

# Race Track At Fair Grounds Improved, Leased; Don't Aid "Stoopers," Carter Advises

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Don't throw your pari-mutuel tickets away—those race track characters known as "stoopers" might pick them up and collect on the bets that are rightfully yours.

That was a bit of advice given by W. H. (Doc) Carter, member of the county racing commission, in a talk at the Roseburg Rotary club luncheon Thursday noon.

He described the preparations being made for the race meet to be held at the fairgrounds Aug. 17-27, the last three days of which will coincide with the first annual Douglas county fair.

"Stoopers" get their name from their stooped appearance, as they look for discarded pari-mutuel tickets thrown away by disappointed racing fans who think their horses have been disqualified or failed to win.

Often such tickets, picked up from the ground, are still good and the "stoopers" collect the money.

Carter pointed out that racing fans may place bets for horses to "win," "place," or "show." If they bet on a horse to show—and it wins or places, they can still collect something, although not as much as if they had placed a full bet.

That's what many people don't know and the stoopers do, as they pick up the discarded "show" tickets.

"Clean" Meet Planned  
Whatever characters may gather at the racetrack this year,

the Umpqua Jockey club is determined to keep the races "clean," for that naturally means greater returns from the races.

All jockeys will be licensed. Hal Lewis, who was recommended by the state racing commission, has been employed to write the rules—that is, place the horses in their proper classes. Judges on fouls will be placed around the track as observers.

Horses that overtake others hugging the rail, and cut in too close, will be disqualified, said Carter. They must be 16 feet ahead of the lead horse before cutting in.

Track Being Improved  
Among the improvements being made at the track before opening of the racing season, are installation of a jury rail 18 inches out from the fence, to prevent horses from getting too close to fence posts; outdoor lights, for night racing, and a new livestock barn and stables.

The pari-mutuel booth will be located in the south end of the grandstand, where a new tunnel is being constructed.

The racetrack is being graded and smoothed, and loamed in front of the stands. It is being leased to the Umpqua Jockey club for the period of the race meet at \$250 the first day and \$125 a day thereafter, or 25 percent of the net profit—which ever is the greater.

The club will take 12 1/2 percent of the take, and out of this amount will pay the state racing commission three percent.

125 Horses Expected  
Carter declared a successful



**BASS BAGS BOY**—This sizable bass pulled Donnie Sellers into the Rocky Mount, N.C., municipal lake, but the eight-year-old held onto his pole. Papa (A.J.) Sellers plunged in to bring boy, pole and fish to dry land.

# Uncle Sam Nearing Time When He Must Tighten Up On Foreign Aid

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Beverly Baxter, distinguished member of John Bull's parliament, declared during an economic debate in the House of Commons he was "not at all certain that the third British empire will not see the return of the American continent."

"There is only one solution to the world's economic disaster which is approaching," said Mr. Baxter. "That is for the Americans and Canadians to find some way to come into the sterling economy, with free interchangeable currency, as this country, in the 19th century, went into America, after the Civil war, and built up American economy."

Well, now that a suggestion which makes us Yankees (and I dare say our Canadian neighbors) set up and take notice. We are terribly allergic to anything which even slightly impinges on our sovereignty. Was the MP speaking politically or economically, or both?

From the political standpoint America of course isn't going to tear up her declaration of 1776. That was rather well implemented at the time—and it stands. Canada, too, has made it clear that she intends to go her sovereign way with no closer British tie than that of membership in the commonwealth.

Empires On Way Out  
As a matter of fact, this column believes that empires, in the generally accepted sense of the term, are on their way out. We may have commonwealths and other liberal forms of association, but empires—no.

However, we needn't labor on this point, but assume that Mr. Baxter was thinking largely in terms of non-political association which would be of mutual advantage economically and in the way of military security. That is, an extension of the association which already exists and which the much debated Atlantic pact would further strengthen in the defensive sense.

Uncle Sam Must Tighten  
Certainly there is much to be done in the way of improving international relations. We may even be working toward the idealist's dream of "one world" in which a real United Nations will serve as a universal parliament. The United States has given full evidence that she wants to play her part in this transformation.

However, my observation is that it will be a mistake if foreign countries believe there is no limit to which the United States will go. We hope that we have given generously of our moral support and our material wealth. We expect to give more.

But as I read the signs the time is rapidly approaching when Uncle Sam is going to tighten up on his material assistance abroad. He has his own people to think about and he isn't going to jeopardize their welfare by tossing his



**TO RETURN HOME**—Murray D. Van Wagoner, U. S. Military Governor of Bavaria, plans to resign next November.

# Winners In Bass Derby Are Listed

The first Umpqua bass derby closed Friday night and a dance, sponsored jointly by the bass derby committee and the baseball club, was held at the Legion Hall in Reedsport.

Winner of the grand prize in the bass derby was Principal Al Hoffman of the Yoncalla grade school, with a 43-pound, 12-ounce bass. His prize was a Mercury Super-10 outboard motor.

Roy Reavis of East Gardiner won second prize of a complete fishing outfit, including trout and salmon rods and other equipment. The "unknown fish" prize was won by his son, Donald Reavis, and consisted of a wrist watch.

Profit from the baseball club's share of the dance proceeds will do much toward paying all the expenses of the ball team's trip to Portland on July 22. It is reported, the derby has attracted much attention over a wide territory, and sponsors are well pleased with the reception of this method of publicizing the low-r Umpqua and adjacent territory.

When struck by the Olson, the Rex was moored outside of the We, deep-sea crabbing boat, owned by Jesse Weinel of Coos Bay, and operated by Jack Farley. A capped piling under the C.R.P.A. dock was knocked out by the force of the blow.

Traffic Jam Ensues  
Moving of the lumber schooner Karen Olson from the E. K. Wood Lumber company in Reedsport to the port dock a short distance up-river, made a real traffic jam on the Coast highway Monday night.

In reply to the whistled signal from the ship, the highway bridge was swung open just before 5 p.m., and was left open for a considerable time while the ship was maneuvered through the bridge.

Traffic was unusually heavy at this time, with road crews and Gardiner and Reedsport residents returning to their homes from work, and an impatient group of tourists.

Some of the latter took advantage of the situation to leave their parked cars and take pictures of the ship passing through the bridge.

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**Golf Tournament For Juniors Scheduled**  
Junior members of the Roseburg Country club between the ages of 6 and 12-inclusive are invited to participate in the junior golf tournament at the club course Saturday, July 23, beginning at 10 a. m. Hamburgs will be served during the tournament hours.  
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