

Rodeo Continuance Depends On Crowds

The excitement which usually swirls around one of Douglas County's longest standing traditions — the rodeo — appears to be missing this year.

Citing reasons would only be guesswork. But it would be a shame if those reasons led to the discontinuation of the annual celebration.

Many people probably don't care for the sport, but practically everyone likes a festival. It's good for a community to have a little tomfoolery and shake off the cobwebs of winter. It draws the community together, even if it's only to have fun.

The Douglas County Rodeo did just that in past years. But this year, some of the spark is missing. Some have even indicated the rodeo might be discontinued next year.

It would be an ignominious end to a 19-year-old project which has offered a great deal more than a yearly weekend of fun.

It would probably be safe to say that without the Douglas County Rodeo, the Fairgrounds would not exist as it does today. It was the Sheriff's Posse of the early 1940s that decided something should be done to get a site for a big rodeo. It managed to put an item on a county-wide ballot for funds to purchase a site for it and other activities. With the pos-

se's promotion, the voters gave their approval.

From the first rodeo in 1945, the event grew to community-wide proportions in the next few years. It became the tradition to dress in cowboy duds, hold kangaroo courts and a lot of other special activities for the week before the rodeo. It was a healthy celebration.

Of course, one of the reasons for the letdown was the shortage of money. With the continually growing demands on the leisure time of county residents, attendance has slipped while costs have gone up.

A lot of people appear willing to give their time and efforts to staging and promoting the event, but it's all for naught if the crowds don't turn out.

This year's roster of cowboys is going to be a top notch one. The parade in North Roseburg will probably be the biggest in rodeo history. Dancing for any style of dancer is scheduled as a pre-rodeo event. So there'll be plenty to interest a lot of people. Even the rodeo court is as pretty and talented as any we've had.

The one uncertainty is the crowd. The rodeo and its festivities will probably live or die this year because of it. Let's hope the crowds both Saturday and Sunday are big ones.

We'll Bet You Didn't Know

In the "did you know" department, the first rodeo to be sponsored by a town is thought to have occurred in 1883 at Pecos, Tex. Pecos invited cowboys to hold their contests on the main street, and

watch the dangerous fun. In 1888, Prescott, Ariz., built a big corral and charged admission to a "Cowboy Celebration."

Now, more than 3,000 professional cowboys compete annually in more than 500 rodeos.

Reader Opinions

Revolt Against High Taxes Is Advocated

To The Editor: How much good does it do to complain about high taxes and our fantastic national debt?

In fifteen years, ending in 1960, our government gave away \$74 billion to revive its friends and foes since World War II. Nations defeated in World War II are financially stronger today than in the United States, which poured out billions to set these nations up in business again.

If men in our government decide to give away \$200 million to install sanitary plumbing in Patagonia, who is there to stop them? Why should we spend \$50 billion in space? Who cares about reaching the moon?

Our citizens are a lot of sheep. All they do is bleat? In my opinion we must revolt against the continuing spiral of taxes and costs. Bankruptcy can destroy a nation as thoroughly as an invading army. Communism will not need the force of arms to destroy us. (Please give me one of those tranquilizer pills!)

In order to pay higher taxes everyone must charge more for goods, services or labor. People living on a fixed income are unable to increase their income. The family has no way to increase its income in proportion to the increase in the cost of living. The family with six children will buy 10 pairs of shoes in one year. Dental care will average \$12 per visit to the dentist. If three children need eye glasses the cost will be \$150.

By this time someone will say: "you are crazy for having so many children." However, the draft board never says that when it calls our sons to serve in the Army. (Pass me another pill!)

Did you ever wake up during the night in a cold sweat, wondering how you could ever pay for expensive and extensive hospital care? Conservatives never do. They say everyone should take care of themselves with insurance and also save money for their retirement.

Hospital care in Oregon averages from \$34 to \$46 per day, depending on the hospital. The cost of care for the non-paying patient is added to the cost of the paying patients. The higher the cost, the more non-paying patients. Consequently the cost must continue to increase in a spiral. What happens when hospital care reaches \$50 and \$60 per day. The average family no longer can afford to participate in any satisfactory hospital insurance plan.

Hospital care in British Columbia is only \$1 per day for anyone and private hospitals get paid for their services. A sales tax that

exempts food and children's clothing, provides hospital services for everyone. This is no more socialistic than a gasoline tax that provides public highways for everyone.

Canadians are social-minded people. They are emerging from the jungle life we live. They believe in the welfare of their own people first. Neither do they build freeways for the Hottentots' ox carts, nor do they dissipate their wealth in all the underdeveloped nations on earth. They have faith in their country. They are not continually searching for communists behind every bush.

I could write a few words about racial trouble, unemployment and why our mental hospitals are overcrowded, but I feel a spell coming on. (Please give me another of those pills!)

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Majority Rules Stand Opinion Of Writer

To The Editor: So Amacher feels let down by the forest industry?

Maybe some of them took a look at the facts of life, and who was responsible for paying the bills! It has always been my understanding that, right or wrong, the majority rules. If enough of us don't like the policies of our appointed, we complain to the one responsible for appointing them. If this doesn't work we can always vote "No" at the next election. At least that is the way it is supposed to work. Anytime we let a minority tell us what is right or wrong, without questioning their decisions, we are in for trouble.

The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc., are responsible to their own departments and the President. But it all comes down to the fact that we, the public, pay the bills. That gives us definite rights.

With the large timber operators, we aren't so directly involved. But just let them try and get along without us!

It's an economic fact that raising a product is the first step. You have to sell it, too. If you want to go back in history and check on the way some of their land was obtained, maybe they have more responsibility to us than it seems!

I was surprised to hear that rodents do more damage than deer and elk. I was afraid they were going to feel discriminated against.

Now here's something we can really get going on. Someone, years ago, had the idea of making crows a game bird. He claimed that was the quickest way to get rid of them. Now we could allow a more generous limit on rodents, say ten a day, with special permits in some areas — either sex, of course! Of course, there would always be a few crows that would get away and a few that were too small or poor that would be left in the woods. You would be amazed at how fast it would work!

It seems to be the general idea that we should take the trained expert's word for what is the right way to do things. This isn't right. They are only human, and as humans, they make mistakes. If we want to go back in history we can find mistakes after mistake. A boy in school, on being asked what caused the fall of the Roman Empire, replied, "They got careless." Let's not get that careless! I still maintain those experts can't count! Emmitt Churchill
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Ground Rules Set For Battle Over Timber Assessment

SALEM (UPI) — Ground rules for a battle over timber land assessments in five Western Oregon counties were laid down Thursday at a meeting of state tax commissioners and county and industry representatives.

Timber land assessments for Benton, Columbia, Linn, Lane and Washington counties were increased earlier this year, and caused a storm of protest from the lumber industry.

Protest hearings on the increased assessments will be held over a four-week period beginning next week.

Tax Commission Attorney Adolph Petersen told the 50 county officials and industry representatives "the commission feels its valuation is correct, the burden of proof rests with the industry to show that the commission is wrong."

Commissioners Charles Mack, Fred Hoefke and Paul Liniger appeared at today's informal session.

Mack said today's meeting was not to discuss the new values, but to explain the hearing procedure which will be followed during the next four weeks.

Hoefke explained that the timber land assessments in the five counties were generally doubled. Mack said "the commission is not trying to shove the new values down the throats of industries and the counties, all the new values are subject to review."

He admitted there were many conflicting factors that went into the determination of the new values, and commented "we have all the ingredients for a top ranking mystery."

Mack said the commission wanted facts brought out at the hearings, not just blanket condemnations of the new assessments.

Anti-Trust Suit Hits 5 Bakeries

PORTLAND (UPI) — Marckx Bakery, Inc., Gresham, Wednesday filed suit in U.S. District Court seeking \$2,550,000 from five other bakeries, the Teamsters Union, seven individuals and the Bakery Employers' Council.

The bakery claimed the defendants conspired to put it out of business in violation of the Sherman Anti-trust act.

The bakery also filed a suit against the Teamsters Union alone claiming that placing of pickets near its plant Tuesday was in violation of the 1947 Labor Management Relations Act. It charged the pickets were placed to force employment of Teamsters Local 499 members in handling Marckx products.

Baking companies named as defendants were Continental Baking Co., Langendorf United Bakeries Inc., Steins Bakery Inc., United States Bakery Inc., and Hudson House Inc., doing business as Luxury Bread Bakery. Also named were International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamsters Joint Council No. 37 and Teamsters Local 499. The bakery claimed the defendants conspired to put it out of business by prohibiting it from engaging in wholesale trade and preventing competition with other bakeries.



By PHIL NEWSOM

The saffron robes of the Buddhist monks and the gleaming Buddhist temples are as much a part of Southeast Asia as the monsoons and the rice paddies. Buddhism is the state religion of Thailand, Laos is Buddhist and in South Vietnam it is estimated that 70 per cent of the population is Buddhist.

Which helps to explain mounting United States concern over the harsh repressive measures of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem's government against the Buddhist majority there.

As a religious dispute between the Catholic president and the Buddhists, it is an internal matter and one thing. Its effect upon a war in which the United States is deeply committed and upon the feelings of millions of Southeast Asians toward the United States is still another.

For, like it or not, and many Americans in South Vietnam do not, the United States is committed to win the anti-Communist struggle in South Vietnam on a slogan "Win with Diem."

The United States is doing its best to disassociate itself from the present dispute.

UPI Correspondent Neil Sheehan reported on the basis of reliable sources in Saigon that, privately, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission William Trueheart has urged Diem to settle the quarrel and get on with the war.

U.S. military commander Gen. Paul D. Harkins has ordered all American military advisers not to accompany Vietnamese units supporting Buddhist demonstrations.

But this counts for little when the Vietnamese use easily identifiable airplanes and equipment obtained through American aid in their repressive actions and in delib-ly link the United States with them.

Once more from Saigon sources Sheehan reports that the United States so far has refrained from publicly rebuking Diem out of fear of losing what little in-

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fluence it now has with his government.

Not First Snub But U.S. representatives are finding it more and more difficult to maintain a position that Diem is leading a broad, popular movement, when at the same time it is obvious he is in deep political trouble with a majority of his own population.

This is far from the first time that Diem has ignored U.S. advice.

U.S. military forces in South Vietnam are there to advise and not to command.

Diem himself assumes direction of all military operations.

As a result, a large portion of the South Vietnamese Army is held immobile against a supposed threat of mass Communist attack across the 17th parallel from North Vietnam.

"Clear and hold" operations against Communist-held villages usually result in the immediate return of the Reds once government forces depart. Enemy casualties are exaggerated and some operations fail simply because of faulty intelligence.

U.S. aid has helped to stem the Communist advance in South Vietnam.

But, if events continue to follow their present course the fat will be in the fire.

The Almanac

By United Press International Today is Friday, June 14, the 165th day of 1963 with 200 to follow. This is Flag Day.

The moon is in its last quarter. The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars. These born today include Harriet Beecher Stowe, who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in 1851.

On this day in history: In 1775, the United States Army was founded when Congress authorized 10 rifle companies recruited to serve the colonies.

In 1887 Great Britain honored Queen Victoria on the 50th anniversary of her reign.

In 1940, the Germans entered Paris during World War II.

In 1962, delegates from 10 European countries signed in Paris a convention creating a European space research organization.

A thought for the day — The Greek playwright, Aristophanes, said: "There is nothing so resistless as a woman in her ire."

Portland Officer Dies Following Gun Wound

PORTLAND (UPI) — Policeman Henry H. Brown, 33, who was shot three times at his home Tuesday night, died late Wednesday at Portland Sanitarium.

He was to have retired next year after 25 years service.

The shooting climaxed a family quarrel, according to Multnomah County deputies. He suffered two gunshot wounds in the abdomen and one in the shoulder.

His wife, Irene, 55, was arrested after the shooting and charged with assault with intent to kill. Brown was appointed to the police bureau in 1958. He had walked the tough skid road beat north of Burnside St. most of the time.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO June 14, 1923 The Wisconsin senate defeated the Sevelson resolution providing for an investigation of the reports of "booby parties" involving legislators. The wets branded the resolution a "counter" to their attempts to repeal the dry law. The vote was 18 to 12.

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Chamberlain said two proposals had been made which might go some way toward cessation of these attacks.

With nine per cent already lopped off President Eisenhower's pared-down foreign aid budget, a House Appropriations Committee member predicted today much sharper slashes will be made.

Senator Wayne Morse, back home Friday to speak at a Democratic Party dinner, told an interviewer that "the best hope of liberalism in Oregon today is in the Democratic party."



The Editor's Corner By Charles V. Stanton Sports, Commercial Fishing Interests In Sharp Conflict

It is extremely interesting to me to follow the various viewpoints and opinions connected with our Oregon fishery. Much of the opinion appears to go to the extreme. There seemingly is no middle ground.

There is a great distrust of sports fishermen by commercial interests — and the feeling is reciprocated. There is little tolerance on either side. Neither has any measure of confidence in the other. Each side feels that the other is out to "get" it and its interests and welfare.

The Oregon Legislature, I believe, has seriously impaired the cause of conservation in Oregon. It has been most regressive, I feel, in an area where Oregon should be progressive.

Recreation and tourism are becoming most important to Oregon.

Population of California, in particular, is booming. Californians will be looking to Oregon as a playground.

Our Oregon Legislature, in my opinion, should be deeply concerned with developing our resource potential for the entertainment of our local and out-of-state recreation seekers. Instead it has been greatly influenced by those who are many years behind time in their thinking. The Legislature has yielded to those with little expert knowledge of resource and wildlife management.

The urgent need of the Oregon Game Commission for additional money with which to manage our fish and wildlife resources more efficiently, and to add needed facilities for the recreational enjoyment of local and visiting anglers, hunters and vacationists, got exactly nowhere. In fact, the Legislature listened to the abuse heaped upon the Game Commission and ordered an interim investigation with costs to be paid out of the commission's funds.

It is, in my opinion, a very bad piece of legislation that would permit legislators to make use of dedicated funds to pay for their interim junkets instead of charging such expenses to the general fund.

Then, on top of all that, the Legislature evaded a large appropriation from the general fund to pay, as usual, for fish production by the Fish Commission. It ordered the Game Commission to collect salmon and steelhead license money, then to plunge up half to the Fish Commission which previously has had general fund assistance.

Although Oregon's tourist and recreation industry is the state's third largest source of income — actually second in some areas — with commercial fishing far down the list, the Oregon Legislature seemingly was frightened by the solemn pronouncements of spokesmen of the commercial industry that any restrictions would send the industry into bankruptcy and eliminate it from the State of Oregon. This, to me, is indefensible. We've been listening to that same cry for the past 30 years. Even the most severe restrictions so far proposed would result in only a small fraction of volume loss to the commercial industry. The fact that the Oregon Legislature listened to the industry "scare talk" is an indication of a great lack of legislative study, understanding and responsibility, in my opinion. Even some of the spokesmen for the commercial fishery now are frightened because they anticipate sports groups, angered by the Legislature's actions, will, through use of the initiative, secure greater restrictions than those the commercial industry has been fighting.

But the extreme approach isn't all one-sided, in my opinion.

In the current issue of the Powder River Sportsman, publication of the sports council at Baker, Ore., it is proposed that the Game Commission be made an elective body. It would become a little government within a government. It would be completely divorced from control of the Governor or the Legislature. Commissioners would be chosen by popular vote.

The proposal is made by sportsmen disgusted with the way in which the Game Commission was abused and made a political football by the Legislature at its session last concluded.

It is clear, however, that the proposed plan would be a very effective way of turning the Game Commission into a purely political body rather than separating it from politics, reportedly the primary purpose of the proposal.

Over the years — We have fallen into the delusion that these things are FREE GIFTS from our good old Uncle in Washington.

They aren't. According to figures just compiled by Tax Foundation, Inc., Oregon received in federal fiscal 1962 total federal grants-in-aid amounting to \$57.3 million. The estimated OREGON BURDEN of these "gifts" came to a total of \$78.4 million.

Kennedy Predicts Solons Will Pass Aged Care Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Presidential Kennedy said that medical care for the aged under Social Security is "very vital" and predicted that Congress will pass such legislation this year.

The President made a strongly-worded speech on behalf of the so-called Medicare bill before about 1,000 cheering members of the National Council for Senior Citizens. They met here to press for the legislation.

"I think this bill will pass," the Chief Executive told them.

Asserting that no Western European country has failed to provide some form of medical care for older citizens, Kennedy said: "It's time the United States caught up. I don't think we ought to be second in anything."

Then, thumbing the lecture for emphasis, he declared: "My prediction certainly is that if members of the House and Senate have a chance to vote on the bill it will pass in this 88th Congress."

The House Ways and Means Committee has been the major bottleneck in the administration's campaign to have the program enacted. Chairman Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark, recently made clear that he still adamantly opposes the bill.

Kennedy said in a spirited five-minute address that he could not see why it was necessary to fight for hospital insurance through Sen-

atorial Security since the principle was adopted by this country more than 30 years ago.

"We are not suggesting something radical or new or violent," he said.

"We're suggesting something that has been done by every intelligent, developed country in the world."

Rattling off figures, the President said the average older couple has \$30 a week to live on and a single person over 65 averages only \$20 a week for meeting all expenses.

"There is no room in those budgets for a serious illness, yet one in six will have such an illness and spend two weeks in the hospital with an average bill of \$900," he said.

The Chief Executive said his major concern was for the person with \$3,000 or \$4,000 in savings or with a mortgage on a home that would evaporate in the event of serious illness.

If the legislation is passed, he added, "every man and woman will know they never will be a burden on their children or a charity case because they have earned their way and that is what we want."

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