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## RODEO HISTORY

By Charles V. Stanton

Rodeo time is here again. Douglas County's most colorful show of the year is scheduled for the coming weekend. We anticipate the city will be crowded with visitors for this big annual event.

Each year the show gets bigger and better. This year's program, according to all advance announcements, promises to be the best yet.

Perhaps some of our newer residents are not familiar with the history of the rodeo. It is a history of aggressive enterprise in which we take much pride, particularly as an exhibit of what can be done when a group of people are willing to work and sacrifice.

During World War II there was created a Mounted Posse, under the direction of the county sheriff, to serve in civilian defense. The Posse was designed to do search, patrol and sentry duty in the event of disaster. Members furnished their own mounts, transportation facilities, uniforms and equipment.

As the war neared an end, Posse members decided to keep the organization alive, preserving police functions as well as having a riding club for their own pleasure.

### Fair Project Adopted

Douglas County had been without a county fair for more than 25 years. The former fairgrounds had been sold. No fair facilities were available. Much sentiment existed for revival of the annual county fair.

The Sheriff's Posse adopted the project. The riding group provided the nucleus for an annual show. Income from the show, it was decided, would finance improvements, eventually leading to facilities permitting a county fair.

The Posse initiated a proposal for a 1/4-mile continuing tax levy. The county bought a site for \$18,000. With a few thousand dollars the Fair Board had on hand, plus \$10,000 loaned by individual Posse members, construction was started on the grandstand. Members built fences, chutes and corrals. Materials and labor were largely donated.

Every member of the Posse contributed to the effort. It is not possible to single out each person who participated, but among the leaders were Sig Fett, Al Bashford, the late Dick Baker, W. H. "Doc" Carter, Lynn Beckley, Sheriff O. T. "Bdd" Carter and others.

The first show was a big success. All profits immediately were put into additional improvements. The Posse never has taken one cent of revenue for itself. Members of the group pay their own expenses, furnish their own mounts, equipment and uniforms, spend much time in preparation, do the promotional and management work, and then turn all proceeds into the hands of the County Fair Board.

### Success Marked Efforts

Using profits from the popular annual rodeo, together with the millage levy and other income, the Fair Board has built a track, pavilions, stables and has made many other fine improvements. The plant could not be duplicated today for a quarter of a million dollars. Yet this year's rodeo is only the 8th annual show.

The county fair has been revived on a small scale. Eventually it will grow much larger, it is expected, as money becomes available to expand facilities. The pavilion provided a permanent home for the Northwest Turkey Show, another of the county's major entertainment activities.

Altogether, the rodeo has proven an outstanding civic enterprise. Not only does it furnish a lot of pleasure for thousands of spectators for two days each year, but it has contributed to the building of one of the best fairground layouts in Oregon, with future prospects of still greater development.

The Sheriff's Posse can feel very proud of its achievement, while the community should be extremely grateful for the sacrifice of time, effort and money expended by this group of enthusiasts, who still retain their original major purpose of police protection.



The word Indian is much in the news nowadays in a context that is most encouraging to the thoughtful person who feels it is time the "first Americans" should have their full rights in whatever ways seem most helpful, practical and just to all concerned.

Several weeks ago I read "Stubborn Fool" by Estelle Aubrey Brown (Caxton Printers, Caldwell, Idaho, 1952), and I have thought often about the book since then. It is the story, written in lively fashion, of 16 years in various Indian schools teaching the children taken out of Indian lodges, in schools lacking most everything that the modern school has now. This book tells quite honestly and with almost startling frankness how the schooling was carried on.

Esther Brown was 16 when her father, in New York State, called her a "stubborn fool" for her notion of wanting to teach kindergarten to Indian children! Says the author: "The story these people enact is an American story, yet it is known to few Americans. Because it should be known to all, the story is told by a woman who lived it, who has found much of it infamous, and who freely confesses her own shabby part in it."

There is nothing "shabby" in the way the teachers rose to the emergency when most of the 200 pupils in the Crow Creek Indian school came down with measles. No sanitary facilities. No hospital. No nurse other than already over-

burdened teachers and other employees at the school. No heating in the dormitories, and zero weather outside. Think of little children having to get up out of bed, as need arose, in that bitter cold!

"There was no water in the dormitory and the means of heating it was limited to the top of the stove downstairs. We tried to heat enough to wash each patient's face once a day. . . . Almost I forgot there were ways of life that did not smell horribly, where hands and feet were not aching with cold." (Nothing "shabby" about indefatigable service like that!) Mrs. Brown writes vividly. One sees the Indian parents squatting patiently long hours in the snow, not knowing what was happening to their children, just waiting. . . .

The National Parent-Teacher program is this year to pay special attention to the welfare of Indian children. The Daughters of the American Revolution have, since their beginning, worked for that end. Indeed they have for many years supported several Indian schools, schools very different to those of 50 years ago when Estelle Aubrey Brown was a "stubborn fool" in sticking to her work for 16 years as a teacher in the Indian Service.

A bombardment division of two medium jet bomber wings corresponds to an industry of 4,000 employees and a net worth of about 120 million dollars.

## Another Triumph of Communist Efficiency



## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — A congressional investigation of the alien immigration racket, staffed by agents on loan from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is planned by a House subcommittee.

Representative Francis Walter, Democrat of Pennsylvania, has been assured of cooperation by the new attorney general, James P. McGranery. Walter heads the House immigration subcommittee. He already has confessions from aliens in the U.S. who paid \$1,500 to get into the country illegally. One of Walter's first witnesses should be Senator William Langer, Republican of North Dakota, who has a strange affinity for aiding alien seamen to remain in the U.S., especially those from Pakistan. He does it by introducing bills calling for naturalization of ship jumping seamen — bills that never get beyond the committee but do block deportation proceedings.

Langer is now running for reelection, beginning with a primary fight next Tuesday — June 24 — which might put a sudden end to his political hopes. So it may be of interest to voters in North Dakota to note that out of approximately 1,000 aliens he has aided in the last five years, fewer than a dozen are relatives of North Dakota residents.

Langer, in the present Congress, introduced bills for 229 Pakistanis, many of whom paid as high as \$1,500 for the privilege of staying in the U.S. for two years or longer, depending on their success in hiding out. An outfit known as the Young Pakistanian League picks up the cash and persuades Langer to introduce the deportation stay measures. It is anybody's guess why the senator from North Dakota is so eager to aid seamen from Pakistan.

Immigration authorities are trying to stem the tide of illegal aliens rolling across U.S. borders. Some of them are Communists, others are ineligible for entry because of disease or other reasons. In fact, immigration authorities right now are trying to keep track of 10 alleged Reds who can thank Senator Langer for their extended visit here.

Under new legislation approved by the House and Senate the traffic in illegal aliens would be curtailed. Mr. Truman, on the advice of a collection of congressional knot-heads who want to open up our borders to half the population of Europe and Asia, is threatening to veto the bill. It's estimated that there are over 200,000 illegal aliens in the U.S. right now and if the President rejects the new immigration bill the number will grow rapidly.

Langer can get away with his aid to aliens because the Immigration Service and the Justice Department refuse to remove an illegal entrant so long as legislation on his behalf is awaiting congressional action. This applies solely to the Senate, however. In the House, Representative Walter has refused to allow members of the immigration subcommittee to run an alien racket. His group simply votes, in effect, to kill such bills, thereby permitting the Justice Department to go ahead with deportation proceedings.

If not on missions of subversion for Moscow, most of the aliens arrive in the U.S. looking for jobs. Many live like pack rats in tenements, saving their earnings until the day they are caught and ordered back to their homelands. In most countries a U.S. dollar goes a lot farther than it does here. Some aliens return with sim-

ilar circumstances on charges of gambling, has his case now on appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Hennessy case was heard in Clackamas County by Judge E. K. Oppenheimer, Portland.

Argyle R. Mackey, commissioner of immigration, has jumped on Langer over the sordid racket in human misery, Senator Pat McCarran, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has warned the Young Pakistanian League. The League consists of a "Dr." Aly Khan, of Phoenix, Arizona. He slips Langer the names of a dozen or so aliens at a time and the senator introduces a bill that stays deportation proceedings. At least that was the way it worked. Langer now says he and Khan are no longer on speaking terms. The President can stop the racket permanently by signing the immigration bill, and Langer can go back to taking care of North Dakota farmers. That's why they sent him to the Senate in the first place.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P.M.



SALEM — May we utilize this means to ask members of the Republican party in Oregon to forward any suggestions they might have on the 1952 party platform?

We have a responsibility to serve all of the Republicans in this state when we represent them on the platform committee in Chicago.

Address either of us as indicated below until the first of July (after that date, c/o Palmer House, Chicago). We pledge ourselves to consider each suggestion carefully.

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Salem, Oregon

### Supreme Court Upsets Gambling Count Conviction

SALEM — Joe Hennessy, convicted in the Clackamas County gambling cleanup of last year, got his conviction reversed by the Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday on the ground he was forced to testify against himself.

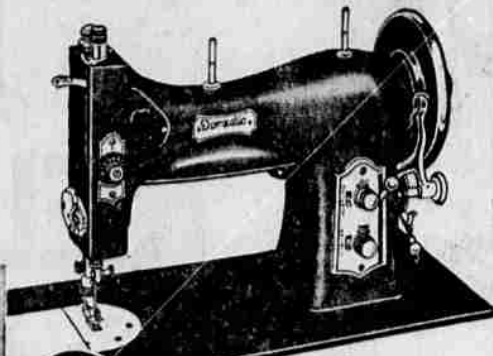
The Supreme Court said that Hennessy's testimony to the grand jury in which he admitted he operated a gambling game, was improperly used against him at his trial.

This violates the federal Constitution, which says no person can be compelled in a criminal case to be a witness against himself.

Hennessy was fined \$250. The Supreme Court, in its decision by Justice Walter L. Tooe, ordered the case thrown out of court. Lonnie Logsdon, convicted under

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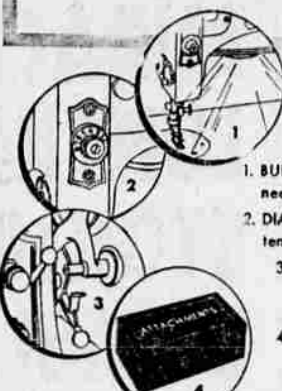
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