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RODEO WEEK

By Charles V. Stanton

This is "Rodeo Week." Preparations are being completed for the annual Douglas County Rodeo to be held Saturday and Sunday. Precedent calls for residents to don western garb, join in the festivities which will precede the colorful event and participate in the entertainment scheduled throughout the week.

The Douglas County Rodeo has enjoyed a spectacular growth. It has become one of the largest and best in the West. This year it will be bigger and better than ever. For the information of newcomers to our area, who may not know the history of this event, we go back to the days of World War II when a mounted group was organized as a part of civilian defense. Under direction of the county sheriff the mounted posse was created to do guard duty, courier service, patrols, and to assist in other ways in times of emergency or disaster.

The organization still has those duties as principal objectives. It stands ready at all times for emergency service. On numerous occasions it has been used for search and rescue, patrol and guard duty.

At the end of the war, however, members of the posse found that they had so enjoyed their training and fellowship that they did not want to disband. At the same time they desired to perform some service, other than standby duty, for the county.

County Fair Revived

Douglas County at that time had not had a county fair for more than 25 years. There was much public interest in reviving the fair. The county, however, had no facilities and no funds for that purpose.

The Sheriff's Mounted Posse assumed leadership in the fair revival project. It sponsored a ballot measure to provide a limited amount of money for purchase of grounds, and a continuing levy for fair operation. Members dug down in their pockets to provide improvements.

With contributed and borrowed money, donated materials and volunteer labor the grandstand was built. Fences and chutes were constructed and enough facilities provided to permit a public rodeo.

All profits from the first and all succeeding contests went to the fair fund. To these profits, which have formed the nucleus, other county money has been added until Douglas County now has one of the largest and best fairgrounds and recreational centers to be found anywhere in Oregon. Improvements have been made almost every year. The facilities are steadily growing in use. Instead of standing idle, except for a couple of times a year, they now provide some sort of attraction throughout most of the year. Much work, however, remains to be done if the recreational center is brought to full potential.

The main objective, that of fair revival, has been most successful. As soon as the rodeo is over, arrangements, already in progress, will be completed for the county fair to be held in August.

Rodeo Expanded

But while the riding group was unselfishly working to build up another attraction it found its own event growing in interest and size each year.

This season's rodeo will be no exception. The program has been greatly expanded. Many new events and contests are to be provided. Prize money will bring in more contestants and will increase competition.

The rodeo has grown so large, in fact, that the mounted posse is no longer the exclusive sponsoring group. The event now is under the direction of an association made up of several civic bodies. It requires time and effort from hundreds of workers, who give their services without remuneration to the many preparatory and executive details.

And through all these combined efforts, Douglas County residents next weekend will be able to enjoy an unusually colorful and spectacular event, with fun and entertainment for everyone.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — "Each day now," said Kate Smith, "is like a gift greater than gold."

After 25 fabulous years in radio and television, the "hello everybody" girl is going to take it easy from now on. "I plan only limited guest appearances—maybe 6 or 8 a year," said Kate. "I've reached a stage of life where it is time to start slowing down."

She reached the decision after her longtime manager and partner, Ted Collins, was stricken with a heart attack early this year.

"I saw him lying under an oxygen tent, week after week, trying to breathe," she recalled. "We had worked so long and so hard. And I asked myself—'for what? What is the point in killing myself?'"

"If I didn't want to work another day, I wouldn't have to. I haven't had a check bounce yet. I don't have to work now except for sheer pleasure."

"Yes," said Collins drily, as he forked up a bit of shrimp luncheon salad. "You got money to go home on."

Kate, who started as a teen-age singer whose plumpness often made her the butt of Broadway musical comedy jokes, proved that most of the country can be made to love a fat girl with a stout heart.

Since her first broadcast on May, 1931, she starred on 10,342 radio shows, made 1,040 television appearances, and recorded more than 2,200 songs. She has received as much as \$38,000 a week, and her gross lifetime earnings exceed \$5 million dollars.

"I can't think of any entertainer in history, man or woman, who has beaten that record, unless it's Bing Crosby," said Collins.

Kate is proud of the fact that over the years she has received some 25 million fan letters. She is proud that in a number of public polls she has been named among

Consumer Front Provides Welcome News For Many Businessmen This Week

By WALTER BREEDER JR.

NEW YORK — The consumer front provided welcome news for many businessmen this week. At long last, Mr. and Mrs. American Consumer were in a free-spending mood again.

The loosening of consumer purse strings was dramatically apparent in the nation's auto showrooms where the long-awaited "Spring upturn" finally swung into high gear.

There was some doubt whether the hot weather which thawed consumer resistance in many areas had come soon enough to melt away the auto industry's big inventory surplus. Even so, the tempo of new car sales was the best this year. Dealers who had been carrying an inventory of 900,000 cars on May 1 were beginning to get out from under.

Elsewhere along main street, dry goods, hardware and department store merchants could pat themselves on the back, too. Retail sales took a lusty jump ahead, particularly in the densely populated metropolitan centers of the East and Midwest. In these key market areas, scorching temperatures suddenly burst upon the scene, dispelling the damp, raw weather that had chilled consumer appetites.

Gift buying for Father's Day swelled the total, and Dun & Bradstreet said the week's volume of all retail trade was from five to nine per cent higher than a year ago. There was one off-key note:

As Americans voice thankful prayers that President Eisenhower is well on his way to recovery from his second major illness within nine months, they face a new period of uncertainty over his political future.

The doubts are stirred not so much by the medical prospects—which are excellent—as by the possible impact this second illness may have upon the President's own state of mind.

The doctors see no reason why this new ailment should prevent his running for a second term. The disease—leukitis—is a fairly common disorder in a man of his age. Operation usually brings a swift cure, and if a recurrence develops it is ordinarily minor.

Ironically, too, in suffering this second difficulty the President seems to have demonstrated the soundness of his recovery from the first, his September heart attack. His heart came through the abdominal operation splendidly.

BUT IT SHOULD be remembered that when Mr. Eisenhower said last winter he would run again he reserved the right to change his mind if at any time he became convinced he could not do full justice to his job.

As he moves through this new recovery period, he is certain to examine his own conscience scrupulously on this question.

He is bound to be mindful of the fact that his total work time in the past nine months has been considerably reduced.

He will be aware as well that the present span of convalescence is much more critical for the nation than the period right after he suffered his heart attack.

The weeks ahead are the most decisive in getting through Congress the main features of his legislative program. And many major items are on the foreign affairs agenda.

German Chancellor Adenauer is here now. Prime Minister Nehru of India is due in July. And the Pres-

ident was due to attend the Inter-American Conference at Panama late this month.

IN THESE MEETINGS there is no substitute for the President. Nor is there when the final congressional push is on.

Mr. Eisenhower knows all this as well as anyone. His concept of duty is unexampled.

In the end he may decide, as Governor Harriman of New York suggested, that his abdominal operation is "just one of those things that can happen to anyone" and should make no difference.

That is what his nervous party leaders, facing a convention Aug. 20, are earnestly hoping.

Whatever his choice, the American people can be sure that the President's decision will be made primarily with their welfare in mind.

California state and local officers have seized a still A BLOCK OR SO FROM SAN FRANCISCO'S COW PALACE. They say that for goodness knows how long it has been regularly turning out 50-gallon lots of corn moonshine.

Back in the days when the Hatfields and the McCoys got lickered up on white mule and grabbed their shootin' arms and went out and made sieves of each other's heads, the moonshiners were customarily located away out in the backwoods, where there would be plenty of opportunities to pick off the revenuers on their way in.

Now, following modern business principles, they're moving them down in the cities where they will be close to the big consuming markets. Under modern competitive conditions, the moonshiner can no longer afford a long haul from the point of origin to the point of distribution.

Speaking of the way things used to be as compared with the way they are now, there is the new Richmond-San Rafael bridge spanning San Francisco bay, which is scheduled to be opened to traffic at one minute after midnight on the morning of July 1. Its cost is sixty million dollars.

Back in the days a little more than a century ago when Captain John C. Fremont and Kit Carson were quartered in an old house on San Rafael while waiting for the Bear Flag Republic to be proclaimed, 60 million dollars was a lot of money.

If Captain Fremont had said then to Scout Carson: "Kit, the time will come when they will build a bridge from the other side of the bay over there to this place where we are sitting now, and it will cost \$60,000,000." Kit, in his unlettered way, would have replied: "Hell, Cap, that's more than the whole West is worth; there AIN'T that much money."

And, in those days, he would have been right.

But the world moves. Now another 60 million dollar bridge over San Francisco bay is peanuts BECAUSE THERE ARE MILLIONS OF CUSTOMERS TO CROSS IT AND PAY A TOLL FOR THE PRIVILEGE.

That's what population does. The West's population is growing swiftly. None of us can yet imagine the things that will be made possible in the West by the swift growth of our population.

Industrialist Whitney Talked For Ambassador

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — Newsday reported Saturday in a copyrighted story that John Hay Whitney, millionaire industrialist, philanthropist and racing figure, will be the next U.S. ambassador to Great Britain.

The Long Island newspaper said formal announcement of the appointment would be made following the resignation of the present ambassador Winthrop Aldrich expected this fall.

Ten Oklahomans Return From Trip To Russia

NEW YORK — Ten Oklahomans returned from a trip to Russia Saturday.

They said they didn't learn anything of value to them in their own work, but did learn that the Russian people genuinely want peace.

"The Russian people, from what we observed, saw and were told, do not want a war," said Jean Neustadt of Ardmore.

"There are peace doves on posts all over and children wear them as emblems on their clothes."

Clarence W. Burch, of Mill Creek, said the Russians "are going good in their production, both in the cattle field and on the farm, by their standards, but it is much below ours."

Henry H. Guyton, said that "farming in Russia appeared to be a pretty drab existence. They are hard workers, but very inefficient and their equipment, for the most part, is very crude."

Neustadt said he was impressed by the amount of manual labor done by Russian women, noting that they make up nearly all the railroad gangs, construction forces and farm crews.

Neustadt concluded that "our women are soft by comparison, and we want to keep them that way."

Editorial On Democrats Scored By Local Man

ROSEBURG — (To The Editor) —Imagine my chagrin, after reading your lofty editorial, of how we Democrats, Oregon's majority party, are being misled by our leaders. Presumably we would be much better off if we swallowed the sage advice of our editor and his boss, Harris Ellsworth. My but it's a fright how people are going astray in droves in Oregon registering Democratic as they are. Oh! the poor misguided souls. But with these such editorials maybe you can pierce our thick hides with your erudite logic. After all, if you don't, we might make the mistake of booting out Harris Ellsworth, your boss, just like we booted out Guy Cordron.

By the way, know of any "Al Smerina" deals a poor man could invest in? I'll raise \$2,100 fast if I can make a tidy \$300,000 or so. "legally." I'm sure I can count on my congressman to back me up legally and we can forget the moral issues.

Shades of Harry Truman's "mink coats." I am sure your majority party reading Democrats would all like a good hot "legal" tip just as I would and "thanks" in advance.

M. Lackey
Roseburg, Ore.

Outsiders Need Voice In Fluoridation Choice

ROSEBURG — "Taxation without Representation" brought on the Revolution and gave Americans freedom. On behalf of thousands of water users who had no voice in the "fluoridation issue," let me thank Councilman Knudsen for remembering the "forgotten man."

To assume that the vote would have been in the same proportions had we outsiders been allowed to express an opinion, takes a lot for granted. To assume the issue would have carried had people known the cost might be (as one councilman is reported to have stated), "a few cents per person per day," is far from conclusions to be drawn from budget elections.

This writer spent 20 years "doctoring potholes" for customers of the Douglas Flour Mill. Many of his friends well remember the remedy for lice and worms in their birds. A pinch of diluted sodium fluoride under each wing, or a dunking in a very weak fluoride solution deloused poultry and kept them free for a year. A very weak solution in drinking water was quite effective in ridding them of intestinal worms. It wouldn't have worked unless the stuff was poisonous.

We can name one person so allergic to the product that treated toothpaste can't be tolerated. Not all doctors and dentists agree on the issue. But nearly all dentists do agree that the only part of our population benefitted is the child up to 12 years old. Tooth decay is preventable in this age group by a balanced diet, including milk. The few exceptions can be protected much more scientifically in measured doses of fluoride under a doctor's prescription.

Furthermore, most of the protection is to the "baby teeth," which are replaced after the age when fluoride has proved to be of any great benefit. But we still wouldn't kick too vigorously at having our garden watered with fluoride, or taking a bath in the stuff if results could be guaranteed. Until such a time, though, we are opposed to mass medication on the shotgun chance that it may do some good.

Glen Wellman
Roseburg, Ore.

Nazarene Young People Elect High Official

KANSAS CITY — The Rev. Eugene Stowers, Nampa, Idaho, was elected president of the Nazarene Young People's Society Friday at the group's international convention.

The Rev. Ponder Gilliland, Little Rock, Ark., was named general secretary. Both were elected for a year terms.

The organization is one of several that met this week prior to the opening of the 14th quadrennial general assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

Eight members were elected to the international general council of the Foreign Missionary Society. They included Mrs. Edward Lawlor, Calgary, Alberta and Mrs. Gordon Olsen, Eugene, Ore.

Pastor Challenges Belief Of Peter's Supreme Position

SEATTLE — A Palo Alto, California pastor told opening sessions of the 49th annual American Baptist Convention Friday

there "is a vast difference between claims of Roman Catholics for the supremacy of Peter and the task given to Peter by Jesus."

In explanation, the Rev. George M. Derbyshire, pastor of Palo Alto's First Baptist Church, said: "When Jesus said 'Thou art Peter and upon Peter I will build My church,' He didn't say that Peter was to be the titular head; that Peter was to have the place of primacy; that Peter was to have exclusive use of the keys to open and shut the gates of Heaven. The same power of the keys given to Peter was given to all disciples."

"When God wants a piece of work done He uses a person. 'You are Peter and on Peter...'"

The address followed the theme of the convention "I Will Build My Church."

Business sessions of the convention started Saturday, attended by 2,189 delegates. Convention officials said 4,573 visitors are also attending the meetings.

Mrs. Frank R. Carroll of Dayton, Ohio, was elected Friday first vice president of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Other officers elected by the women's group were:

Mrs. Marcus Rohlfis, Seattle, vice president of Christian training; Miss Jennie Willis, Terre Haute, Ind., vice president of business and professional women; Mrs. Wade McKinney, Cleveland, vice president of Christian service; Mrs. I. C. Mount, New York City, treasurer; Mrs. Stacy Randle, New Brunswick, N.J., and Mrs. Thomas Ellis, Lonsdale, R.I., members of the board at large.

DRY WINDS and hot sun have denuded vast areas of grass. Water holes are dried up. Cattlemen, caught in the squeeze of lowered market prices, find it economically impossible to feed stock supplementally through the summer.

"The financial structure out there will collapse unless these people can get help," Leavitt Booth, state director of the Farmer's Home Administration, said Thursday.

LILLEBO GETS CONTRACT

SALEM — Tom Lillebo, Reedsport, was awarded a \$107,240 contract by the Highway Commission Friday to construct a new bridge over Luckiamute River on the Independence-Albany highway 5 miles south of Independence.

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