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A FAMILY AFFAIR

By CHUCK GRELL

Dick Turley, promotion-wise manager of the Douglas County Fair, was put in a mild state of shock the other day. A lady, who had needledcraft to exhibit, phoned the fairgrounds to ask how she could enter her handicraft.

Turley's secretary, Jessie Schuetz, answered the woman, then offered to mail a premium book. Then came the surprising question: "What's a premium book?"

Here's the explanation she got — and apparently the same explanation has been offered others: The premium book contains all regulations (actually few in number) for exhibition in this year's fair. It also lists approximately \$7,000 in cash and merchandise prizes which will be awarded to winners in 4-H, Future Farmers of America and open exhibition classes. In short, it provides incentive for everyone in the county to bring in a sample of his particular art or skill for display before the public.

It wasn't strange that the lady posed her question. Anyone in Josephine or Marion or Multnomah County, where open classes have been kept through the years, would have been able to answer her. So would the 4-H and FFA members.

Back before the First World War the fair drew considerable attention from the community. The county found its major interest in agriculture. But as the pace of living stepped up and strange industries drew new people here, the county fair waned and died. Community fairs were maintained by the county extension office and the Future Farmers. Then, a few years ago the County Fair was revived, but there was no open class.

Why Not The Family?

The able County Fair Board — Cleo Tipton, Homer Grow and Jim Myers — last year took a new attitude toward its responsibilities. Why not make the fair interesting to all members of the family, they reasoned? Some people might not find their major interest in farming, so why not expand the fair so everyone could enjoy at least some of the activities at the fairgrounds?

The open class was re-established. The general public was invited to bring in its handicraft. Result was that about 600 premium checks were written by the fair board, and they were worth \$5,000.

This year, again, there'll be needledcraft competition for the ladies, hobbies for the youngsters and land products for the men. Or, if you're a man handy with a crochet hook, feel free to match it against the ladies. They do it in Multnomah County and come away with blue ribbons.

In addition to the new open class, a full entertainment schedule was drawn last year by the fair board and Turley. It included the first annual Douglas sheep dog trials, competition in logging skills and auto thrill show.

A similar program is planned for this year, though slightly changed. Its purpose is to have enough diverse activities to keep anyone happy.

The kid living down the street is likely to be one of several entered Thursday, Friday and Sunday in a talent show.

Bait Casting And Barbecue

Sportsmen Saturday will be interested in poking around displays of sporting goods before the Umpqua Bowmen and the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club start exhibitions of target shooting, trapshooting and bait casting. The sportsmen probably will have a barbecue under their belts, for a free feed is to be held before the afternoon's program gets under way.

Sheep ranchers will be curious Friday to see if the Willamette Valley shepherds still hold sway over locally trained dogs in bullying a small band of sheep through an obstacle course and into a pen. Those Shedd people put on a good show last year with their dogs.

Square dancers will have four nights' fun, for dancing is one of the attractions this year. The traditional carnival has been contracted, and Rotary Club has agreed to sponsor a 4-H and FFA livestock auction Saturday.

Looking back to last year, Turley notes that people liked this sort of a fair. Everything inside the fairgrounds fence can be seen free of charge, though there is a slight hitch. The fair board wants 50 cents from each adult and two-bits from school-age youngsters before they can pass through the main gate. From then on, everything can be seen just for the looking.

The fair board and Turley this year have set their sights on an attendance of 20,000 Douglas County people. Coincidentally, recent improvements to the fairgrounds have cost the fair board \$20,000 — taken out of the self-supporting fair budget, by the way.

So there's a dollar's worth of county fair for just 50 cents at the gate. And it's all fun.

Hal Boyle

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In an age when airplanes go twice the speed of sound, millions of Americans are still more thrilled by seeing how fast horses and automobiles can race around a track.

Why?

"People are interested in all kinds of speed today," said Big Bill France, a kingpin of the thriving stock car racing industry. "But to get really excited over it they have to be close enough to see and feel it."

France, who stands 6 feet 4 and weighs 230 pounds, built his own racing car as a raw-boned kid of 20 back in 1929. He drove in 73 races in the days when the rewards came in the form of thrills and peanut prizes.

But the sport, first popular in the south, started mushrooming across the country in 1938, and its starvation times seem over. It's big business now.

Big Bill is president of the largest organized segment of the industry—the National Assn. for Stock Car Auto Racing.

"This year there will be some 2,000 events on 100 tracks in all parts of America," he said. "Close to 5 million people will pay from

7 to 10 million dollars to see them.

"The big wheels in the auto business are getting interested now. Some people are even building stock car racing stables, just as they do stables of racehorses. Paul Whiteman, for example, has a two-car stable."

Some 4,000 drivers now compete regularly in stock car races on a national point rating system. Leading drivers fly by plane from one track to another.

"At least four drivers should earn \$25,000 in prize money this year," France said. "And probably 30 more will do better than \$15,000."

"The national winner, in addition to his prize and bonus money, can also count on about \$20,000 more for personal appearances."

This possibility of earning up to \$50,000 in a year has attracted many drivers to the NASCAR banner.

The Kentucky Derby of the stock

Now the World Waits With Bated Breath



In The Day's News

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FROM THE BRITISH BY THE CHINESE REDS.

It's a weird word, isn't it?

There's a shivering thought in the news of today. It is suggested by the case of a U.S. Marine sergeant in Tokyo who got in a financial hole and holed for help from home.

He needed 75 dollars, and when the check came and he looked at it he fell in a faint. It was for A MILLION AND SEVENTY-FIVE dollars.

The check writing machine in the bank had gone berserk.

'S'pose all the robots in all our offices and stores and banks and factories and homes should go off their rockers at the same time—

Or—

Worse yet—

'S'pose the commies should discover a way to send out over the air waves a jumble that would JUMBLE the electronic brains of all these electronic robots of ours!!!

The atom bomb — or even the H-bomb — would be a mere trifle in comparison to what might happen to us in such an event.

Wanted: Somebody who can invent an electronic brain that when asked how to bring the screwball modern world back to peace and decency and common sense will buzz and whirl and groan and blink its lights for a minute or so and then COME UP WITH THE RIGHT ANSWER.

The problem is becoming too complex for mere human brains. Maybe another robot is the solution.

That brings up Operation Flood-out in the State of Washington — in which it is being pointed out that Grand Coulee dam has been hit by an H-bomb and a flood of radiologically poisoned water is roaring down the Columbia river toward Portland where it will rise to a height of three stories in the downtown area — after having destroyed Bonneville and all the rest of the big dams.

Here's a thought:

Might it not be better to quit building these monster dams whose atomic destruction by an enemy poses the possibility of such hideous consequences, and build instead a multitude of SMALL dams such as those we want to build down here in the State of Jefferson?

I'm getting afraid there's TOO MUCH BIGNESS in the modern world already.

car speed field is the Labor Day race at Darlington, S. C., which pays \$30,000 in prizes this year and is expected to draw a gate of \$150,000.

But plans are underway to build a two million dollar track at Daytona Beach, Fla., a project which France and his fellow promoters hope will enable them to put on contests that will make the AAA's annual Indianapolis Speedway classic look like a turtle race.

"The Indianapolis track was built 40 years ago," he said. "On almost any modern track now they can use the same equipment and go up to 40 miles an hour faster."

In one race in which he himself participated, France's car turned over and over several times, and he had a number of ribs pulled loose. It was his only injury in 75 times at the wheel. But Big Bill doesn't like to dwell on the perils of the trade.

Just as horse racing is traditionally defended as a way to "improve the breed," so motor car stock racing has its moral platform, too.

"We feel," said France, "that we have given an incentive to mechanically minded kids who want a chance to make a little money and win national recognition—and, of course, this also keeps them off the highway."

Bruce Blossat

Senator Jenner of Indiana recently came up with one of his more puzzling speeches on the Senate floor. In one breath he said a "left-wing collectivist elite" still holds power within the government, and in another he said he could not ask for a "better team" than President Eisenhower and his top defense men.

Jenner told the Senate the left-wing clique is composed of holdovers from previous administrations. He said the people have developed an "inner steering group" which is free of control by Congress, the President and the courts. He added:

"It has dominated American foreign and military policy through its skill in manipulating laws, directives, committees, conference reports, and briefing sessions."

Jenner's Internal Security Committee put out a voluminous report on Communist infiltration which used language like that. But in this new speech the senator is not talking of the past, but the present.

He is saying that this group of "left-wingers" exists today in government, and is so powerful that nobody can do anything about it.

Certainly few men would be so rash as to argue there are no Communists, no subversives, no moderate left-wingers anywhere in government today. To assume that would be to suggest, on the one hand, that our Red enemies are not very resourceful, and on the other that there is not much range of political opinion in America.

Yet it is something else to state flatly that these people "dominate" American policy. That is something which cannot simply be asserted but must be proved. Jenner has offered no shadow of proof. Furthermore, he has named no names. Who are these dangerous, powerful holdovers?

If Jenner can name them, and if they do have the power he contends, how then can he have any confidence in Mr. Eisenhower and his team?

For the import of his charges is that the "left-wing elite" has stolen power from everybody, including the President. A Chief Executive and an administration which allowed this to happen could hardly be deserving of much faith.

SALEM (AP)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Tuesday that a circuit court could compel the State Board of Conciliation to hold a public hearing in connection with the lumber strike.

But before holding a public hearing, the board first must hold conferences with employees and employers, Thornton ruled.

The opinion was asked by State Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat, who wants to know how the board could be forced to hold a hearing.

Thornton said that in any labor dispute, the Board of Conciliation first must try to persuade both sides to end the dispute.

Then, if the board is unsuccessful, the governor or city or county officials can ask the board to investigate.

At this point, he ruled, the public hearing would be held.

The board began investigating the lumber strike several days ago.

Four Youths Are Arrested For Beating Motorist

PORTLAND (AP)—Four young men were jailed here early Tuesday after two patrolmen watched them yank a 62-year-old motorist from his car and start to beat him up.

John R. Bonness was the man who was beaten. The four told police he stopped his car suddenly, forcing them to a quick stop which wrecked the transmission of their car. However, police were unable to find any damage to it.

The four, all charged with assault and battery and after hours, were Fredrick L. Daniels, 19, Portland; Morris F. Sweet, 19, Portland; Robert L. Fisher, 20, Salem; and Jerald E. Carlson, 21, Portland.

Vice President Of Brazil Said Friendly To U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Joao Cafe Filho, the Brazilian vice president now in line for that country's chief office, is regarded in official Washington circles as a genial man with a long history of friendship for the United States.

Secretary of State Dulles was the first U.S. official to comment on the stunning news of the deposition and suicide of Getulio Vargas, longtime Brazilian iron

man. He told a news conference he had sent a note to the Brazilian government expressing his profound sympathy.

The secretary did not, however, comment on Cafe or gave his own views on the events which precipitated the death of Vargas.

Diplomatic sources said they were not surprised that Vargas was ousted but they expressed shock that the tough old Brazilian leader had taken his own life.

There seemed to be little doubt that Cafe would succeed Vargas as the Brazilian President. Washington sources said they believe Cafe has widespread popular support but that he is not considered to be a man with the backing of a national political machine.

Flemming Orders Plans To Keep Nation Prepared

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Mobilization Director Arthur S. Flemming Tuesday ordered in to effect a new plan for keeping the nation's military production facilities in constant readiness for a quick leap into all-out war production.

The order, effective Aug. 25, calls for payments to private industry to maintain in production condition idle equipment considered essential to full war production. It also includes arrangements for keeping together key production personnel and for keeping production techniques and finished products up to date.

A spokesman for Flemming said this would cost "several hundreds of millions of dollars a year."

The new mobilization base order, in preparation for many months and long the subject of disagreement between government agencies concerned with it, had become urgent in past months because of the rapid decline in defense output.

This slowdown has idled plants, machinery and skills representing investments of billions of dollars and many months of effort, which were poured into the defense production buildup after hostilities began in Korea.

Reynolds Metals Studies Canada Aluminum Project

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—Considerable study will be made before the Reynolds Metals Co. of New York decides whether or not to build an aluminum development in Northern British Columbia, a company spokesman said here Monday.

Louis Reynolds, vice president of Reynolds Metals Co., said his engineers are in Victoria studying available information.

The project would be powered from the best hydroelectric project proposed by Frohisher Ltd., in Canadian enterprise plans a 270 million dollar metallurgical-hydroelectric development in the north by 1962.

Reynolds said his interests were approached on possible association with Frohisher in the northern development. He added it was too early to tell how his firm would be associated with Frohisher; whether it would join financially or simply purchase power.

Reynolds said talks with Frohisher had been in progress less than a month.

County Court Approves Execution Of Land Sale

The Douglas County Court Tuesday approved execution of a deed for sale of property to Sidney and Thora J. Leiken east of Wilbur and Sutherland.

It was formerly county-owned property which had been foreclosed for taxes. The sale involved \$29,886. The county retained mineral rights.

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