Competition winners to visit America

Results of Banlene Plus '70 Contest

The names of the sixteen cereal growers who have won a visit to America in Fisons' Banlene Plus '70 Contest are announced today.

Farmers and farm managers from all over the country entered the competition and the winners come from as far apart as Sussex and East Lothian. The full list of winners is:

- P. C. Golding, Bush Green Farm, Bradfield St. Clare, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk
- R. Blyth, The Willows Farm, Marlesford, Woodbridge, Suffolk
- P. Innes, The Hyde Farm, Little Yeldham, Halstead, Essex
- R. N. Herring, College Farm, Wrawby, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- R. M. Duguid, Norton Place, Bishop Norton, Lincoln
- J. R. Mawtle, Church Farm, Southleigh, Witney, Oxfordshire
- J. T. Cantlay, Upper Farm, Warborough, Oxfordshire
- E. Pullen, Britwell Salome, Watlington, Oxfordshire
- R. Froud, 1 Chain Hill Cottages, Wantage, Berkshire
- I. R. Macnair, Manor Farm, Southridge, Streatley-on-Thames, Berkshire
- F. Forrest, Milk Marketing Board, Warren Farm, Sheepdrove, Lambourn, Berkshire
- P. F. Highwood, Crow Plain Farm, Collier Street, Marden, Kent
- R. C. Smith, Firle Estate Company, Bushy Lodge Farm, Firle, Lewes, Sussex
- D. F. Deakin, Tamhorn Park Farm, Lichfield, Staffordshire
- W. P. Dale, Lochhouses, Dunbar, East Lothian

The party will leave for America on Friday, 10th July, led by Mr O. G. Williams, Agricultural Director of Fisons Limited. With them will be Mr J. G. Jenkins, the Cambridgeshire farmer, one of the other judges. During their two weeks' tour programmes have been arranged by the Co-operative Extension Service of Ohio State University and by Pennsylvania State University and there will also be visits to the Beltsville Headquarters of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to Richmond, Virginia.

Entrants to the Contest were asked to place in order of importance seven factors which could contribute to increased cereal yields in the next five years. In the opinion of the judges, the correct order was:

* Improved control of annual and perennial grass weeds, e.g. blackgrass, wild oats, couch or twitch.
* New improved varieties.
* New fungicides for mildew and other disease control.
* Improved cultural techniques aimed at maintaining soil structure.
* Increased use of lime and fertilizers.
* Improved drainage.
* Improved rotations.

ALLMANS ACQUIRE KESTREL POLYPAK

E. Allman & Co. Ltd., of Birdham Road, Chichester, Sussex, announce that they have acquired the business of the Kestrel Engineering Co. Ltd., and are now marketing the Polypak knapsack sprayer.

The Polypak is a low cost, hand-operated shoulder mounted machine designed for use as a multi-purpose sprayer and washing unit.

It can be fitted with various booms and attachments for a wide range of jobs: around the home and in industry and horticulture.

Applications include washing down cars, vans, lorries, railway carriages, skylights, paintwork, road signs, etc. by using the telescopic boom and sponge or brush attachment.

In addition it can be used for applying insecticides, fertilizers, weedicides, whitewash, creosote, de-icing fluid, etc. by using the hand lance and nozzle attachment.

The two gallon capacity Polypak costs £15 5s.