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THE COUNTY FAIR

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Douglas County's annual fair gets into full swing tomorrow. All advance indications point to the biggest and most entertaining fair in history. It deserves the greatest possible attendance.

It hardly seems possible that a county fair could grow as rapidly as has this annual Douglas County event.

After a lapse of 27 years, the fair was revived only ten years ago. It had a very modest beginning, catering principally to the 4-H clubs. But growth has been sensational, not only in number of entries and competition, but also in the matter of attendance.

It is not polite, I know, to say, "I told you so," but in my opinion the suggestion offered in this column several years ago that the County employ a full-time manager for its fair and fairgrounds has had something to do with the continuing success of the event and the increased use of the property for recreational purposes. The suggestion was adopted, a manager was named, and since that time the fairgrounds have become one of the county's great assets.

Dick Turley, now serving as manager, has shown great industry and imagination in conducting the operation. He is to be highly commended for the manner in which the program has been developed.

Conditions Changing

Modern conditions have forced many changes in the county fair.

In the "Good Ol' Days" the county fair date was a time when farm people got together. Our economy was based almost exclusively on agriculture. Farmers had little in the way of printed information to aid in farm management. Travel was difficult.

So the county fair had both economic and social value. Because roads did not permit traveling any great distance, the county fair offered opportunity for the annual visit among friends residing in widely separated parts of the county. The farmer, lacking help from a county agent, farm magazines, bulletins, etc., met with other farmers to talk about production methods. Families came in their wagons and set up camping equipment. The fair was a vacation and a picnic.

Changing times ruined many county fairs. Agriculture ceased to hold interest as the primary source of revenue. Better roads and automobiles altered the social aspect. The farmer ceased to rely exclusively upon his neighbor for information. Today he can obtain literature and personal help for any problem.

But people have not forgotten the good times they had at the county fairs in the old days. Nor has interest altogether waned in agricultural exhibits and competition. While we no longer set up a tent village, we still enjoy social contacts, even though the isolation of former days is gone.

New Appearance Given

Revival of the county fair, however, despite a considerable demand, has involved many problems.

Few city dwellers are interested in displays of pumpkins and fat lambs. A straight agricultural fair, although interesting to some people, will not attract enough revenue to maintain the event. Several attempted revivals elsewhere failed because of that fact.

But our fairs now have a new appearance. In the first place, our Douglas County Fair offers enough in the way of recreation and entertainment to interest everyone. There is plenty to enjoy, even though one does not go near the exhibit buildings.

But even in the exhibits there now is such a variety of educational and entertaining features that any person's interests are met.

For one thing, industries are taking advantage of the county fair for educational and advertising purposes. Displays by industry are gaining more and more importance side by side with agricultural exhibits.

The city dweller is finding the county fair as interesting to him as it is to the farmer.

Manager Turley has recognized this trend and has taken full advantage of it to give everyone ample entertainment throughout every hour and day.

If you miss the Douglas County Fair, you will be depriving yourself of some real enjoyment.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Returning from a vacation is much more of an ordeal than going on one.

There is a thing called the "post-vacation blues," a hangover disease from a sprightly spree in freedom. Maybe half the adult working population of America is suffering from this seasonal epidemic ailment at this moment.

One returns from a summer vacation to his daily bread-and-butter chores with the hypnotic feeling of a wild bird fixed by the steady gaze of a snake. The job a man lives by holds no glory; he groans in his rut; he feels no victory in accepting his usual insulting weekly paycheck.

(Did any man in the history of the world ever come back from a vacation and meet a raise in pay? What a delicious dream! "Welcome home, Jones," says the boss. "Boy, have we missed you! You find a few extra bucks in your next envelope don't think it's a mistake.")

Lacking this surprise, the ordinary vacationer comes back to his daily tasks in office or factory with a split-leg regret. One foot faithfully plods toward the regular routine, the other holds back in a desperate toe-clutch on a last lost liberty.

What can a man do to avoid this straddle of mind and body? How can a man adjust to the problems created by the death of a vacation?

Here are a few how-to-do-it suggestions to cushion the shock of

Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

Now that another session of Congress has ended I believe you might like to have a report in the nature of a summary of what has happened in Washington, D. C., during the first half of the 84th Congress and the third quarter of the presidential term of our able and popular President Eisenhower.

Since the government team in Washington now, as the result of the elections last year is misnamed (Republican Administration with a Democrat Congress), there has been considerable "pulling and hauling" and forward progress has not been noteworthy — particularly in the Congressional branch.

Any administration is severely handicapped if the opposition party has control of the Congress. In the area of responsibility of the executive branch of the government headed by President Eisenhower an impressive record of accomplishments for the good of the country has been made. Here is a partial list:

No Shooting War — peace throughout the world for the first time in nearly a generation.

Cold War Eased — firmness and cordiality of President Eisenhower and his diplomacy has resulted in changed attitude and less tension.

Inflation Ended — the value of the dollar has remained almost stable for more than two years. Cost of living has been stabilized.

Wages And Employment At Record High — in June 64,000,000 people were employed. Unemployment near record low and declining. A state of general prosperity exists. Wages at all time high.

Communist Influence In Government Wiped Out — the question of subversives and security risks in government has ceased to exist. Confidence in government has been restored.

Collective Security Strengthened — South Korea, Republic of China, Austrian treaties; Middle East, Latin American agreements; West German independence and a NATO member; Trieste, Suez and Iranian problems solved with U.S. assistance.

The Administration asked the 84th Congress to enact bold new programs for schools, highway expansion, housing, health re-insurance, higher minimum wage, military reserve program. Congress enacted some portions of the President's program which were extensions or continuance of laws sponsored by previous administrations. Those included extension of reciprocal trade, increase in minimum wage, foreign aid, selective service and a start was made on broadening the social security coverage and benefits.

But the Eisenhower proposals looking forward to meeting the needs of our rapidly increasing population and our expanding economy did not come through the political opposition cross-currents to enactment during this session. Among them were the following:

Aid To School Construction — reported at end of session by House Committee but not in form suggested or desired by the Administration.

Social Security Act Improvements — such a bill passed by House but put to sleep in the Senate. House bill not in accord with the President's program but carrying some of his recommendations.

Dynamic Long Range Highway Program — modeled, planned and authorized by Democratic majority in committee. Rejected by more than two to one vote by a disgruntled House of Representatives.

Health Re-insurance — providing for the expansion of private voluntary medical pre payment plans by government underwriting part of the insurance risk. No action at all has been taken this year on this subject.

Of special interest to the Northwest and to our district was the passage of the law to stop the filing of phony or fraudulent mining claims in the national forests. Title to timber and other surface values is kept by the government. I have worked for years on this subject. In 1948 partial success was achieved by the passage of my bill to afford such protection on the O & C lands. To develop the bill which was passed I worked with department heads and other Members of Congress. The bill enacted carried the name of the chairman of the committee but contained the language which protects for the country the portion of the revenue from O & C lands and was otherwise identical with the bill I introduced.

Several of my bills which were passed by Congress last year have already yielded beneficial results to our district. H.R. 5938 settled the long standing O & C indemnity lands controversy resulting in the distribution of more than seven millions of dollars to the counties. H.R. 8384 authorized the construction of the Talent irrigation project. Money to complete the planning of that project was appropriated this year. Actual construction should be under way by this time next year. H.R. 4541 which was enacted as a part of the Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Bill authorized federal construction of power facilities at the Cougar and Green Peter Dams in the Willamette system. Although that authorization, which I sponsored, made it possible for the appropriation this year of money to make the plans for Green Peter and to finish the plans and start construction of Cougar, these projects can be completed faster and with greater benefit to the people if the partnership plan of financing them is adopted.

This year I have again sought the passage of legislation which would hurry the construction of Green Peter and Cougar Dams by permitting some \$50,000,000 of their cost to be put up by local interests. With that money available to supplement Congressional appropriations construction could go ahead even if public works appropriations were cut down by an economy minded Congress. The partnership bill for Cougar Dam was passed by the House last year without a dissenting vote. This year the bill which includes both dams met with determined opposition by Oregon Senators who insist that only government money be spent on such dams. They ignore at least two excellent reasons for the adoption of the partnership plan:

(1) With nearly \$30,000,000 in local financing available in addition to federal appropriations with which to build Green Peter and with \$11,000,000 similarly available for Cougar, the dams can be built more rapidly and the flood control and power obtained earlier.

(2) The Eugene Water and Electric Board says it can generate the type of power it needs at Cougar cheaper than it can buy the same power if Cougar is built as a federal project. The Pacific Power and Light Company told the Congressional Committee that the rates charged its customers would be the same whether or not they participate in building Green Peter or not. BUT the Linn County Assessor told me if the company builds the Green Peter Power Plant it will pay at least \$300,000 per year in county taxes.

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In The Day's News

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as this we'll all be willing to put up our share.

The forest fire in the Quartz mountain area of the Fremont National Forest in Eastern Oregon—its reported to be the worst in the Fremont forest since 1931—started in slash and ran into cutover area and NEW GROWTH. It is presumed to have been started by lightning.

It has since been brought under control.

Only a few years ago, we'd have shrugged our shoulders and said cheerfully: "No harm done." In those days, we looked upon timber as a resource to be used up and then forgotten. We thought of the lumber industry as a TEMPORARY industry. It cut out the virgin trees and then moved on—or told us up.

It's different now. In these more modern days, we know that timber is a CROP. When it is cut, it renews itself by the growth of new trees—just as a pasture that has been grazed over by livestock renews itself by growth of the grass.

While we're as anxious as ever to save the virgin trees FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT—

We're anxious to save the growing trees for the needs of the future.

That's quite a change.

This interesting little tale has just clicked off the teletype:

The state of Oregon has published its first livestock brand book in five years. It is being distributed by the state department of agriculture. In its 248 pages it lists some 11,725 brands—of which 8,668 are cattle brands.

The oldest brand listed in the book is considered to be the first used in Oregon. During the 1849 gold rush a man named Russell Dement moved to the Myrtle Point area. He picked up FIVE ELK COWS, tamed them and branded them with the letter D. The brand is still being used by the Dement family in Coos county.

Look at it this way: The gold of Southern Oregon was great stuff in its day. It built a town of some 10,000 at Port Orford, where the gold supply ships anchored. When Port Orford was destroyed by a great fire, the gold camp supply ships moved on to the Umpqua river and built at the head of tide at Scottsburg another big town that missed by only a few votes being chosen as Oregon's capital.

Southern Oregon's gold has been mined out, but the livestock industry that was founded by Russell Dement STILL GOES ON.

Officials Revising Down Deficit For Fiscal Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government officials are revising downward sharply their forecast of \$2,400,000 deficit for the current fiscal year. New estimates are to be made Friday.

Informed quarters said Wednesday they would not be surprised, in fact, if Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey suggests there is a possibility the deficit can be eliminated entirely.

That would mean balancing the budget by next June 30, just when the presidential campaign of 1956 is heating up.

The big business upsurge in the first six months of this year was chiefly responsible. Government receipts, stimulated by rising incomes and business prosperity, ran \$1,300,000,000 above earlier estimates.

PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Former Prime Minister Mohammed Ali is going back to Washington as Pakistan's ambassador to the United States.

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Russians Claim Rumors False On Matskevich

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Embassy Wednesday denied as "false" a report that Vladimir Matskevich, head of the visiting Russian farm delegation, once was a Soviet secret police official.

The report, which came from Radio Liberation, was published Tuesday. It said Matskevich at one time headed the agricultural

department of the economic administration of the Soviet Ministry of Internal Affairs (the MVD).

A. I. Zinchuk, first secretary and press officer at the embassy, told a reporter:

"This story is false from the beginning to the end. For many years before the war Mr. Matskevich worked as a director of Zoo

Technical Institute in Kharkov until he was appointed in 1946 as a minister of livestock and then minister of agriculture of the Ukrainian Republic."

Radio Liberation is an anti-Communist broadcast operation in Europe composed mainly of Russian refugees.

ROAD CONTRACT LET

PORTLAND (AP) — A \$132,819 contract for grading 2.2 miles of road in the Rogue River National Forest near Crater Lake and building a bridge across the river was awarded Wednesday.

It went to Orlando C. Bennard of Portland. The Bureau of Public Roads said the work will be on the National and Crater Creek roads, heading into timber from the Diamond Lake Highway.

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