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JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH

By Charles V. Stanton

The dairy industry is releasing much advertising and publicity in observance of June as "Dairy Month." The industry is endeavoring to acquaint the general public with the contribution being made to the state's economy in this department of production.

The dairy business has had some tough sledding. It still is far from security. Costs of labor, feed, materials, supplies and equipment have advanced in greater proportion than income. Labor, in particular, has been a problem, especially in labor-short communities.

While many counties, such as those of the coastal belt, are able to produce milk at less cost than is possible in Douglas County, because of better all-year feed supply, Douglas County could well support much larger production than at present.

We are not producing enough milk to meet local demand. A large part of our supply must be imported. But, being in a critically labor-short area, coupled with higher-than-average production costs, our dairy industry is not expanding in proportion to our population growth.

Laws Handicap Expansion

One factor discouraging expansion of the dairy industry is the strict supervision provided by Oregon Law.

Only a comparatively few years ago there were virtually no limitations upon the sale of milk. We had many outbreaks of disease and a higher rate of infant mortality. But milk was plentiful because every farm had a few cows from which milk was sold.

Because of the large volume of unclean and diseased milk offered for sale, Oregon adopted regulations and set up inspection services for purposes of public protection. These laws, amended from time to time, give Oregon's milk an exceptionally high rating for its quality.

The State Department of Agriculture, in a recent bulletin, offers a few facts concerning high milk standards:

Inspections Are Rigid

Oregon will tolerate not more than 80,000 bacteria per milliliter in grade A raw milk shipped to pasteurizing plants; The U.S. Public Health Service standard for the same milk is 200,000 bacteria per milliliter.

In 1951, the state (which means fieldmen and specialists for the department's division of foods and dairies) made these inspections in the grade A field: 3,554 at dairy farms; 410 at distributor plants. It collected and analyzed 12,023 samples, also checking all pasteurized samples to determine if properly pasteurized, and tested 16,483 cans of milk for compliance with grade A sediment standards. It found these violations from fluid milk dairies: 122 for bacteria, 16 for sediment and 27 for sanitation. At the plant level, it found 59 bacteria violations.

Coupled with a requirement that all milk sold, offered or exposed for sale as grade A be from herds free of Bang's disease, Oregon laws give consumers the satisfaction of knowing that the fluid milk they consume is of exceptionally high quality.

But these regulations have changed the production picture, forcing larger herds, better equipment, more sanitary buildings, healthier stock.

Certainly we want the highest degree of protection, inasmuch as milk is one of our most healthful and important foods. At the same time we need a much larger dairy industry in Douglas County.

This being Dairy Month we can profitably give serious thought to the achievements of the industry, its problems and prospects, and, more particularly, the part the industry plays in our individual lives.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
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Well, it's an idea anyhow, and I'm sure the Saturday Evening Post will not mind if I quote a letter from one of the readers and so pass the idea along! It suggests one simple way to combat unfavorable propaganda overseas. . . . Millions of patriotic Americans are wringing their hands in frustration and crying, "What Can I Do?" The answer is simple: magazines like the Post are our best propaganda; they show how we live and think, and depict the freedom and prosperity of democracy as opposed to the tyranny and poverty of Communism. Yet we waste millions of copies every week. . . .

"It costs only 12 cents per pound to mail magazines anywhere in the world except behind the Iron Curtain. The magazines for friends, ship committee of the Pasadena, California, Chamber of Commerce will gladly supply addresses, directions and gift stickers to inquirers. . . ."

The letter is signed Albert Croissant, Pasadena, California. For my part I think the advertisements would tell the finest kind of propaganda story to even people who could not read the English. And all over the world people are eager to learn English; it is—until that language of the Spirit is realized—the language that comes nearer each day to being a universal language. . . .

Isn't it true that wherever English goes people speaking the other language usually reach out for the English and quickly absorb many English idioms into their own tongue? Each man or woman in uniform is a teacher! Fernald said in his "Expressive English," a textbook that is good reading,

"Upon the mingled people fell the mailed hand of the Norman (William the Conqueror in 1066), crushing them closer together, while for three hundred years the Normans occupied themselves in a vain endeavor to make Englishmen talk French, till at last it occurred to them that it would be easier for themselves to learn English."

Another marked passage in the same book is: "Every French word, in order to be naturalized, had to pass under the English yoke and no French word that has been through that process is ever recognized by the natives when it goes back home."

Portland Pastor Jailed In Slaying

PORTLAND — The pastor of a small downtown mission was booked at the city jail on a murder charge Friday night following a fatal shooting in a rooming house. The Rev. James Lafayette Yokum, 72, told police he shot Frank Wilson, a rooming house handyman, after Wilson charged at him armed with an ax and a hammer. Wilson, shot twice—once in the small of the back and once on his left side—was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Formers Prepare War On Horde Of 'Hoppers

LA GRANDE — Farmers are organizing a poison attack on a heavy infestation of grasshoppers in the Hot Lake section of the Grande Ronde Valley. Apparently moving out of nearby hills, the grasshoppers have covered an estimated 400 acres, can at least even up the score

Mama's Loaded for a Long Stay, Just in Case—



Fulton Lewis Jr.



WASHINGTON — If Senator Robert A. Taft wins the Republican nomination in Chicago on the first ballot, as he predicts he will, delegates from south of the Mason-Dixon line will have to do the job.

So far 113 delegates from Southern states have been elected on a Taft ticket, to 46 for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and the Taft total does not include 23 disputed Texas delegates who were chosen for the senator over protesters from a rump convention backing Ike.

Experts are now predicting that Taft and Eisenhower will go to Chicago with the Senator leading by not more than 50 delegates. Uncommitted or still to be chosen are 34 Southern delegates who, if they follow the inclination of their neighbors, probably will get on the Taft bandwagon at the first roll call. If they do, the Ohio senator will not have far to go to win.

Counting the disputed Texas delegates, all contested GOP convention votes are on the books at the moment. Strangely enough, all of them are southerners. Georgia has 16, Louisiana 9, Mississippi 5, Texas 29, and Virginia 2.

The uncommitted and contested Southern delegates total 95. Taft could take them all for a first ballot victory, and the next few days probably will decide whether he gets them. With the exception of the hot fight in Texas, GOP national committee officials have certified all the contested delegate battles back to the various states.

Under Republican party rules, adopted in 1944 and readopted in 1948 at the insistence of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's henchmen, the national convention can only decide disputes involving delegates-at-large. There are but ten of these. The national convention operates on the theory that delegate battles are strictly home town battles, with the exception noted above.

The big fight, of course, will be over the Texas contingent, unless convention officials certify it back to the home state prior to the July 7 conclave. Even this may not forestall a Texas demonstration on the convention floor on Ike's behalf. The General is especially sensitive over the Texas scrap, since he considers this his native state, and for reasons of sentiment and prestige he wants the Texas contingent in his camp.

Actually, the Texas slate for Taft is considered legal by convention officials. They were prepared to say so when the Ohio senator pulled what is considered his major pre-convention blunder by offering to compromise with Eisenhower. In doing so he put the convention aides on the spot, and he encouraged Eisenhower's backers to put up a stiffer fight.

In offering to compromise, Taft was not suggesting that the convention ignore its own rules. He was speaking mainly to the angered Texas faction that took a shelling from his forces in that state. He wanted to muzzle any emotional convention demonstration that might stir up a wave of sympathy for Ike. He has, of course, been largely ignored by the Eisenhower leaders in Texas.

With the exception of Texas, Eisenhower's supporters are more or less ignoring the uncommitted and contested Southern delegates. They are concentrating on Pennsylvania, Maryland and Michigan, which have a total of 82 delegates. Even if Eisenhower cannot win a first ballot nomination by capturing all three states, he can at least even up the score

A giraffe can reach the ground with its mouth only by placing its legs in an awkward position. Giraffes are almost entirely voiceless.

In the Day's News

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use of the Taft-Hartley Law in the steel strike is under consideration. He replied that it has been under consideration right along. He was then asked if he thought he should or would use the law soon.

He answered that he regards use of the law as purely PERMISSIVE, rather than mandatory.

Well, over the country as a whole, a lot of law enforcement officials have looked upon the anti-gambling laws as purely permissive and not mandatory. That is to say, they have taken the position that they could enforce them or not enforce them, as they choose.

Out of that attitude THE GAMBLING RACKETS HAVE ARISEN. When the law enforcement side of government claims the power to decide whether the laws that have been enacted by the legislative side of government shall be enforced or NOT enforced, we are playing with fire.

At its annual convention in Seattle, Kiwanis International writes into its records a hard-hitting resolution calling upon government to give out ALL the news AS AND WHEN IT HAPPENS.

The resolution demands that the RIGHT of freedom of information be continued as a fundamental right of all the people. It says: "Some public officials feel they are not accountable to the public, particularly in the handling of information of non-defense departments; that they may conduct the business of their offices in secret; that they may seal or impound public records; that they may divulge only such information as they think is good for the people to know."

It concludes: "Kiwanis International vigorously condemns all such practices, and denounces such misuse of official influence and power."

That is well and boldly said. NOTHING in this country is more dangerous than the way in which in recent years news has been fed out to us with the obvious intent on the part of the administration (meaning the crowd in power) of HANDLING us instead of keeping us accurately informed.

You must have noticed — you couldn't have HELPED noticing! — that when the administration wants to drag on more money out of congress for defense purposes the NEWS GETS BAD. Reading the headlines at such times, you're warranted in jumping to the conclusion that the Russians are going to attack us TOMORROW! You get the shivers every time you pick up a paper or turn on your radio.

But when the administration wants us to believe that because of the wisdom and genius with which our affairs are being handled in Washington nobody has anything to fear if only the same crowd is kept in power, then the news that is peddled to us turns rosy and hopeful.

That is coming to be more or less accepted practice.

It is DANGEROUS. When government has and CONSTANTLY USES the power to color the news according to whatever purposes the government in power has it in mind to employ in ORDER to STAY IN POWER it amounts in practice to THOUGHT CONTROL.

Thought control is the first step toward communism, nazism, fascism—or any other ism by means of which the FEW seek to gain control of the lives, the fortunes and the liberties of the MANY.

The new German government at Bonn operates in an enclave separated from any state much like the American District of Columbia.

Senate, House Split On Money For Water Jobs

WASHINGTON — The House and Senate, 175 million dollars apart, left for a conference committee Friday the decision on the size of the country's flood control and navigation program for the coming year.

The Senate, passing its Army Civil Functions Appropriation Bill by a voice vote Thursday, put the total at \$667,474,699. The House earlier had voted \$492,434,900. A joint committee of the two houses, yet to be named, must compromise the differences.

All but a small amount in the measures is for flood control and rivers and harbors projects.

As passed by the Senate, the bill carries \$303,777,200 for flood control projects; \$27,135,000 for navigation projects; \$62,520,000 for the lower Mississippi; \$18,822,540 for the Panama Canal Zone government; \$4,319,350 for cemetery expenses and \$900,000 for a Niagara River power survey.

Under Truman Budget

The Senate bill is 35 per cent above the House bill but still some 45 million or about 6.4 per cent under President Truman's budget recommendations.

In approving the bill the Senate beat back several attempts to reduce the amount. Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) failed in efforts to cut 120 million dollars from the bill.

Much of the increase made in the House Civil Functions Bill by the Senate resulted from addition of or increases for a dozen big dam projects. The House either had ignored these projects or given "considerably smaller amounts." Included are The Dalles and McNary Dams in Oregon and Chief Joseph and Ice Harbor in Washington.

Whether these projects as approved by the Senate will survive the conference committee is a matter of speculation.

Newport Seeks Lincoln County Seat From Toledo

NEWPORT, Ore. — Petitions are being circulated here to move the Lincoln County seat from Toledo to Newport.

Some 1,500 voters must sign the petition if the proposed measure is to appear on the November ballot. Similar proposals have been rejected four times previously.

Otto Cahill of Nelscott is sponsor of the present move.

BLM Grants Access Permit For Salvaging

PORTLAND — The right to cross Bureau of Land Management timber to salvage windthrown or other damaged private timber can be granted under special regulations, Roscoe E. Bell, regional BLM manager, said Friday.

The new regulation, he said, is designed to meet the problem created by last winter's wind storms as well as fire and fire-beetle damage. He said that if the BLM has damaged timber in the same area it will expect reciprocal access rights, but not otherwise.

The traditional "seven seas" included the North and South Atlantic, North and South Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Antarctic oceans, the last of which does not exist.

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