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STATE FAIR WEEK

Charles V. Stanton

Douglas County has long had more than passing interest in the Oregon State Fair, now in progress at Salem.

A Roseburg resident, the late A. C. Marsters, for many years was chairman of the State Fair Board. Chairman of the present Oregon State Fair Commission is Dr. Earle B. Stewart, also of Roseburg.

Thus, two Douglas County men have directed the annual event over a long period of time.

Prior to 1952 the State Fair was under the supervision of the State Department of Agriculture. The board was an auxiliary agency of that department. At the 1951 session of the Oregon Legislature the present Oregon State Fair Commission was created and management and control of the fair transferred. Dr. Stewart was appointed by Douglas McKay, then serving as governor. He was reappointed by Governor Paul Patterson early last year, following expiration of his first term.

Until the creation of the new commission, the State Fair had a rather rough financial road, particularly during depression years. Marsters, in his last few years as chairman, succeeded in forcing a program of expansion and improvement, over the objections of some of the more conservative Department of Agriculture heads, and paved the way for a more modern operation.

Director Authorized

Following organization of the commission, a full - time director was named and many additions made to the program. The financial structure was remodeled. Modernization was undertaken. As a result the fair has been growing steadily and has become financially sound.

This year's fair, which started Saturday, and which will reach its climax toward the end of the week, coming to a conclusion the night of the 10th, appears to be the best in the 90 years it has been conducted.

Quarters have been enlarged for the Land Products Show and a new barn built for livestock exhibits.

Top interest around the livestock barns, it is reported, is centering around the Angus Futurity. This comparatively new event is being presented for the first time in the Pacific Northwest. It moves to a different state each year. Stockmen from many western states are present for the Futurity.

Exhibits in all departments are breaking previous records, according to word from Salem. Attendance for the week is expected to hit an all-time high.

While the State Fair always draws a big crowd because of the high quality of its exhibits, entertainment has been shown to be a vital factor in maintaining crowd interest. The commission this year believes it has the finest entertainment ever offered.

Circus Big Attraction

Dr. Stewart is particularly proud of the fact that the fair this year has one of the nation's biggest circuses as a special attraction. The combined Bailey Bros. and Cristiani circus is putting on two shows daily. Three shows were given Sunday. It is soon to be set up at Disneyland for the winter season.

Thoroughbred horse races, always one of the main attractions at the fair, are featured as usual. A stage revue, featuring outstanding talent, is a feature of each evening's program.

Dr. Stewart also reports the farm machinery display this year to be "out of this world." It is attracting exceptional interest.

Altogether the Oregon State Fair is an event interesting a large segment of the state's population. And Douglas County can be particularly proud of the contributions made over a long period of years by two of its citizens.

Hal Boyle

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following column came to us with the notation: "Reprinted by widespread demand." A careful check on our part disclosed that the widespread demand came from Hal Boyle himself, who is lying on a beach right now, eating hot dogs and getting even more widespread.

And everybody is off having a wonderful time except—
The cops on the beat,
Firemen,
Motion picture operators,
Telephone girls,
Utility plant workers,
Subway track walkers,
Bus drivers,
And pickpockets.

Yes, everybody has a grand feeling of freedom except—
Bartenders,
Busboys,
Chambermaids,
Airplane pilots,
Bellhops,
And mothers.

Oh sure, everybody is blissfully relaxing from the daily routine except—
Performing bears and other teevee stars,
Train crews,
Lifeguards,
Night club orchestras,
Waiters and watchmen,
Dairy cows,
And the men who give them a hand.

What a gay day, indeed it is for everybody except—
Druggists,
Ice cream cart entrepreneurs,
Delicatessen owners,
Chinese restaurant keepers,
Hatcheck girls,
Panhandlers,
Street cleaners,
And men who make a career of taking small dogs for an airing.

Even the escalators in the department stores have a full day off. Who doesn't except—
Wireless operators on ships at sea.

Agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
Nurses, hospital internes, and
The man at the morgue waiting for careless holiday motorists,
Baseball players, racehorses and Jockeys,
Weather forecasters,
Boys and girls trying to swim the English Channel,
Flagpole sitters,
And me?

Yes, everybody else, is celebrating Labor Day — barbers and floorwalkers, atom scientists and men who wind eight-day clocks, your boss and you.

The millions at leisure owe a debt of thanks to the hundreds of thousands who make this day of liberty possible by staying on the job themselves.

Why not repay them with a three-second period of silent gratitude? Let's not just talk about it. Let's do it. Right now!

Ready? Okay, tense your gratitude muscles. Here we go—one, two, three!

"Thank you, dear suckers who work on Labor Day, while the rest of us frolic in the sun. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Okay, that's enough. Let's don't overdo it. Feeling grateful is hard work. Relax and—

Happy Labor Day, everybody!

CONDUCTOR KILLED

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — R. E. Hatch, 39, a Southern Pacific Railroad conductor, was killed Saturday in the railroad's switching yards here.

Railroad officials said Hatch's body was dragged several hundred feet by a switching train which he was directing. A member of the train crew discovered the tragedy.

The widow and a small daughter survive.

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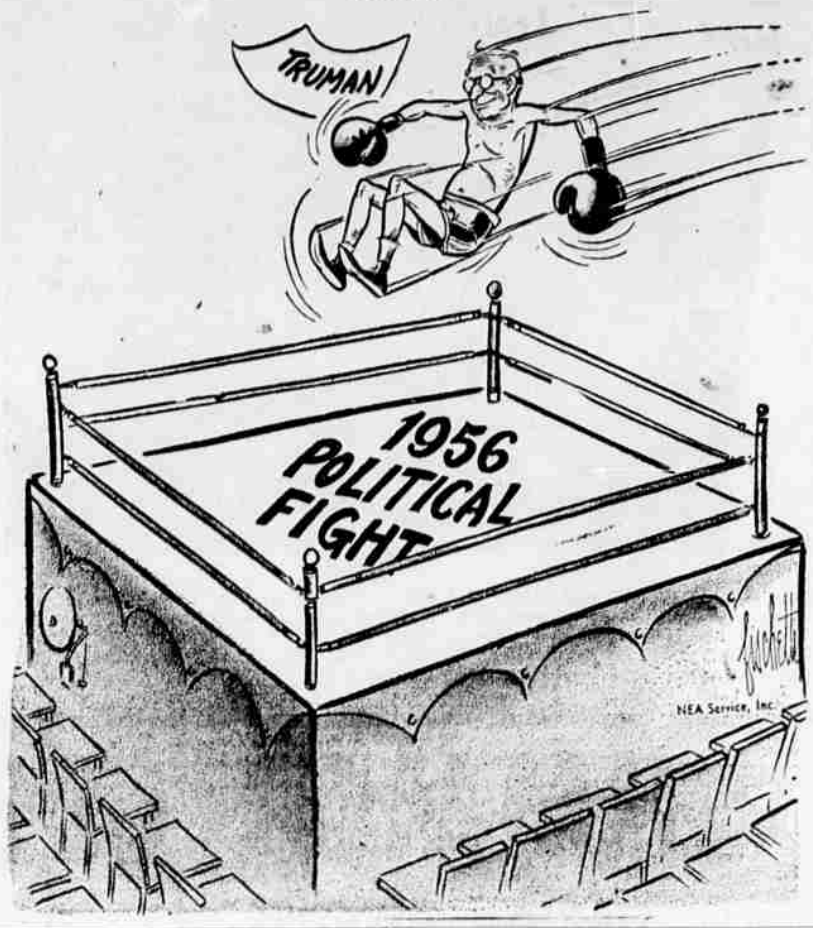

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—American labor prospects for the year ahead are now regarded as favoring increased stability.

The basic steel contract and northern coal industry contracts were renegotiated without a strike.

CIO Electrical Workers asked General Electric for a guaranteed annual wage. They settled instead for a five-year contract with 52 "better living" fringe benefits, plus a 3 per cent annual wage increase. But the "GAW" questions may be opened later.

With these pattern - setting contracts renegotiated peacefully, the big job for the remainder of the year is to ex tend their provisions to other companies. Most of these contracts are for two years or more. The number of contracts expiring in 1956 will therefore be much lower than this year for greater stability in labor relations.

THESE BIG - INDUSTRY contracts always make the most news. But in their quieter, local contract negotiations, American Federation of Labor's new contracts are setting different patterns.

The biggest change, according to AFL's research department, is the trend towards a shorter work week. One worker in six is now on a standard work week of less than 40 hours. Development of the 35 to 37½-hour work week has not been limited to any one area. It is more common in nonmanufacturing than in manufacturing industries.

Over the long haul, AFL officials expect the shorter work week to be the answer to the replacement of men by machines in technological advances, or automation.

AFL TRUCKERS HAVE WON wage increases and hours reduction in a number of regional and state-wide contracts. In the New England contract, truckers outside the Boston metropolitan area were given the Boston scale.

This trend towards area bargaining, in place of the local contracts which AFL craft unions have traditionally negotiated, may be something to watch.

In the AFL building trades, Department of Labor reports wages increased by an average of 3.3 per cent, equal to nine cents an hour, during the year ending July 1. This puts the building trade's average range from $2.04 an hour for common labor to $3.47 for average range from $2.04 an hour for common labor to $3.47 for bricklayers, with a top of $3.85.

Railway operating brotherhoods claim their most significant gain of the year was an initial agreements for pay differentials based on the number of cars in freight trains.

Nonoperating brotherhoods' principal victory in the L. & N. strike was a provision which requires the road to pay all health and welfare benefits.

FRINGE BENEFITS LIKE PENSIONS, paid vacations, health and welfare benefits have been increasing steadily.

One new trend won by the auto workers is for a seventh paid holiday each year, made up of two half holidays on Christmas and New Year's Eve. Vacations of more than two weeks for old employes are increasing.

To give salaried employes extra fringe benefits, General Motors is expected to approve a savings-stock purchase plan. It is similar to the Ford plan which the auto workers turned down.

DuPont has offered such a plan to all its employes who, where organized, are largely in independent unions. Under this plan employes may authorize payroll deductions of $12.50 to $37.50 a month to buy U.S. savings bonds. For every dollar the employe puts in, the company donates 25 cents toward the purchase of DuPont stock.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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and unprofitable, but MODERN war is beginning to border on the absurd.

Heads of the big stock exchanges at New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Montreal, meeting at Vancouver, in the state of Washington, offer some good advice FOR FREE to the average investor.

They say:

"The man of average means with some money to invest should concentrate on INVESTMENT and not on speculation."

They add:

"Such an investor should forget all about the fast killings, because there is no easy way to riches on the stock market."

Their general advice to the average man seeking a short cut to a fortune on a $5,000 investment can be boiled down into two words — WATCH OUT!

The stock exchange heads are talking to us little people.

They could RAISE THEIR SIGHTS and still be within the facts.

In the gambling city of Monte Carlo, capital of the tiny gambling principality of Monaco, down on the French Riviera, the biggest bank in town closed its doors the other day, throwing the whole postage-stamp-size nation into a financial crisis.

It happened like this:

A little while back the bank's upper brass, seeking a short cut to wealth, PLUNGED on television stocks. When the stocks slumped instead of soaring, eagey depositors hastened to the bank and withdrew their money.

That stopped the clock.

There's an odd little lesson in this particular incident.

This bank that gambled heavily on long shot stocks (and guessed wrong) is located in an area that lives on gambling. Its upper brass caught the fever. In the end, they were taken for a ride — just like the veriest sucker who goes to Monte Carlo (or Las Vegas) with the idea of getting rich quick with little effort.

That's the trouble with gambling as a short cut to riches.

You can play penny ante and nickel limit FOR FUN and get away with it as long as it is pure fun and stays penny ante. But when you get to thinking of gambling as REAL MONEY you're headed for trouble.

Whenever some gambler wins, some other gambler loses. It's different in the case of legitimate business. In legitimate business, BOTH SIDES can profit from a sound deal.

That's what the heads of the big stock exchanges, gathered up in Vancouver, are trying to tell us.

Boy Stabs Father, Lives With Body Five Weeks

BOSTON (AP) — Police Capt. Michael A. Clougherty said 17-year-old Arthur H. Martin, an honor student at Boston Latin School, admitted Monday night he stabbed his father to death and lived alone in their home with the body for five weeks.

Mrs. Isabel Martin, 39, last night found the body of her husband, Manuel, 51, on their bedroom floor. She had been away on an extended vacation.

Clougherty said the son told detectives he stabbed his father with a trench knife last July 28 during an argument over washing the kitchen floor.

No charge was brought against the boy immediately.

Mushrooms May Help Prevent Cancer Growth

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
AP Science Reporter

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—An old folklore story says that eating certain kinds of mushrooms may help prevent cancer.

Today a scientist who became curious about it said that extracts from some mushrooms do indeed show ability to retard or stop the growth of some cancers transplanted into mice.

These extracts are not yet pure enough for human tests, to disprove or prove the old story. They may provide a new clue for cancer control.

The research was described by Dr. E. H. Lucas and Joseph Stevens of Michigan State University at the opening of the annual meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Lucas became interested in the claim in some central European countries that people eating a certain species of mushroom, named Boletus Edulis, had very little cancer.

He tested an extract from it and found it could retard growth of some types of experimental cancer in mice.

Since then, five years ago, 80 different species of mushrooms have been studied. Extracts from 10 have been found to contain some principle able to slow tumor growth in mice, Dr. Lucas said.

Grasshoppers Become Nuisance To Local Farmers

Dry weather in Douglas County has brought farmers and gardeners a pesky problem.

Grasshoppers, pushed out of their usual hillside haunts, have migrated to the valleys. County extension Agent J. Roland Parker said they have caused more annoyance than actual dollar damage.

This is the first year that the grasshoppers have presented such a problem, the agent added. The migration started about a month ago when the winged insects infested alfalfa and lotus fields, gardens and flower beds.

Last year they caused annoyance on the North Umpqua River in the Glide area, Parker said. He added that the start of the rainy season would put a stop to the problem.

Many farmers have been working to control the unwelcome visitors by spraying and dusting. They use bait, which can be bran sawdust treated with Aldrin Chlordane or Toxaphene.

Generally, Parker pointed out, the grasshopper problem in the county is slight. They are killed by the ordinary controls of nature, he said, such as fungus and parasitic insects. This year, the weather favored the 'hoppers.

U.S. Churches' Membership Up

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans have kept up their postwar interest in religion, swelling total membership in U. S. churches of all faiths to a record 97,482,611.

This figure, reported by the National Council of Churches, means 6 out of every 10 persons in the United States is listed as a church member.

"There has been no pause or letdown in the vigorous postwar growth of the churches," said Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of the council's yearbook, in which the new figures are to be published this month.

The council's figures show that church membership is growing faster than the population of the country. Most of the current church figures are for 1954. The rise over 1953 is 2,639,766 or 2.8 per cent. In the same period the population rose 1.7 per cent.

The council is an organization of 30 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies but its yearbook statistics cover all American churches, which now have a total of 300,058 congregations, 5,397 more than in 1953.

TV Quiz Winner Visits Home In Italian Alps

STATALE, Italy (AP)—Gino Prato, the New York cobbler who won $32,000 on the U. S. television quiz program The $64,000 Question, was back home today in the little village he left 33 years ago to seek his fortune in America.

He climbed a mule trail on foot Monday to reach his birthplace in the north Italian mountains. Church bells rang and nearly every resident gathered in the town square to welcome him.

In the center of the crowd stood Giovanni Prato, his 92-year-old father. It was their first reunion since Gino left for the United States.

LINDERMAN WINS

ELLENSBURG (AP) — Bill Linderman, Walla Walla, won the all-around championship of the 33rd annual Ellensburg Rodeo, which ended its three-day run Monday.

Linderman, president of the Rodeo Cowboys Assn., beat out Barney Willis of Visalia, Calif., to pocket $1,052 in prize money. The Walla Walla cowboy took first in both saddle and bareback riding.

LOST BOY FOUND

WEST, Tex. — (AP) A little boy who can't talk was found early Tuesday after an all-night hunt, well but hungry.

Theron Donahoe, 4, of Waco was found about two miles from where he wandered away Monday afternoon from the farm he had been visiting with his parents.

The boy's mother said he had a speech impediment and could not talk, but "could make sounds when scared."

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