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COME TO THE FAIR

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The invitation, "Come to the Fair," is being heard in almost every locality throughout Oregon today.

Douglas county's recently revived annual fair starts today. The Western Douglas fair at Winchester Bay also is scheduled for this week. Other counties are holding similar events. Dated for opening September 1 is the state fair at Salem. This will be followed by the Pacific Livestock exposition at Portland.

Display of agricultural products is as old as the farming industry. The annual state fair started in Oregon in 1861. Undoubtedly it was preceded by local contests.

Competition is an inherent human trait. Much satisfaction results from skill or achievement worthy of a blue ribbon. But competition serves a more practical purpose than mere satisfaction of ego. Competitive displays have been an important factor in the improvement of agricultural knowledge and practice. Competition leads to beneficial experimentation. Competition must be credited with aiding the American farmer to become the world's most efficient food producer.

Character Is Changed

Contests in agricultural displays and homemaking skills came to this country with our pioneers. They grew in importance as our agricultural industry spread across the continent, bringing county and state fairs, regional, national and international expositions. The nation's population was largely rural. Our national economy was tied in major degree to agriculture.

The internal combustion engine, electricity, and assembly line manufacture brought about a change in economy and population habits in comparatively recent times. Through use of machinery one agricultural worker could accomplish more production than could several workers employing the older methods. Modern machines and assembly line production increased manufacturing capacity. More and more people moved from farms to cities. Today our population is chiefly urban rather than rural.

While agriculture still remains the backbone of our national economy, a smaller percent of people are actually engaged in food production. Consequently there is less competition and interest in exhibits of farm products. Smaller fairs are experiencing difficulty in obtaining attendance sufficient to cover financial costs of their programs. Racing and other forms of entertainment are provided to attract more people.

Interesting Program Arranged

Persons attending the Douglas county fair will find much of interest in addition to the displays of livestock, farm produce, needlecraft, cooking, etc. As in past years, the center of attraction probably will be the display by the Roseburg Rod and Gun club, which has been given larger space for its unique conservation exhibit, featuring wild animals and various species of fish in aquarium tanks. An open air vaudeville program is scheduled, together with many other events interesting to everyone.

To those who can recall the early county fairs, where people came in wagons and buggies, bringing camping equipment and supplies, setting up their tents in a community circle, where a holiday atmosphere prevailed, the very mention of "county fair" brings nostalgic memories.

Changing conditions — automobiles, improved highways, population shifts, altered interests — killed off the Douglas county fair. Facilities were sold. For many years we had no fair.

Now we have new facilities. The fair has been revived through popular demand. Every effort is being made to provide entertainment of interest to everyone.

The new Douglas county fair is deserving of public support. It is worth seeing. We hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to participate.



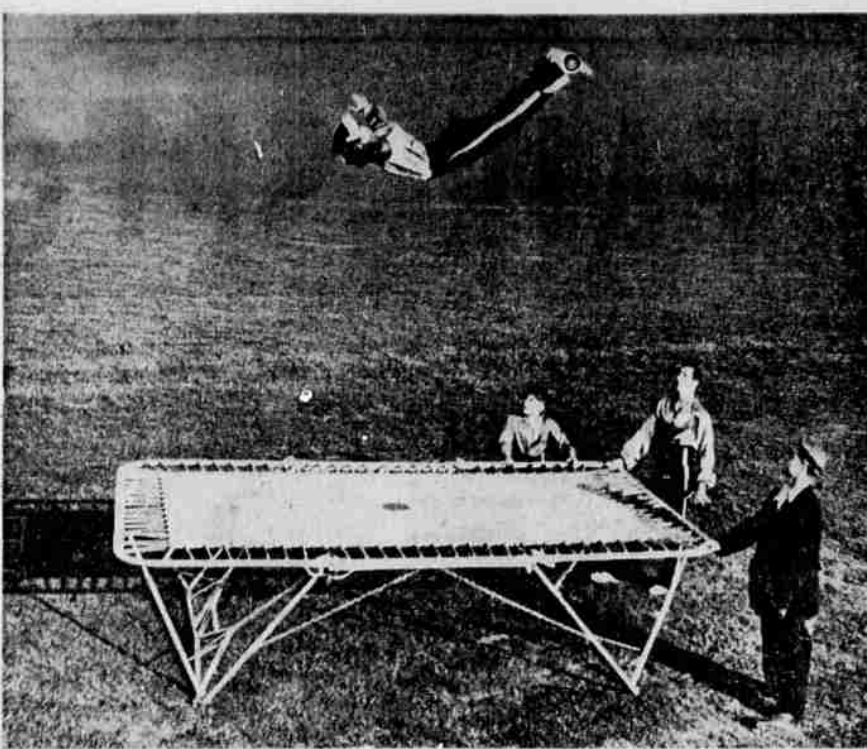
Remember the billboard pictures of a car inside a balloon — or was it a crystal ball? — and the prophecy that there was one in your future? Well, if you see a dream balloon evanescent in the sunlight or silvery in the twilight, containing a rambling ranch house, brown, battens and boards, hugging the ground on the contour of a hill, nicely planted with shrubs and so on, and furnished with cats, dogs, and a few other pets, and of course a few children running in and out, like as not it will be Matilda Bitwuns' dream-balloon. She inflated it recently, after having had it carefully packed away for years; but somehow or other, it slipped out of her fingers. . . . As soon as she gets it back, for of course she will, she will return it to that safe place where she keeps unrealized dreams. Even as you and I cherish them.

Oh, I didn't tell you, did I? By sheer coincidence, the Bitwuns — remember them? — are also building a house. They are just about as far along as we are. Well, really there is no coincidence. Everywhere one looks, one sees houses in all stages — and some of them had better be getting roofs on soon, too! Unless of course the studs are, as yet, lacking to prop up the roof. Or maybe the foundation is yet to be poured! Algernon began to urge Matilda for the kind of house she wanted. In Salem a couple of weeks ago the state librarian had put into her hands a "Book of Small Homes" . . . and in that book was one picture. That did it!

"But listen, honey, you can't build a house from a picture," Algernon explained with patience. "I want a house with a number under it so I can order the plan, and then that's the way it's going to be. No changes once you decide what you want." Algernon stressed the house was to be just the way Matilda wanted it. Then one day he came home, triumphant. "Here's a book I ordered. Each house has a number for the plan. Ought to be in here you like. Seventy-five of them!" Matilda leafed happily through until she came to one page: "Oh, Algie, here's a ranch house! A dream — just what I'd like!" Algie took one look. "Do you see how many hundred feet of house it has? Look, honey."

Must have been just then Matilda let go of her dream-house and it floated out of reach. But — maybe — next time? —

Martin Services Stated
Funeral services for Ellsworth P. Martin, 50, and Iris Martin, 38, who died Aug. 12 as the result of their home burning, are scheduled Sunday at 2 p.m. in Gans mortuary at Myrtle Creek with the Rev. Leo Horner officiating. Interment will follow at Civil Bend cemetery at Winston.



THE TUMBLEAIRES from the Portland Pal Club, Inc., will be featured in vaudeville acts which will be presented Friday and Saturday nights at the Fairgrounds, as special features of the Douglas County Fair. Total of eight acts will provide well-rounded entertainment.

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

By ALBEN W. BARKLEY
Vice President of the United States

WASHINGTON — Mr. Fulton Lewis Jr. has done me a courtesy in asking me to write a guest column during his absence from the United States. I disagree with many things that Mr. Lewis says in his column and in his radio broadcasts. I am a Democrat and a part of the present administration, and have been a part of it for a long time. Mr. Lewis is evidently unsympathetic with the purpose and object of this administration, and enjoys the freedom of the press and radio in expressing his views. That is a part of the American tradition. Nevertheless, I appreciate the courtesy extended me by him in asking me to write this column, and in asking me to write on a subject that appeals to me and saying that whatever I write will be printed without editing and without change.

I have decided that what I shall say in this column shall revolve around our foreign policy. Our foreign policy not only involves our formal relationship with other nations, but it may involve the welfare of every American citizen and every American home.

What is a foreign policy? How can people gain in the second war with England, to establish the freedom of the seas.

Following World War I, it was our foreign policy to seek a peaceful settlement and not to ask territory or reparations from any other nation. Our government protested against the invasion of China by Japan in 1931, and the invasion of Ethiopia by Mussolini in 1935. It protested against Hitler's autocratic acts in invading the Ruhr, the Rhine, Sudetenland and Austria in 1938 and 1939, and urged a peaceful settlement of National disputes. The League of Nations had become impotent to avert or suppress these aggressions of the Japanese, Mussolini, or Hitler.

Following these actions, the invasion of Poland by Hitler brought on World War II. The head of our government appealed to Hitler and to Mussolini to preserve peace and not involve the world again in war. This was part of our policy at the time, but that policy had been determined a nd colored in the light of the aggressive acts of Japan, Mussolini, and Hitler.

When the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, we were compelled to enter World War II, which ultimately brought about our association with the Soviet Union, which was also fighting Hitler. It has often been said that in the stress of storm a ship will fly into any harbor. In a sense this may be true of war. That was a part of our foreign policy at that time and there was no escape from it if the democratic world was to be defended and preserved.

Since the end of World War II, it has been part of our foreign policy to seek peace among the nations. We sponsored and joined the United Nations. It is a part of our foreign policy to uphold and preserve the efficacy of the United Nations in an effort to preserve peace and suppress aggression. We recognize the world-wide fight between communism and democracy. We might as well admit that during the last six years we have been surprised and disappointed at the attitude of the Soviet Union. Therefore our foreign policy in individual cases has, of necessity, been colored by this attitude.

Except for the threat to the free nations of Western Europe it would not have been necessary to inaugurate the Marshall plan. It would not have been necessary to inaugurate the Truman doctrine for aid to Greece and Turkey. It would not have been necessary to inaugurate the Atlantic pact for mutual defense against the aggressions of Communist Russia. But the Truman doctrine, the Marshall plan, and the Atlantic pact are a fundamental part of our foreign policy. This is so clear that no honest man can truthfully express any honest doubt as to our objectives in this foreign field.

In the Far East it was our policy to protect the integrity of China and the open door as between China and the outside world. We engaged in the Korean rebellion half a century ago. That was a part of our foreign policy at that time in China. Our protest against the Japanese invasion of China in 1931 was a part of our foreign policy at that time. Our aid to Nationalist China against the Japanese invasion during World War II was a part of our

foreign policy as related to China. Our supply of nearly four billion dollars worth of war materials to the Nationalist government, during and following the war, constituted a continuation of our foreign policy as to China. In spite of our aid to Nationalist China, the Communists obtained control of most of the country and drove the Nationalist government and its forces to the island of Formosa. It has been a part of our foreign policy as a member of the United Nations, to oppose the admission of Communist China into that organization. When the North Koreans invaded the South Korean republic, the invasion being inspired by the Soviet Union and Communist China, we, as a member of the United Nations, sent our troops into Korea to repel the invasion and uphold the dignity and efficacy of the United Nations. In trying to preserve peace and suppress aggression, it has been a part of our foreign policy to support the United Nations and make it potent in the preservation of peace and potent in serving notice on aggressors that they cannot get away with aggressive acts toward innocent nations if the peace of our world is to be preserved. Otherwise, the United Nations would go the way of the League of Nations and the last hope of mankind to organize the world for peace would vanish. As a member of the United Nations we may have to fight now and then, and here and there, to stop aggression and preserve peace. But this does not mean that we are an aggressive nation or that we desire any territory or economic advantages over people of other nations.

There are those who claim that we have no foreign policy. If this program, but briefly outlined in this column, does not constitute a foreign policy, then what is it? Men may agree or disagree with it as their inclinations or purposes may dictate. But nobody can deny that it is a foreign policy. Nobody can deny that its objective is peace and order in a disturbed and frustrated world. Nobody can deny that our efforts, and sacrifices in blood and treasure have been and are directed toward the preservation of peace. Lord Nelson was blind in one eye. History and tradition tell us that when he was compelled to look at something he did not want to see, he always put his telescope to his blind eye. Unfortunately there are many people in the United States who have their telescope to their blind eye because they do not want to see, and there are none so blind as those who will not see. One of the troubles existing today grows out of the fact that many of those who are seeking to lead the people are blind in both eyes. Therefore, no matter to which eye they put their telescope, they would not see. This is unfortunate, but it ought not to deter our government, nor our people, in seeking to see with both eyes and real objectives of our foreign policy, and so to see that we have a foreign policy whether they agree with it or not.

Those who proclaim that we have no foreign policy are either ignorantly blind or deliberately blind. Those who are unwittingly or willingly blind ought not to attempt to deceive the people. They have a right to criticize our foreign policy, or seek to change it, but they have no right to claim that we have no foreign policy. In my judgment we not only have a foreign policy, but we have a good one, and if it is supported by the American people, it is my belief that it will be successful in not only putting down aggression but preserving the peace for a long period to come.

Typo Strikers, In Cars, Trail Paper Carriers
KENNEWICK (AP) — The Typographical union (AFL) has registered 34 cars with police of the Tri-City area as "ITU survey cars."

It is the latest development in the long and bitter controversy between the union and the Tri-City Herald.

The Herald has reported instances of men in cars following carrier boys and girls on their paper routes. The newspaper said that the purported intention of the survey is to learn who takes the paper but it charged that the slowly cruising automobiles had resulted in some carriers being frightened by the tactic.

The union has been conducting a strike against the paper since March 1.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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THAN EVER and it can be averted only by building America's might." He adds:
"Soviet haggling and quibbling in the Korean peace talks . . . plainly indicates the Kremlin is not matching its declared desire for peace with deeds."

I used to have great confidence in Wilson, but he has been in Washington now for a long time and may be just TALKING TO SCARE U. S. Senator Lister Hill is a pretty good man — but he too has been in Washington for a long time. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was somebody in Washington we could UNHESITATINGLY BELIEVE?

Speaking of production (warplanes and such) here is one from Moscow:
"Soviet workers will no longer get a day off from their labors on January 22 — the anniversary of Lenin's death — it was announced today."

"The day will continue to be a national holiday. But, the announcement said, the workers 'according to their wishes' WILL WORK ON THAT DAY. The president of the supreme soviet said the workers 'correctly' took this position."

Here's one (also relating to production) from Detroit:
"Production workers at the Hudson Motor Car company began trucking back to their jobs today following the end of a production rate dispute. The dispute began June 11 when the union charged the company with attempting to maintain full production with a reduced working force."

"During the wrangle, Hudson sent the work force home each day after two hours of work, charging new cars were coming off assembly lines with missing parts. The union on July 24 termed the company acts a lockout and urged its members to obtain employment elsewhere."

IF Russia has a bigger air force than we have —
IF every month our margin of su-

Father Of Local Folks Dies Suddenly In Seattle

William Melvin Plimpton, retired president of a printing and binding company in Seattle, died of a heart attack Tuesday as he drove into a service station. He was 65.

Plimpton is the father of W. S. Plimpton and Mrs. Bert Cockrum of Roseburg. Born in Portland, he moved to Seattle in 1923. Besides the son and daughter, he is survived by his widow, and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Abbott, Depoe Bay.

Mrs. Cockrum and Plimpton of Roseburg flew to Seattle Tuesday evening, upon receiving notice of their father's death. Mr. Cockrum and his two daughters, Kathy and Judy, left Wednesday for Seattle. The Cockrums' other daughter, Debby, has been visiting her grandparents there.

periority in long-range air power DECREASES as Russian air strength is built up —
IF Russia has more tanks and guns and such for her four million man ground force —
WHY IS IT?
This is the answer:
IT IS BECAUSE RUSSIA HAS BEEN PRODUCING FASTER THAN WE HAVE.
Production wins modern wars.

When the first bomb falls on America, all those of us who remain alive will quit thumbing our noses at each other and cussing each other out and biting each other in the leg.
WE'LL THEN GET GRIMLY DOWN TO WORK.

What a tragic pity it is we have to wait until the bombs begin to fall before displaying the unity and the cooperation and the willingness to work hard we ought to be displaying now.

Communists Prohibiting Sacred Catholic Rites

MILAN (AP) — Milan's Catholic newspaper Italia reports that Communist authorities have prohibited the administration of the sacrament of extreme unction on Hungarian hospitals.
The sacrament of extreme unction is administered to Catholics who are gravely ill and in danger of death.
The measure was adopted, the newspaper said, on the ground that administration of the sacrament might "involve an offense against the right of individual liberty."



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