

# High Premiums Set For Siskiyou Fair

Yreka, Calif.—Highest individual premiums in the state will be offered at the Siskiyou county fair Aug. 10, 20 and 21, according to Fair Manager Ed Mathews.

All entries for the various classes close on Aug. 5, he added. Entry blanks and premium books may be obtained at the fairgrounds, Yreka, or from the Yreka Chamber of Commerce, he said.

Cash awards will total \$31,227. An individual exhibitor may win a total of \$910 in the beef division by entering 20 animals in all classes. In this division prizes total \$6,390, the fair manager said. In the senior beef and dairy divisions, cash awards exceed \$19,000.

Some other classifications and cash awards are feature exhibits: \$2,810, agriculture; horticulture, \$1,200; floriculture, \$1,171; and home economics \$2,975.

"There is no limit to the number of entries an individual can make in this fair. Each can enter as many classes as he wishes and as many sections under each class," Mathews said.

He said no exhibitor can win more than two cash awards in any one section. Under this rule only a husband, wife and children under 21 shall be considered as one exhibitor.

Two new features will make the fair events easier to see by the fairgoer, Mathews said. An entrance and exit has been provided to facilitate the traffic flow into and off the fairgrounds. Entrance is from Fairgrounds rd. and into the parking lot. A new cement bridge at the opposite end carries traffic off the fairgrounds and onto the highway near the Ft. Jones rd. This prevents a traffic jam coming and going, he explained.

Another improvement is the new community building adjacent to the arts and minerals building. This new building will house the Chamber of Commerce barbecue Friday night, the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps dance on Saturday night. A cafeteria in the building will serve complete meals during other times. When the fair is not in session the building will be available for meetings of all kinds. It offers facilities for conventions, large ban-

quets and dance on a rental basis. These are but two of the many new fair features, Mathews concluded.

## Chemical Care Needed on Farm To Guard Family

That son you planned to take over your orchard or farm may never do so if you are careless with pesticides. A container is stored in the tool room or barn shelf unmarked within easy reach of young hands. In just a minute or less, the future hopes of your family are destroyed along with the youngsters who swallowed the deadly chemicals. Or, perhaps the shed door is left unlocked for just a few minutes and a toddler stumbles in. A few minutes of care and thought are worth preventing a lifetime of sorrow and regret, the National Safety Council points out.

Here are a few simple rules: read the label on each pesticide container before each use, store agricultural chemicals in original labeled containers, apply agricultural chemicals as directed and dispose of empty containers safely.

**Chemicals Change**  
Why read the label each time? Because chemical nature of pesticides and their uses vary greatly. You should refresh your mind each time on the material's specific uses.

Agricultural chemicals should be kept out of reach of children, pets and irresponsible people. Chemicals cannot be properly identified unless they are in originally labeled containers. Lock pesticides in a shed or cupboard away from feed and seed.

The chemicals should be applied only to crops as specified and at the times specified in label instructions. Last year's problem with cranberry sprays is an example of problems when the instructions are disregarded.

Empty pesticide containers should be buried or carted away to the city dump so children or pets don't get the few grains of chemical invariably left in each can.

# --- CHIT CHAT ---

By JOE COWLEY  
Mail Tribune Farm Editor

Recently we have heard quite a few arguments about how the interests of rural people are so different from those of the so-called city folks.

It seems to us if anything ties between city and country are getting stronger all the time. In fact, most of those living in our little town work in Medford. Many of them go to Medford churches, too.

But, we who live in our little town like it here mainly because it is neighborly. Somebody becomes ill a neighbor woman can be seen going down the street with a hot dish. One of the kids becomes ill or has an accident a neighbor takes him to the hospital or doctor if no transportation is available. Somebody dies and a neighbor calls her minister to console the family. It's the town custom.

"Actually we have no family ties here," a girl remarked recently. "But the neighbors are so much better to us than even our own relatives we would hate to leave."  
"The night of dad's funeral we came home on a cold winter night to find the lights on, a fire in the stove, food on the table and flowers around the livingroom. That's the kind of thing which means a lot."

Small town people are the original "do-it-yourselfers." Teen-agers and adults need a recreation center so they get together and build one. Annual festivals and bazaars raise money to keep it going. Now the people in our town are busy laying a new floor in the community hall so they can have square-dancing, basketball and other activities in the winter and spring months. Two or three people have done most of the work with a number of people helping occasionally.

So small town life is good, wholesome, satisfying and certainly nothing to belittle.

Pear-picking starts on a small scale Aug. 8. Then will start the annual scramble for sufficient pickers to harvest the crop. Prospects so far indicate the growers will have to tangle with red tape flowing from the regional office of the Mexicans. They emphasize, however, that cooperation from the local employment service office is excellent, and the local office reports fewer migrant workers making the fruit circuit this year.

Some year growers say get a guaranteed in advance supply of Mexican Nationals. They are steady and efficient pickers and are used to the work. Another pear man says elevate the status of the picker, establish a picking school similar to packing school and through steady promotion get local people on a steady picking basis. Retired people might be able to do the work. Others say their hearts won't stand it. Use more teen-agers, somebody outside the industry says. Pear-growers say teen-age help is in school at the season's peak when needed most. Also, they have little interest in the monotonous, comparatively low paying work. Another person, also out of the industry, suggests floodlighting the orchards and letting office workers who want to "moonlight" pickup a few extra bucks.

But perhaps State Sen. John Hare, Washington county, has the best suggestion. As presented to the state legislative interim committee on agriculture — creation of a labor depot for Mexican Nationals in Oregon. This would make these workers more available to growers. He also suggested changes in the present federal contract with Mexico to prorate transportation costs among employers of Mexican labor. This would even the costs regardless of transportation distance.

The interim committee has instructed its executive secretary to write the Oregon congressional delegation requesting action on this suggestion of a labor depot, also, the changes in the contract. This is an election year, growers, so now is the time to make your requests.

In making his suggestion, Senator Hare pointed out the additional cost to Oregon farmers for transporting Mexican laborers from the California border thus putting a greater burden of Oregon growers when competing with California produce.

Just for the record, Washington county agriculture consists of 20 per cent dairying, 15 per cent poultry, 35 per cent horticulture and 30 per cent miscellaneous. Recent increase in horticulture there has been heavy.

During the same session they discussed the problem of local agricultural workers leaving employers during harvest season when they have reached the \$150 exemption limit for withholding Oregon income tax. This low exemption causes floating from employer to employer. The interim committee on taxation will be asked to consider recommending an increase of the amount of wage exemption before tax is withheld from \$150 to \$200 to the next legislature.

While some large farm groups were clamoring for subsidies the cattlemen have remained aloof for which we have long admired them. During the western frontier period cattlemen had to rely on themselves and developed that spirit of self-reliance and independence. So the statement of the American National Cattlemen's association to the platform committee of Republican and Democratic parties is interesting.

Briefly the association's recommendations are: no system of production and marketing controls for the cattle industry, reasonable incentives and protection against unforeseeable and uncontrollable conditions, correction of tendencies of farm programs not directly touching the cattle industry to become a threat and burden to cattlemen such as shifting problems of price-supported crops onto the feed grains or expanding acreage of grazing lands on a subsidized basis, and general economic policies to ensure reasonably full employment and production throughout the nation and stability of the general price level.

The association explained that cattlemen, like other sellers in the market, would be happy to receive higher prices. However, experience has taught that artificial prices and controls are inseparable.

It is a recognized fact that any business with widely fluctuating conditions of supply, weather, etc., cannot put away in good years enough to offset entirely the losses or lack of adequate income during poor years. The nation's fiscal policy should include provisions for averaging incomes for tax purposes over a span of years to provide funds to carry out normal business.

"The cattle industry long has avoided interference with farm programs and policy questions not generally considered to concern cattlemen directly," the association wrote. "But in recent years, we have observed a disturbing tendency for many farm programs not touching directly upon the cattle industry to become a threat and a burden to cattlemen. We deplore these tendencies and insist they be corrected."

## MARKET NEWS

Red Hunt Livestock Auction Report, Tuesday, July 19, 1960  
CATTLE: Salable 350, including around 150 calves. Around 65 per cent of supply stocker and feeder classes, remainder mainly slaughter cows. Auction active, slaughter cows fully steady to strong; stocker and feeder classes mainly steady. Supply mainly of northern California origin, including a few loads from the coastal area.  
Slaughter cows: Individual and small lots Utility and Commercial 350-1200 lbs. \$13.00-17.00, several individual Standard 780-935 lbs. \$17.75-19.00, individual Corner and Cutter \$11.00-15.00.  
Slaughter bulls: Individual and Commercial 1325-1610 lbs. \$13.00-15.00, individual Utility and Standard 300-450 lbs. \$19.00-22.75.  
Slaughter calves: Individual Good and Choice 255-350 lbs. \$23.50-24.00, individual Utility and Standard 300-450 lbs. \$19.00-22.75.  
Stocker and feeder steers: Small lots and individual Medium and Good 300-513 lb. calves \$23.00-25.00, numerous individual Common and Medium calves \$17.00-23.00, small lots and individual Medium and Good 340-675 lb. yearlings \$22.50-24.50, small lots and individual 700-820 lbs. \$21.00-22.75, individual Common and Medium 600-800 lbs. \$19.00-22.00.  
Stocker and feeder heifers: Individual and small lots Medium and Good 300-450 lb. calves \$21.00-23.25, individual Common and Medium calves \$15.00-21.00, Couple lots Good 310-520 lb. yearlings \$21.50.  
HOGS: Salable 28. Supply mainly feeder pigs; market about steady. Feeder pigs: Small lots Good 70-120 lbs. \$17.30-18.60.  
SHEEP: Salable 14. Supply insufficient to test market.  
Paul H. Lehig,  
Federal-State Market News Service

## Local Sour Cherry Crop Finishes Up; Interest Grows

While the local sour cherry harvest is pretty well completed, Willamette valley picking is still under way.

Recent information indicates the prices to growers in the Willamette Valley were posted at 7 1/2 cents per pound delivered at the processing plant for Montmorency sour cherries. That is 3/4 cents more than last year's opening price and equals the 1960 grower price posted in Michigan which is the largest sour cherry growing state in the union, producing about 2/3 of the Nation's total.

Due to heavy frost the local crop was light and the Bagley cannery in Ashland which has been processing did not feel sufficient cherries were available to open the plant. Local interest is growing in sour cherry production and as the acreage is increased these can be marketed through available canning and freezing interests.

This is one of the few horticulture crops that has been grown locally without irrigation and may have possibilities on some of the deeper dry land soils. Local sour cherries are of very good quality and will stand more frost than many competing horticultural crops.

Out of 110,000 tons produced nationally the six western states will produce about 7,000 tons this year. This total equals about 8 per cent below the 10-year average for the United States. However prices are not materially higher since there is quite a heavy carryover of canned red sour cherries from heavy crops two years previous.

## Gilman's Herd Tops DHIA Check

Gilman's dairy farm, Medford, led the five top herds under test for June, according to the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association.

Gilman's had 97 cows under test, 12 dry, average milk 966 pounds and average butterfat production 59.6 pounds.

The herd owned by Glenn and Edna Chase, Gold Hill, ranked second with a butterfat average of 39 pounds. Twenty-one Chase cows were under test with 14.72 per cent of the herd dry and average milk 1,090 pounds. (IBM calculation is based on percentage of herd dry.)

Fourth was Agate Dairy, Central Point, with 38.1 pounds of butterfat, 20 cows under test, one dry cow, and 949 pounds of milk.

Fourth was the herd owned by Cliff and Velma Moore, Eagle Point, 20 cows under test, 10.81 per cent of the herd dry, and 779 pound milk average.

Chet Jensen herd, Rogue River, produced 35.5 pounds of butterfat, with 28 cows tested, five dry and 750 pounds of milk.

The honor roll for individual cows will not be reported in the future because this information is not available for herds on machine calculation, the DHIA reported.

## Land Appraisal Study Approved

Portland UPD — The building committee of the state board of higher education Monday approved authority for a land appraisal study with an eye toward expanding Portland State college.

PSC President Branford Millar told the committee that a science building and physical education facilities are needed.

A tentative list of improvements to be submitted to the 1961 legislature includes a \$2.3 million science building. Chancellor John Richards has tentatively listed \$1.7 million for land acquisition and construction of a physical education building as a 1963-65 capital improvement proposal. But Millar and members of his staff presented arguments to support a plea for earlier action.

The college would be extended westward from the south park blocks.

## Ragweed Acreage Seen In Josephine

Salem — Two sizeable new ragweed infestations, one on a combined 330 acres, have come to light in the Illinois Valley area of Josephine county, not far from Cave Junction and one finding is on land plowed for the first time in many years.

This word comes from Max Brown, ragweed field representative with the state department of agriculture at Salem. Brown has spent considerable time directing the Josephine county work, where Delmer Youde and Lloyd Larson of Grants Pass are operating the state ragweed spray trucks.

Brown says for all of western Oregon, including the local area, the ragweed control work is this season in the best shape since controls started in 1957. Two spray trucks, with operator and helper, have been working since May 15 and three since the first of June.

Using Inspectors  
The department has been using some of its shipping point inspectors, including Harold Clement of Medford, as helper this year. This has made it possible to put three spray outfits in the field almost from the outset. Besides department crews, the Jackson county ragweed work is under contract to Ray Hubbell of Medford.

Present indications, Brown reports, are that all known infestations—both in this area and in other western Oregon

## Deaths Increase In Irrigation

Although irrigation is an important aid to agriculture in this area and in others there has been a startling increase in fatalities, according to the National Safety Council.

One sunny Monday afternoon, June 27, to be exact, an 11-year-old Gold Hill youngster narrowly escaped drowning in an irrigation flume. Last summer in the Phoenix area a small child fell into a ditch running through town and did drown.

So, small children must be educated to stay away from ditches, reservoirs and canals. Sturdy fences help, but it takes the continual watchfulness of parents to be effective. Ramps or escape devices are needed along the canal.

Warning signs also help prevent accidents. These signs

should be appealing and avoid threatening language. Electrocuting also occurs at irrigation facilities. Never allow portable pipe to come in contact with electrical power lines. Irrigation pipes are conductors of electricity. Never allow water from a sprinkler irrigation system to contact power lines. Prevent water from collecting near the pump. Keep the pump motors repaired.

JAYNE STILL WAITING  
Santa Monica, Calif. (UPI) — Actress Jayne Mansfield remained in St. John's hospital today awaiting birth of her third child. The blonde actress has been in the hospital since Friday when she was taken there after it appeared her child would be born one month early.

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