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THE HORSES ARE COMING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg is to have a race meet in August—the longest race season in Oregon outside Multnomah County. Racing will be staged nightly for 10-days at Roseburg. Portland Meadows operates 44 days, Gresham 6 days, the State Fair 6 days, Pendleton, Tillamook and Lebanon each have 3-day meets.

Whether the 10-day meet will be continued as an annual event will depend upon results from the first experiment. Some persons familiar with racing problems contend that a 10-day season is too long for a community the size of Roseburg. Others believe, however, that the area can support the longer season and that a large number of visitors will be attracted from all Northwestern Oregon. A heavy advertising campaign is planned in neighboring cities.

One reason for the 10-day show is concerned with educating the public. Comparatively few persons are familiar with the complicated rules and regulations governing thoroughbred and quarter horse racing in the State of Oregon. It is the plan of the local management to accompany all races with detailed explanations of procedure.

To sponsor the show several Roseburg business men have formed a private corporation to be known as the Umpqua Jockey Club, subscribing sufficient capital to underwrite expenses. Fifty percent of the net profit, if the event shows a profit, will go to the corporation. Otherwise members will take a loss.

It is believed, the show can be financed from admissions. Excellent cooperation is promised by horse owners who will bring their stock here with lower guarantees and purses than normally required, thus assisting to get horse racing established on a permanent basis in Oregon's fastest growing and most promising community.

While pari-mutuel betting will be set up as a part of the race program, under strict control and supervision by the State of Oregon, sponsors are not counting on betting revenue to finance the show. Income from that source is too uncertain.

Personally we welcome horse racing to Roseburg. Readers of this column know that we have long held the theory that if Roseburg desires to be the trade center for the area it has the responsibility of being the amusement and recreation center as well. We have made excellent progress in the entertainment field in the past few years, but we still have a long way to go. Racing will be a big help.

We hope the sponsors will not overlook possibilities for building up local competition. We have some excellent horseflesh in Douglas County. We also have some good riding clubs.

It is our hope that we can develop amateur saddle races with rivalry between communities.

An opportunity exists, we believe, to conduct elimination contests during the annual rodeo. Semi-finals and finals then could be postponed until the annual race meet during the County Fair. As a result we could develop much competition between communities, improve our stock and, at the same time, sustain interest between the two major shows of the spring and summer season.

Naturally, professionals look askance upon mixing in amateur events, but we believe the rivalry created by properly managed eliminations would prove an important factor in boosting attendance and providing entertainment.

Schupetzel Park Soon Will Open In Western Douglas

REEDSPORT—(Special to the News-Review)—Schupetzel Park may soon be created in Western Douglas County.

Land exchanges now in process of negotiation will upon completion result in opening a 90-acre tract of timber just south of the Lakeside railroad underpass on Highway 101 as a public park.

The name is proposed to honor Paul Schupetzel, a service station owner, who has been active in establishment of public recreational centers in Western Douglas County. He was instrumental in establishing Eel Lake Park and Campgrounds and the Lighthouse State Park.

Announcement of plans for the new park was made by Fred Furst, supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest, who is conducting negotiations for the land.

Schupetzel at present is occupying under lease from the Siuslaw National Forest a tract of land on which he has established a service station, small store and residence at Lakeside Junction. An agreement to trade a 63-acre tract of privately owned forest land for the site he now occupies has been reached between Schupetzel and the forest supervisor, subject to ratification from the U. S. Forest Service.

Mr. Furst states that if and when the deal is completed, the acquired forest tract will be improved with campsite and picnic facilities and will be opened for public use. Adjoining forest land will be included in the park area to bring the total size to approximately 90 acres.

Fifteen Events Listed For Yoncalla Rodeo

Fifteen events are planned for Yoncalla's third annual 4th of July rodeo. The rodeo will be sponsored by the Yoncalla Riding Club. The celebration at Yoncalla will

open with a parade at 10 a. m. The show at the rodeo grounds will start at 1 p. m. and will include:

Boys' calf scramble, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, ladies' barrel race, steer riding, calf roping, bareback bronc riding, breakaway roping, saddle bronc riding, cow horse contest, bareback bronc riding, breakaway roping, wild cow milking and stake race.

Campers Dodge Death In Sudden Wall Of Water

STOCKTON, Calif., June 27.—(AP)—A six-foot wall of water, rushing down the Calaveras River at midnight Thursday night, barely missed drowning 25 or 30 campers in the normally dry stream bed.

Almost certain disaster was averted by prompt action of the sheriff's office, which was warned in time and spread the word with scant minutes to spare. It was a freakish accident which caused the hazardous situation. At Hogan Dam, a few miles upstream, part of a huge wooden bulkhead had been removed from a "release hole" to allow a limited amount of water to flow down to Stockton.

Then, unexpectedly, the rest of the bulkhead gave way and a huge torrent of water poured downstream. Harold Davis, living about five miles north of Stockton, saw the wall of water coming and phoned the sheriff's office.

Deputies, without a moment's hesitation, raced down the streambed warning the campers to get out of danger. Some of them barely made it before the torrent rushed over their camp sites. Most of the campers were itinerants. There were numerous children among them.

Hogan Dam is a diversionary reservoir built in 1929 to control flood waters. The river below it is used as a canal now to supply water to agricultural areas around Stockton.

Anyway, It's A Lot Better Than A Wider Split



Scops from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

I haven't been deep-sea fishing in ages. Nothing was further from my thought — until last evening. Now it looks as if, before too long, we shall be offshore in Oregon. But before I ever go aboard at Newport I know the trip will be really something if it beats the one I remember best!

To be sure very few fish were caught — and none by me. There was a small boy whom I shall call Tim, because I forget his real name, who shared my delight. The rest of the passengers . . . hadn't come for the ride!

Tim and I took our places in the sharp angle of the bow, along toward dawn. It looked to us as if we were going to smack right into the lee side of Catalina, but no, the engine shut off, and the anchor went down, just in time. The fishermen were baited up and ready. Down went the lines, clear to the bottom. A few big bass began to come up—reluctantly—if you have ever hauled a big bass up from 300 feet you'll know what I mean. Then over the ship telephone came the exciting news: "Albacore breaking." We up-anchored, and away we went!

Tim and I took our stand in the bow to enjoy the bounces. That channel can be as choppy

as the English one if it has a mind to be, but that day it had only half a mind. But the "bounces" as Tim called them, were very nice. And oh, how beautiful was the inky-blue transparent water!

We swung in a wide circle, and chummed . . . over went the lines . . . but no luck. Away we went again. We repeated the performance over and over and over . . . for thirteen instead of the usual eight or nine hours. The skipper earnestly wanted his passengers to get their money's worth; only two were doing that! Towards day's end a few yellowtail came over the side, tuna, and at last, a few albacore. A 32-pounder was, I recall, the largest one gaffed.

Once there was a great hubbub off the stern. The engine was shut off, and the skipper and helmsman bounded out of the wheelhouse. Tim and I hustled along too. Man overboard? No, the first strike! Then—a let-down. You guessed it—kelp! We chugged on.

Tim and I 'caught' the best fish of the day. We stared down through the blue at a motionless swordfish! It seemed so close! The skipper was pleased. We were, perhaps, the one bright spot in his day?

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Why Can't They Spell?

Oregon City Enterprise
 Kim Calvin, 13, of Carlton, O., whose mother had coached him for 15 months, won the national spelling bee championship. He won out by spelling correctly the word "onerous" after his nearest rival, James Shea of Brooklyn, had flunked out by putting an "o" in "dulcimer." The third place boy had missed by starting "encyclical" with an "a."

All honor to Kim Calvin, and to his mother—though the perhaps ungenerous thought arises that those concluding and presumably "hardest" words were not too difficult nor tricky, considering that this contest, held in Washington, D. C., was the final elimination after a lot of excellent spellers had lost out in home districts. A couple of generations ago the national finalists, we feel confident, would have been tussling with such words as "hieroglyphic" and "pharmacoepoia" after wading right through "mellifluous" and "potassium."

But the real issue is—and we hate to bring it up right now when the high school seniors are getting their diplomas along with laudatory words intimating that they are, at last, somewhat educated—why can't today's young people spell?

That they can't is rather generally admitted, by themselves and by educators. Offhand, the reason is not deeply hidden. Research in preparation for this discussion has not been so extensive as to carry authority, but some of these young people say they never have studied spelling an hour in their lives.

Spelling can be no switch of alliteration to be listed among the "three Rs" on which the older generation dotes, but it does have some kinship to reading and "ritin'." One might suspect that youth would, in gaining passable

mastery of those arts, be somewhat exposed to the intricacies of spelling. Apparently, even these subjects modernly are taught in such fashion that spelling doesn't "take."

Imagining there will come a time when elder generations are gone and nobody will be able to spell—and then it won't matter. Meanwhile for the sake of those readers who still are sensitive on the subject, the people who publish books, pamphlets, even newspapers, try to employ a few persons who, at least with the aid of an unabridged dictionary, can ferret out errors in spelling. Finding young persons who can do even that, is becoming increasingly difficult.

Kim Calvin's mother coached him for 15 months. There's a hint, maybe, in that.

Child Aid Must Be Cut To Allow \$50 Pensions

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—The State Public Welfare Commission today had officially established the \$50 minimum for old age pensions—but it had to cut child assistance to do it.

The \$50 minimum will go into effect July 1. But the commission, which met here Friday, said it would have to reduce aid to dependent children by \$13 a case. There are not, commissioners said, enough funds to do otherwise.

The budget for the 1949-51 biennium was set at \$49,897,984—well above the \$42,188,000 allocated for the current two-year period. The commission reported a sharp drop in general relief last month—from \$533,011 to \$378,237. The decrease was attributed to the rule removing able-bodied single men from relief rolls.

In the Day's News

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branches must accept to membership ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS (including colored women) or be expelled from the association . . . Action on the controversial by-laws revision was by an announced majority of 2168 for and 65 against."

THAT is a significant development in VOLUNTARY, NON-LEGAL tolerance. Personally, I can't get away from the feeling that we'll get farther in the direction of tolerance by this method than by passing laws.

ONE more thought along that line before we leave the subject:

Why did AAUW do what it has done?

This is the answer: It yielded to enlightened public opinion. Enlightened public opinion can be AND IS a tremendous force for progress.

IN Portland there has been a big scandal over horse meat—which is cheaper than beef and for that reason appears to have been substituted for beef in a lot of cases WITHOUT THE CUSTOMER KNOWING IT.

As a sequel to the ruckus, City Commissioner Peterson asks the U. S. Department of Agriculture to put all plants selling meat in Portland under federal inspection.

MORE federal regimentation? NO:

Believe it or not, horse meat is good meat. In Europe, where it has been a standard article of diet for a long time, there are many people who prefer it to beef.

BUT—You're entitled to know whether or not you're getting horse meat when you make a purchase. The purpose of federal inspection, as asked in Portland, is to compel horse meat to be sold as horse meat.

Establishment and enforcement of standards (so that buyers may depend on getting what they are paying for) is a legitimate function of government.

FROM Astoria comes this terse dispatch:

"The youth who bought a farm with a \$7,000 rubber check and then eloped with the farmer's daughter in a car bought with another \$2250 rubber check is in jail now."

AT this point, let's try to do a little straight thinking:

If you read the story, you must have come to the conclusion that in many ways he was a bright boy. He had undoubted talent as a salesman, for he was able to win the confidence of the businessmen who took his checks. Ability to win the customer's confidence is a big asset.

The pity of it is that he wasn't honest. So he goes to jail instead of going on to the success in business that so often accompanies outstanding ability as a salesman.

Cherry Pickers Only Shortage In Farm Labor

McMinnville with a call for 250 additional cherry pickers was the only local office in the state reporting a shortage of farm labor, the Oregon State Employment Service announced today.

In other areas, particularly through Northwestern Oregon, the demand for seasonal agricultural workers promises to continue active for some time, but all present calls are being filled, according to employment officials.

Last month 10,848 farm placements were made, a gain of 40 per cent over a year ago, while this month totals will be much higher. Strawberry picking and other harvests were using 28,000 workers early in June and the number was increasing.

Caneberry picking already has started around Portland and in the upper Willamette Valley, but so far the labor supply has been adequate. Except in the hills, strawberry picking is completed, while most of the ample cherry crop also has been gathered.

What harvests will be under way in Eastern Oregon after the Fourth of July, while bean picking will get under way in Western Oregon later in the month.

Before moving to other areas, prospective farm workers should secure latest information from local and seasonal employment offices—also at farm information stations at Biggs and Goshen. Most camps are filled, but many cabins and other facilities are available on farms in some sections.

Sergeant Construction Low Bidder On School

Contract for the first unit of the new Middle elementary school has been awarded the Sergeant Construction Co. of Grants Pass. The company bid \$42,685 and also received the electrical contract on the additional bid of \$3,380.

The plumbing contract, the Myrtle Creek Mail reported, went to Harris Plumbing Co. for \$6,216 and heating contract to the Rogue River Hardware for \$7,411. Contracts total \$55,972. Robert A. Miller is architect.

Drivers License Examiner Dated June 30, July 1

Drivers license examinations will be given in Roseburg next Thursday and Friday, June 30 and July 1, at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive, are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

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TO TAXPAYERS:

The annual meeting of the League will be held at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, June 28th, Circuit Court Room, Court House, Roseburg, Oregon, for the consideration of the 1950 Budget, the election of officers and such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

You are vitally interested in the tax picture of Douglas County and it is only by your attendance at the Budget Meeting of the county that the county officials can know your attitude on tax matters. Make it a point to attend this meeting.

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 (Signed) R. R. CLARK, President

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