

January 14, 1954

The Washington County Fair Board met at 8:00 p.m. at the Commercial National Bank with all members present.

Glenn Ireland and Olson Johansen representing the Holstein Dairy Breeders were present asking for cooperation of the Fair Board in holding the annual Dairy sale at the fair grounds. Mr. Ireland reported there had been some unfavorable comment relative to the charge of \$75.00 last year for lights expense. The fair board members stated they felt it an honor to be able to have the various Dairy Breeder's Associations have the use of the buildings and would endeavor to cooperate to the fullest extent possible.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion was made by Abts and seconded by Sahnaw and carried that Ed Ball be retained as manager for the coming year with the present salary of \$100.00 per month, also that Mary Hadley be retained as secretary at the present salary of \$50.00 per month.

Motion

Motion made by Sahnaw and seconded by Abts that the following bills be allowed:

A. H. Abts, (expense incurred in attending State Fairs Convention in Salem -	\$11.00 -
Oregon Fairs Association -	
Balance for convention reservations	13.50 -
Mary Hadley - scrap book materials	1.98 -
State Tax Comm'n- int.	1.36 -
Ed. Ball - exp to Oregon State Fairs Convention	7.00 -
Postmaster - stamps	1.00 -
Rev. J. T. Costelloe int. on \$4000 @ 4% 12-1-52 to 12-1-53	160.00
Elmer E. Guerber, int. on \$2000. @ 4% 12-1-52 to 12-1-53	80.00
Commercial National Bank, int on \$11,500. to 12-30-53	143.75
Portland Gas & Coke Co.	3.34
Western Fairs Association - dues	20.00

Motion carried.

The secretary reported G. R. Erickson & Son were asking that the charge to them for exhibition space be reduced from \$62.50 to \$50.00. After consideration the fair board felt rather than have any misunderstanding exist it would be better to accept the \$50.00 and the secretary was instructed to notify Erickson of this decision.

Note is made herein that Rich & Son began to occupy a part of the buildings on December 15, 1953 for a rental of \$25.00 per month. *plus lights.*

There being no further business the meeting stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Hadley, Sec.

This is a News Item - Also at the meeting last Thursday evening Jan. 14, Ed. Ball was retained as manager and Mary E. Hadley, as Secretary The Fair Board Pres., Vice-Pres., and Treas., will elect next month, second Tuesday in the month, Feb. 9.

January 11, 1954

REPORT FOR YEAR 1953 - WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

By Mary E. Hadley, Secretary

Looking over the records covering the activities of the Washington County Fair and Fair Board it is apparent and must be acknowledged that a great deal has been accomplished in the way of added improvements:

1. Ladies rest room
2. 4-H demonstration facilities
3. Race track improvement
4. Improvement of roadway
5. Drinking fountains
6. Better display facilities

A great part of the above mentioned items have been made possible through donations of time, material and money, however.

For the year January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954-

Disbursements have been as follows:

Labor	\$	5467.91	
Withholding Tax		554.17	
Industrial Accident		78.55	(incomplete)
Supplies, Office Exp. Secretary, Supt., & Manager		3231.60	
Utilities		621.65	
Advertising & Promotional		1725.00	
New Bldg., Maint. & Rep.		5303.44	
Entertainment		158.71	
Judges		413.05	
Misc., Int. etc.		<u>3537.81</u>	
		\$21,091.89	\$

Since moving to new location - a total of - - - - - \$73,136.17
(Washington County Fair Board Account)

Washington County Fair Movers Account shows - additional 16,450.00
\$ 89,586.17

Receipts:

1953 - - - - \$ 20,940.87

1952 - - - - 52,997.84

\$ 73,938.71

At this time we owe \$ 17,500.00

The buildings at the grounds are rented for \$50.00 per month

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The Centennial year - 1954 - promises to surpass all gate receipts thus far.

To bring us out of the red - will depend on every individual of Washington County.

The new armory adjacent to the fair grounds should indeed be recognized as an asset to the entire county and especially to the fair.

Oh yes, - the Pioneers have a new addition - a jail! The first jail to be used in Washington County.

In looking over the exhibits in the Hobby Hall I note displays by people who find it necessary to earn their livelihood through these sources. Even though the Christmas season is over you will want to see

Grace Chantler's paintings and novelties. Mrs. Chantler lives at 634 North 1st Ave., in Hillsboro, and she has a very interesting record of her work.

Lena Bentley who lives on the Airport road, Rt. 1, Hillsboro, next to the Airway grocery has a whole room full of paintings and novelties you will want to see.

Roy Bain, 1924 Elm St., Forest Grove, a disabled veteran does beautiful wood carving. These folks would appreciate your patronage.

I expect everyone has been following the activities of the 4-H and FFA since fair time. There has been a lot of activity there.

Ed Ball, manager, put in many long hours - operating tractors, posthole diggers, anything necessary to get the fair in operation.

The fair board members receive \$2.00 each for each regular meeting attended and \$5.00 per day each for days in attendance at the county fair.

Cooperation of all departments and all groups has been very fine and with this spirit within a few years we should be able to have one of the best fairs in the state.

With the year 1954 already at hand, start planning now for the fair-
and this being the Centennial Year - you no doubt will want to plan a
costume to wear, probably on Pioneer's Day, which will most likely be
on Sunday.

The dates are - August 25- through August 29. Make plans now to be there!