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A COUNTY SHOWCASE

By George Castillo

The Fairgrounds in Roseburg will be the showplace of Douglas County this week.

The 1958 edition of the Douglas County Fair gets underway Thursday on a grander scale than any time before in the county's history.

It's another climax to a yearly event which has boomed to new heights of attendance, entries and interest since it was thrown open to all classes in 1953. Before that, it had been a type of 4-H and Future Farmers of America get-together.

This year's fair will be the topper again. It will have more entries (estimated 6,000), more exhibits in the open class (265) and a greater attendance (37,000 or 38,000) than the record 1957 year.

And above all, it will have events, entertainment and exhibits to touch the interest chord of every member of the family. A run-down of the jam-packed program is indication enough of that — a dollar dinner contest for the gourmet, talent contest for the entertainment lover, dancing for both the shuffler and square dancer, sheep dog trials and horse show for those who like to watch intelligent animals in action, a style revue for the clothes conscious, fireworks, carnival and an auction.

Add to this the beautiful International Garden for flower and garden lovers, a zoo and playland for the children and an atomic energy exhibit for the scientifically inclined and you have the makings of a show that should draw people by the droves.

Fair Deserves Support

The fair deserves the kind of support it is getting. It is at least as good as any county fair in the state, and is approached in quality by only a few.

A solid indication of that quality and scope is seen in the special section previewing the fair which appears in today's News-Review.

The compounding success of the annual showcase of the county is due primarily to the unstinting efforts of seven people.

Heading the list is Fair Manager Dick Turley, who has built a reputation as one of the top fair men in the state.

Joining him on the honor roster are fair board members Jim Connor of Elkton, Jim Myers and Cleo Tipton of Roseburg. Connor was just named to the board by the County Court this year, but Myers and Tipton have each put in about eight years. Frank von Borstel and Jane Gates have led the busy 4-H division for several years.

One of the biggest bouquets goes to a man who has probably contributed more to the fair than any other single person. He is Homer Grow, who with his Future Farmers of America boys, was invaluable to the fair. After 11 years on the board, he was succeeded by Connor this year. His efforts in the future will be sorely missed, but he can rest on the laurels of a solid foundation of fair making to which he was a major contributor.

Credit Is Due

The county deserves credit on several scores for its fair. First of all, it has shown an interest in preserving an institution as traditional as apple pie. At the same time, it has gilded the event and infused it with activities giving it a modern dress. Now it's not just an agricultural show but a festival designed for and interesting to a modern county population.

Finally, it has taken the attitude that any production staged by the county should be the best.

It's something to be proud of and easily the biggest county show of the year.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — Peace has many soldiers, and each man has to fight for it in his own way.

"It's not enough to place a wreath on a soldier's grave once a year," said Capt. Charles Dent soberly. "We have to do more."

The idea that he himself should do more came to Dent, a 41-year-old United Air Lines pilot, nearly two years ago on a night flight from Denver to New York. The Hungarian revolution was then at its peak.

He and his fellow crewmen, all of whom had some experience in World War II, fell to discussing the world's plight.

"It was a clear night," recalled Dent, "and the American cities were lit up. It was a beautiful sight. We flew over seemed terribly vulnerable to an airman."

"Whose fault was it that the world was in such turmoil so long after the war? Who was to blame?"

"At first we blamed it on our leaders," Dent decided that it was we couldn't reasonably blame it on leadership. For, after all, leadership hadn't had the active support of the people—people like us, sitting in the cockpit of the plane and ready to blame everybody but ourselves.

"We had done nothing personally to save the peace."

Kept Thought Alive
Dent didn't let the thought die there. He wanted to do something for world peace. But what? He talked to other airline personnel, visited nine foreign countries on his vacation and talked over the problem with his veterans.

After conversations with 2,000 individuals he reached these conclusions:

"We seem to be pursuing peace along two roads.

"One the low road, is by building up our strength by increasing our armaments. Everyone contributes to this by paying taxes.

"Two, the high road, is by international negotiation and creating better understanding between people. But most people will admit that individually they have done

SUMMER SCHOOL ENDS

ENGINEER — University of Oregon's summer school has ended for 2,213 students, the largest enrollment on record.

A special two-week post session has started for graduate students in education.

The American Way of Life



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— James Marlow —

WASHINGTON (AP) — This is an ABC on the five major changes just voted by Congress in the Social Security program. President Eisenhower is expected to sign them into law shortly. Most won't go into effect until next Jan. 1.

They involve everyone under the program. They cover a higher Social Security tax and higher payments to retired workers. Also included are bigger payments to survivors of deceased workers, disabled workers and needy persons.

THE TAX
Employers and Employees both have to pay a Social Security tax. For each it now is 2½ per cent on the first \$4,200 of a worker's annual earnings, or a maximum tax of \$45.50.

In January the tax goes up to 3½ per cent on the first \$4,800 of earnings, or \$120 paid yearly by both employers and employees. This is an increase of \$25.50 a year.

The self-employed now pay a tax of 3.3½ per cent on their first \$4,200 of annual earnings. After Jan. 1 they'll pay 3½ per cent on the first \$4,800.

RETIRED WORKERS
Retired workers now drawing Social Security payments will get a 7 per cent boost in checks they receive after Feb. 1.

Their payments now range from \$30 a month to \$108.50. Under the new law they'll get from \$33 to \$116. This applies to retired workers already drawing payments before Jan. 1.

Those going on the retirement rolls after that date will receive from \$33 to \$127, although it will be some years before anyone starts drawing as much as \$127.

Retired workers' wives who are eligible for payments because of their age will also get a 7 per cent boost in their checks.

If a worker reaches 65, retires and starts drawing payments, he and his wife younger than he and with a child under 18, both the wife and child receive payments until the child reaches 18. Their payments will also go up 7 per cent. For such a wife and child the payments now range from \$15 to \$34.30 a month.

SURVIVORS
Payments also rise for eligible survivors of a worker who was covered by Social Security but died — before or after reaching

65. They go up Jan. 1, but the increases won't be mailed out until February.

A woman now drawing payments as the widow of a worker will receive an increase of about 7 per cent after Jan. 1.

Monthly payments to the widow of a worker — if she has a child under 18 — now range from \$45 to \$102.50. Payments to her will go up to a minimum of \$53 and a maximum of \$109.60. What she gets will be based on her husband's earnings, of course, as in the case of all widows.

A widow with two or more children under 18 now gets payments ranging from \$50 to \$200. They'll go up to a minimum of \$53 and a maximum of \$254 a month.

DISABILITY
Now a covered worker — if he's at least 50 and is totally disabled — gets a payment equal to what he would have drawn if he had reached 65 and retired. But his dependents — a wife and children under 18 — have been getting no payments.

Under the new law they will: the same amount they would have received if he had reached 65 and retired. The wife of a disabled worker — if there's no child under 18 — can get no payment until she has reached 62.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
About 5,000,000 people not otherwise covered by the Social Security program get government help. These are the needy aged, people too blind or disabled to earn a living, and needy children.

The federal government puts up so much money for them, and their state puts up so much. What they get varies from state to state. The variation depends on how much the state puts up.

The maximum government payment — towards the total government-state payment for people in this group — was \$60 a month. It now goes up to \$65 and takes effect Oct. 1.

In the case of needy children — usually meaning children whose fathers have deserted them or died and whose mothers are needed at home to raise them — the maximum government payment was \$32. This now goes down to \$30 a month.

It will mean smaller payments for the states which do not make up for this federal reduction.

— Peter Edson —

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Soviet Russia, its European satellites and Red China have poured a minimum of 850 million dollars worth of economic and military aid into Egypt, Syria and Yemen in the last three years.

This Russian economic warfare in the Middle East accounts for nearly half of the 1.9 billion dollars worth of aid which Communist bloc countries have distributed to 15 underdeveloped countries from Jan. 1, 1954 to June 30, 1958. These are Department of State Division of Economic Affairs figures.

There was one Russian Red Cross grant of 2.8 million dollars worth of medical supplies to Egypt after the Suez Canal war. Outside of that, nearly all of the Russian aid has been in 10 to 12 year loans at two to three per cent interest.

JUST AS IMPORTANT to the Communist bloc as its loans are its technicians — only technicians on non-military projects.

Trade promotion delegations and special missions are not included in these totals — only technicians on non-military projects.

THE SOVIET ECONOMIC OFFENSIVE in the middle East began in 1954 when Egypt had trouble selling its cotton and buying petroleum products. A barter deal was rigged up exchanging Egyptian cotton for Rumanian oil.

The next year the Egyptians traded more cotton for Czechoslovakian arms — and the Communists were in business.

In 1957, Russia gave Egypt 56 million dollars in loans for industrialization. A second credit of 178 million dollars was set up last January.

Egypt's trade with Communist countries before 1955 was only 10 per cent of its total. Last year Egypt shipped these countries 46 per cent of her exports — mostly cotton — and took 28 per cent of her imports from these countries.

Total Communist aid to Egypt since 1955 is put at over half a billion dollars.

Russia itself has advanced only 175 million of this. Its European satellites have furnished 225 million and Communist China a token five million.

Communist economic penetration of Syria has practically all come since the Suez Canal crisis in late 1956.

Two deals for 100 million dollars worth of military aid were signed that year. Two credits for 194 million dollars worth of economic assistance were advanced by Russia in 1957.

OF THE SYRIAN AID, 223 million dollars came from the U.S.S.R. and 71 million from European satellites.

When the Russians made these agreements, they were in line to take over Syria and make it a full-fledged Communist satellite.

This move was temporarily checked by Syria's merger with Egypt in the U. A. R. President Nasser assumed responsibility for all these agreements. Some of them may be cut down.

Yemen likewise had practically no ties with the Soviet in 1955. It is now deeply involved with the Communist bloc. Total Communist credits to Yemen are put at 50 million dollars.

Most interesting aspect of Communist economic warfare is Red China's credit of 21 million dollars to Yemen for highway construction and light industry. The loan is for 10 years — without interest.

This — and the five million dollar Red China credit to Egypt mark the invasion of Red China as an economic power to be reckoned with for the future in the Middle East.

The day is always starting for someone around the world. God's day apparently never starts and never stops. It probably has no narrow limitations such as mankind knows. God awaits the call of his children without taking time out to eat, sleep, relax or to "have fun."

Recognizing His readiness to help us, we ought to let no day slip by without prayer and without thanking Him for His being on the job. We must make time, in our limited day, to worship Him who knows no limitations.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Diefenbacher, D. D.

(Written for NEA Service)

The calendar day begins at midnight. But work days begin at different hours around the clock, depending on the particular occupation of the individual. Little signs in hotel rooms inform us that the "hotel day" ends at a specific hour in the afternoon. We adjust our activities to the "day" within which our program limits us.

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