

### Bigger Race Track Due at State Fair

Salem—A bigger horse race track and a new floral building will be among the attractions at the Oregon State fair which opens Aug. 30.

The race track is being enlarged from a half mile to a five-eighths mile permitting wider turns and a longer stretch.

The new floral building will replace one which was blown down in the Columbus day storm and will provide 25 per cent more space.

Added to outdoor exhibits at the fair this year will be an arboretum.



### Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins

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#### Most Captive Animals Can Become Lazy Quite Easily

If captivity lasts any length of time at all he can't escape it; he will be as lazy as a pet coon. There would be no point in the animal being otherwise, for as long as he is a captive his main and sole occupation is the business of doing nothing; he has been forced to idle. He, like any other animal, man included, becomes indolent and lazy, so much so that "lazy as a pet coon" becomes a startlingly true axiom.

The pet racoon, having no necessity for securing its own living or escaping its natural enemies, would just naturally lapse into a state of lassitude which, in an advanced stage, is laziness.

The racoon, in its preferred and natural environment, must at all times be alert, active, and ready to take evasive action if danger threatens. Too, in the wild it must strive always to secure enough to eat. Every sound of a baying hound is a danger signal, and sends shivers of apprehension up and down its back.

#### Lets Down

But once captured and forced into an inactive life it lets down, showing strong disinclination to work or exert itself. This applies to nearly all creatures on which human beings lavish attention, and offer protection, shelter, and food. With no living to make, or nervousness about would-be enemies or inclement weather, they all become averse to effort of even the very gentle kind.

A pet cow or even a horse doesn't get in the way as often as a pet lamb nor get as lazy as a pet coon, but they do let down considerably. Pet roosters hold a prominent place on some farms, or even in city backyards. They are supposed to be pretty stupid; nevertheless they often show a reasonably high degree of affection to their owner, even displaying broad streaks of jealousy and may become pugnacious toward strangers.

Guinea hens never become too friendly, even as pets, but seldom are they lazy. Many farmers kept them as hawk alarms, as the birds always created a great deal of noise whenever a hawk appeared.

#### Gained Reputation

They also made a terrific to-do over any other incident that occurred within their visual range. They gained a reputation of making a great deal of noise, after when it wasn't necessary. However, unlike the pet lamb they were seldom in the way, and it couldn't be said they were as lazy as a pet coon.

Pet geese approached the pet coon in uselessness, but they became good pets, following their master like a faithful dog. Those who owned one had to admit that the man who coined the expression, "silly as a goose" didn't know what he was talking about. But a tame goose, under the proper condition, or with too much personal attention and easy living, became about as lazy as a pet coon.

### 4-H NEWS

#### Milk Pail Wranglers

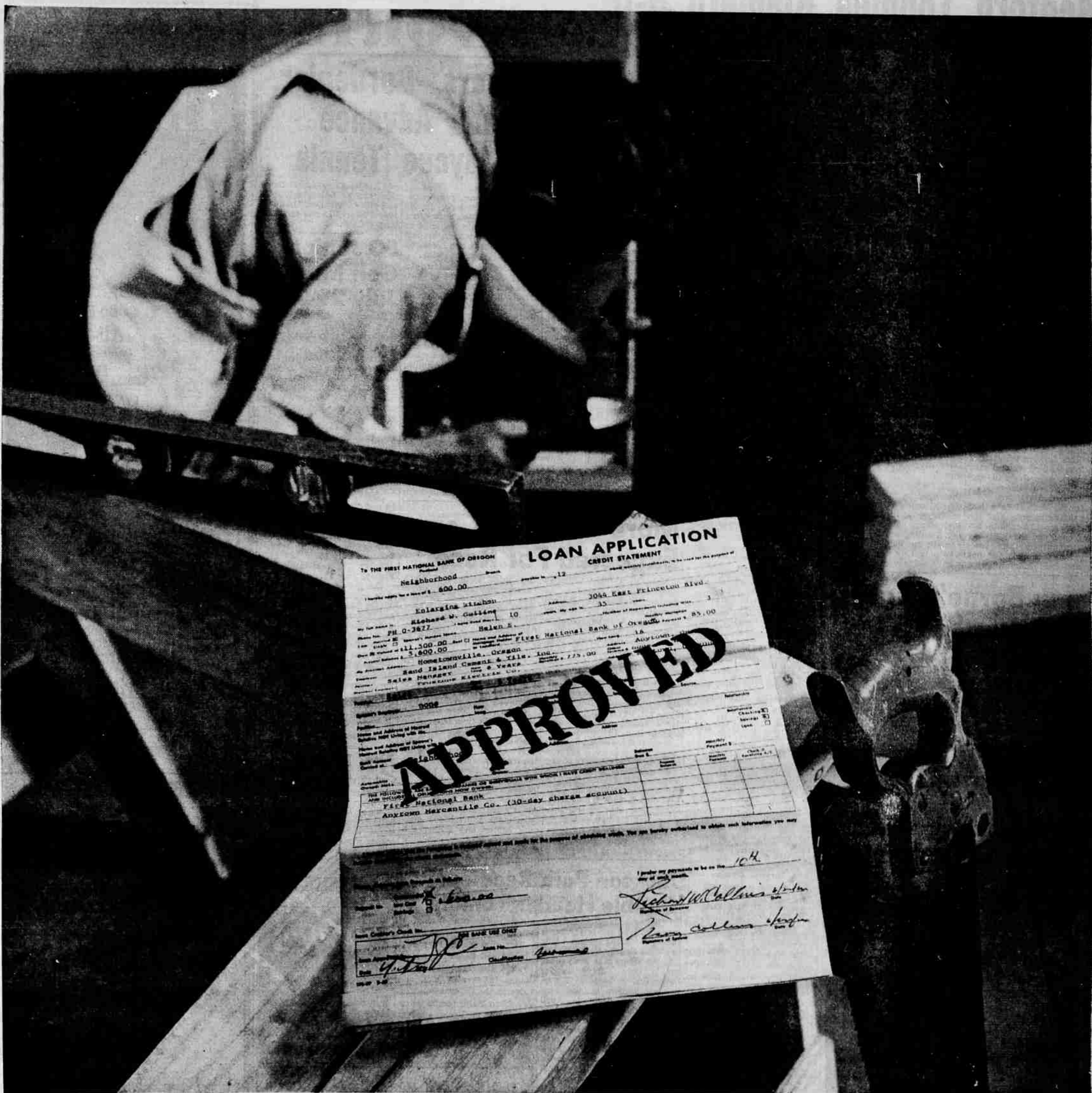
The meeting of the Milk Pail Wranglers 4-H club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herzog. We judged four dairy calves and gave reasons for our choice.

Kathy Zapell and Linda Summers gave a demonstration on how to show a dairy animal. Linda Summers, president, asked everyone to be at the Grants Pass pre-fair.

Refreshments were furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cahall, and Kathy Zapell made our goals.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., July 29, when we will be shown how to train and show a dairy animal.

Louise Herzog, Reporter



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