell the time of day, powered by electric clock works as big as a desk, while a candle 25 feet tall burns night and day, sending forth beams quietly symbolizing hopes and prayers for international good will.

The candle will be made of candle scraps collected from householders in the Portland area by Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls and melted into the gigantic beacon of good will.

Flowers, Shrubs Moved After the exposition is over, the flowers and shrubs will be moved to a site in a Portland park.

Near the garden will stand the home of tomorrow, displaying newly-developed gadgets and furnishings unknown to the average householder in 1959—which will, however, be common in homes of the nation 15 or 20 years hence.

Actually, the underlying motive for the centennial in the minds of most Oregon residents is a wish to show off their state at a milestone in its development.

Pomona Grange to Have Fair Exhibit

Pomona Grange will be represented at the Kiwanis County Fair by an exhibit depicting the various agricultural and horticulture segments of the economy of Jackson county.

Delmar Smith, in charge of planning the display on behalf of Pomona Grange, said the exhibit would be similar to the one which will represent this area at the Oregon State Fair in Salem.

Other exhibits include food and textiles, floral arrangements and land products, fair officials stated.

Jackson county exhibitors will be awarded ribbons in the various departments available for open competition.



SHOW QUEEN CARD—Arthur Savard, chairman of the Miss Jackson County pageant for the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce. At right are Art Van Leeuwen, president of the Jaycees, and Gil Gilbert, who is assisting in the project.—(Knackstedt photo)

Jersey Club Tells Of Halter Award At County Fair

A show halter will be given to the grand champion 4-H Jersey cow at the Jackson County 4-H and FFA fair this year, it was announced today.

The Rogue River Jersey club each year gives a show halter for the grand champion 4-H Jersey cow at both the Josephine County fair and the Jackson County 4-H fair, a spokesman explained.

As part of its salute to youth program the Jersey club each year also holds a spring show for all youths with a dairy project. It selects a girl every year to act as "Jersey Princess of Southern Oregon" to represent the local club at the state fair Jersey events.

Calf Selection Day

The club has held a calf selection day in the past. This may be revived in the near future, a spokesman said.

Thirty-four registered Jerseys were judged and shown at the Josephine County fair this year by members of the Rogue River Jersey Cattle club. The show, considered the largest in recent years, was judged by Lloyd "Bud" Forster of Tangent, Ore.

The senior and grand champion cow was exhibited by H. L. McCollm of Grants Pass. The junior champion female was shown by W. D. Mongold of Eagle Point. He exhibited also the senior and grand champion bull. The junior champion bull was shown by Ed Parsons of Gold Hill.

Forster, Jersey judge at the Josephine County fair, also met with the Southern Oregon Jersey breeders. The coming state Jersey sale to be held in Albany on Oct. 11 was discussed as were problems that arise between state and county clubs, it was reported.

Americans Leave Amman, Jordan

Amman—UPI—Thirty-four American dependents will leave Jordan today, the U.S. Embassy has announced.

They will depart as a result of the embassy's warning that all wives and children should leave unless they had "compelling reasons to stay."

The group was made up entirely of families of U. S. Point Four Aid program officials.

BIGGER AND COSTLIER

Detroit—UPI—The 1959 Cadillac will be larger, lower, more luxurious—and more expensive—a Cadillac executive disclosed Monday.

Isle of Ischia, Italy—UPI—A dozen Italian tourists took an unexpected plunge into the blue Mediterranean Monday when the gangplank of the Naples-Ischia steamer Isola Di Procida collapsed under their weight.

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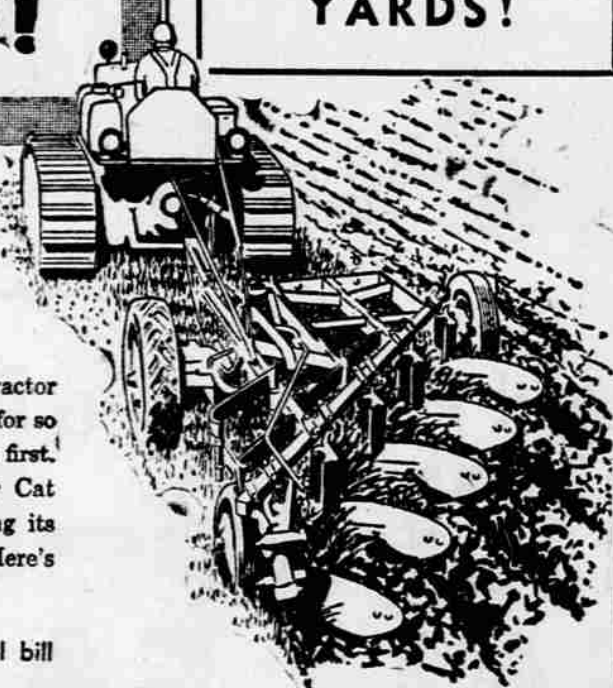
Come out and see glamorous MISS AMERICA of 1958 . . . See colorful and educational exhibits and displays . . . the Miss Jackson County Pageant . . . Games and Rides! The Talent Search and Miss Jackson County Pageant will be produced by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Kiwanians of Medford. Jackson County Service Clubs will operate the concessions.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK—John Caster, secretary of the Crater High School Future Farmers of America chapter is shown working on an axle he is constructing in the shop at Crater. Repairing and building farm implements is included in the work of FFA chapters, and many of the members in this area plan such exhibits at the 4-H, FFA fair near the Medford armory.