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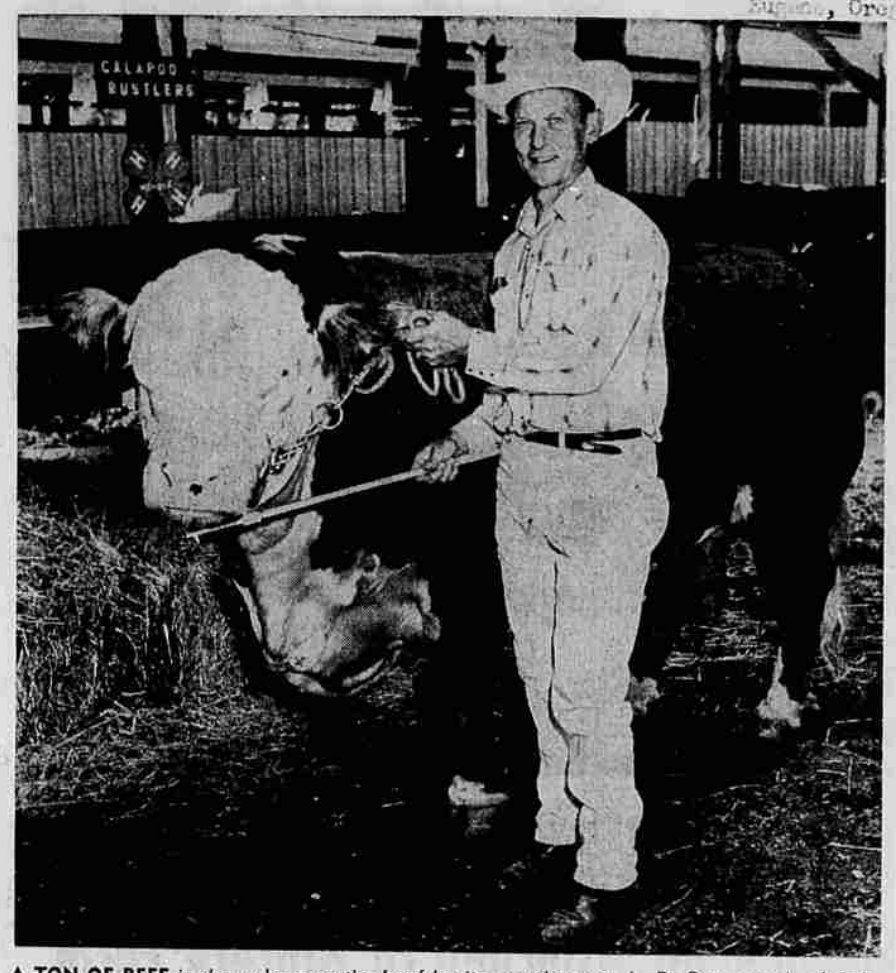

A TON OF BEEF is shown here on the hoof by its proud owner, L. R. Ocumpaugh of Oakland. The 2,070-pound animal was judged grand champion in the open class of polled Herefords at the Douglas County Fair this week. (News-Review photo)

Rusk Optimistic About Russian Pact Possibility

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk is optimistic Russia may be willing to make isolated agreements to ease tensions with the West, but sees little hope of a solution now to all cold war issues.

One potential agreement the United States would be willing to discuss, Rusk tolk his news conference Friday, would be the proposal to station observation teams at transportation centers in major countries. The teams would be on the lookout for large-scale troop movements which might indicate a surprise attack was in the offing.

But Rusk cautioned against tying together cold war issues in in an attempt to settle all conflicts in one session. The more issues such as disarmament, Berlin, non-aggression pacts or nuclear free zones that are linked, he said, the more difficult negotiations would become.

As a "very helpful contribution" to further easing tensions, Rusk said, the Soviet Union should agree to remove its remaining troops from Cuba.

He said that while he was in Moscow he told Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko of the United States' interest in seeing all Russian troops pulled off the island, but would not reveal the Soviet official's reply.

Shortly after Rusk's conference, the joint House-Senate Republican leadership called on the Russians to withdraw the troops as a "demonstration of good faith" before the United States takes any "second step" toward new agreements with the Soviet Union.

Since last May when the Senate armed services subcommittee estimidated there were 17,500 Soviet troops still on the island, the group said that "so far as can be learned, no significant reduction has been made in the Soviet forces since."

Three Persons Die In Two County Highway Collisions

Fair's Attendance 35,000 As Big Weekend Looms

Douglas County Fair attendance started climbing up Friday toward the all-time high for weekday attendance, set on opening day Wednesday.

A total of 10,408 admissions were counted for Friday. Total attendance up to Friday night was 35,759. Figure for 1962 for the same three-day period was 33,082.

Today's activities will include the Rotary 4-H market stock auction beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the 4-H style revue beginning at 2 p.m. Horse racing will be the afternoon grandstand feature.

Many fairgoers this morning had an opportunity to see Oregon's governor, Mark O. Hatfield, as he toured the exhibits and later had lunch in the 4-H section devoted to meal serving contests. Hatfield made his visit to the fair strictly in a private capacity and crammed in as much viewing as possible in the approximately two hours he spent on the grounds.

Style Show Due

As a special fair feature tonight at 7:30, the second of two style shows will be held in the garden section in the south end. A whole new array of styles will be presented with local models participating. The first such event was held Thursday night with a different collection being shown. Square dancing will be an attraction tonight also.

Mandrake the Magician will wind up his appearance at the fair tonight at 8 o'clock in the big grandstand show. Sunday night at 9 in the grandstand, a special event will be served up as the grand finale. Some lucky person will go home with his weight in nickels, and the audience will have an opportunity to see and hear the four top finalists in the Ricketts Talent Show and Revue. These will be selected in final competition beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the outdoor auditorium. Other attractions are billed to round out the final grandstand show.

Semifinals Planned

The Ricketts Talent Show moves into the semifinals tonight at 8 with 10 entries to be selected. The nightly shows this week have drawn near-capacity audiences.

Competition Friday night was limited to vocal soloists and vocal groups in the 16-and-over age bracket.

Winners in the solo category were Barbara Martin, Felix Samarron and Everett Perry, all of Roseburg, and Gloria Burnett of Myrtle Creek.

Vocal groups winners were "The Gruesome Twosome," Addison Talbot and Gene Garrett, both of Roseburg; "The Green River Two," Bill Kelsay and Bob Benedict, both of Roseburg; "Wayne, Scott and Mary," Wayne Tyler, Scott Cameron and Mary Beth Hill, all of Roseburg; Carolyn and Catherine Smith, girls' duet, Roseburg; and "The Lorraine Trio," Marilee Havens, Karen Vosika and Glenda Schlinder, all of Roseburg.

Replacements Named

The Smith sisters' duet, selected initially, will not be able to appear for the semi-finals tonight, a fact which was not known when the judges were making their decisions. Judges then named the Lorraine group as next in line for continued competition.

Events for Sunday and from 2 p.m. on today are listed as follows:

2:00—4-H style revue
2:00—5:00 p.m. — Magic shows at marked stations
3:00—Lesselli Marionettes
5:00—Lesselli Marionettes
7:00—Lesselli Marionettes
7:30—Style show in garden area
8:00—Ricketts Revue
8:30—Mandrake stage show
Square dancing

Sunday, Aug. 18

A.M.
9:00—4-H livestock exhibitors meeting
11:00—Fair Gates Open
Sunday services for exhibitors on the grounds

P.M.
1:00—Lesselli Marionettes
1:30—Horse races
Square dancing
2:00—5:00 p.m. — Magic shows at marked stations
3:00—Lesselli Marionettes
5:00—Leselli Marionettes
7:00—Leselli Marionettes
7:30—Ricketts Revue — finals
9:00—Fair finale
Win your weight in nickels or other valuable merchandise
Entertainment — grandstand arena

Myrtle Point Man, Spokane Pair Victims

Three persons were killed in two separate head-on collisions on Douglas County highways during a nine-hour period ending shortly after 6 o'clock this morning.

Killed were Theodore Sydney Easton, 70, of Myrtle Point; and Robert Leroy Krofcheck, 22, and his mother, Mrs. Helen A. Krofcheck, 54, both of Spokane.

Their deaths brought the total of highway fatalities in Douglas County this year to 19.

State police said Easton was killed when his car collided head-on with a vehicle driven by Lloyd Lewis Smith, 19, of Myrtle Creek, on Interstate Highway 5 a mile north of Myrtle Creek about 9:20 p.m. Friday.

They said the Easton car was traveling north and the Smith vehicle was southbound, when the impact occurred near the edge of the pavement in the northbound lanes.

The second fatal accident in the nine-hour period occurred about 6:05 a.m. Saturday just south of Canyonville on Interstate 5.

State police said the Krofcheck vehicle was southbound and collided head-on with a vehicle driven by Noel Douglas Brown, 21, of Corvallis, which was northbound. State police said the Krofcheck car apparently crossed partially into the northbound lane.

Brown was treated at Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville and then taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene for treatment by an orthopedic specialist. He was listed as having a leg fracture and other injuries, but was reported in satisfactory condition.

Smith was treated at Douglas Community Hospital following the accident in which he was involved Friday night.

State police said Smith was later arrested on a charge of being drunk in a public place.

The three deaths in Douglas County were more than half the number reported for the state so far this weekend. Two others died in the northern part of the state.

James E. Olson, a Portland teenager, died following a one - car crash early this morning on Blue Lake Road in Portland. Five other occupants of the car were in Gresham Memorial Hospital. Two were listed in critical conditions. Officers said the car was northbound on Blue Lake Road, apparently traveling at a high rate of speed, when the vehicle veered off the road and struck a utility pole. One side of the car was sheered off.

The other fatality was William L. Davis, 18, Eugene, who lost his life in a one-car crash on a Lane County road eight miles northwest of Eugene. He apparently lost control of his car on a curve, and it rolled over and came to rest in a field.

Six Perish In Home Fire

NIAGARA, Wis. (UPI) — Six persons, including five members of one family, were killed today when fire swept a home in this tiny northeastern Wisconsin community.

The victims were identified as Howard Comstock, 41; his wife Marjorie, 39; their daughters, Paula 15, and Christine 10; a son, Peter, 7, and a friend of Christine's, Mary Jo Schelfhout, 9.

The Schelfhout girl is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schelfhout, Niagara. She was spending the night with Christine.

A second Comstock son, Robert, 18, was spending the night at the home of friends about six miles from here.

Comstock was production superintendent at the Kimberly-Clark paper mill here. His family moved here from Neemah, Wis., last October. He had been employed by Kimberly-Clark for 17 years.

Authorities said the fire broke out in the downstairs portion of the home. The family was upstairs. It was under control in 20 minutes.

A watchman at the Kimberly mill across the street saw the flames at about 3:30 a.m. and called the volunteer fire department.

The victims were rushed to a local hospital where they were pronounced dead on arrival. Resuscitation at the scene failed.

Village marshal Joe Rouse said the fire was apparently started by a cigarette. He said he had traced the start to a davenport.

Rouse said paint was cracked throughout the house and "even the tile on the floors curled up."

BIG ROLE FOR CHIMP

LONDON (UPI) — The Times of London carried the following advertisement today in the classified section on its front page:

"Twentieth Century - Fox Film Co. Ltd., are searching for a monkey or a chimpanzee that can paint, to take a prominent part in a new major production in Hollywood . . ."

Iceland Beauty Contest Winner

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — A quiet, shy, modest girl who was never mentioned as a possible winner reigned today as "The International Beauty."

And along with the title, Gudrun Bjarnadottir, 20, of Keflavik, Iceland, was presented with a check for $10,000.

"I'm absolutely numb," the statuesque beauty said, teras welling in her eyes.

Even after winning the title, Miss Bjarnadottir remained silent and nearly monosyllabic in her answers to questions from newsmen.

Presently a resident of Paris, she was questioned about her rumored romance with a 30-year-old French count.

"I love him," she finally admitted, but refused to identify him. When asked if she planned to marry in the near future, she laughed and said she had "thought about it," but had made no plans.

Runns-up in the final judging Friday night were Miss England, Diana Westbury, 19; Miss Austria, Xenia Doppler, 19; Miss United States, Joyce Bryan, 19, of Miami; and Miss Korea, Yoo-Mi Choi, 20.

Suspect Hunted In Strangulation Of Idaho Woman

PORTLAND (UPI) —The search for a man wanted for questioning in the death of a wealthy Idaho woman whose body was found last week in a bathtub at the Hilton Hotel continued today.

The partially clad body of Mrs. Irene Davis, of Payette, was discovered Aug. 6 by a hotel maid. A nylon stocking had been knotted around her neck twice and the Multnomah county coroner's office said she died of strangulation.

The woman last was seen in the company of a man when she left the Canlis Bar atop the Hilton about 2:30 a.m. Aug. 6.

The man sought by police was identified as Robert Joseph Evans, 27, Honolulu. He was recently employed in Tigard but failed to report for work Aug. 7, detectives reported.

No charges have been filed against him in connection with the Davis death but he is wanted on a warrant signed by the Clackamas County district attorney's office on charges of larceny.

Police said Evans, also is wanted as a parole violator in Hawaii.

Vacancy Is Filled On Winston Force

James McClendon has been hired on the Winston police force to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jim Winters.

McClendon spent four years in the U.S. Air Force on MP duty, receiving his discharge in 1946.

The McClendons reside on Ronald Avenue in Winston. They have a son, Mickey, who will be a sophomore at Oregon State University in Corvallis this fall. They also have a daughter, Penni Sue, 21 months, and an infant son, Rodney Blake.

They have resided in the Winston area for the past several years.

Rail Union Wants Settlement Of Minor Issues Before Tackling Key Arbitration

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rail union leaders today called for negotiated settlement of the so-called minor issues of the railroad work rules dispute before submission of the two key issues to binding arbitration.

In a joint letter to Congress, the five unions made their agreement Friday to arbitration of the critical firemen and crew make-up issues contingent on prior agreement on the other remaining issues.

Clarification of the union's position in the strike-threatening dispute came as the snarl appeared on the verge of settlement with Friday's announcement that the unions had accepted in principle Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz's proposal for arbitration.

A presidential fact-finding commission which made an exhaustive study if the long dispute reported earlier this year that it did not believe the issues aside from firemen and crew makeup would be difficult to settle by negotiation.

The unions wrote the Senate and House commerce committees urging establishment of a special congressional watchdog committee to oversee the collective bargaining sessions.

If no solution was reached on the secondary issues by Dec. 15, the issues would be subjected to federal mediation, the unions said.

"Management spokesmen have said to us many times in collective bargaining," the unions said, "that they believe that if these manning issues were disposed of the other issues in this dispute would be handled with dispatch.

"We will agree to arbitrate the firemen's question and the 'crew consist' question in a binding form immediately following the disposition in collective bargaining of the remaining issues in this case," the letter said.

The two main issues to be subject to arbitration, according to Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz, are:

—The extent and speed of eliminating diesel engine firemen and the procedures and help for these men once they are jobless.

—The size of crews on trains. This is known as "crew consist" issue.

The issues which would be negotiated demands by the railroads:

—Interdivisional service, which would require crews to extend their runs beyond one railroad division.

—Road crews would be required to do yard work and yard crews would be required to do road work.

—Makeup of crews for self propelled machines.

—Adustment of the basic pay system, from the present combination of mileage and hours.

Union demands which would be subject to negotiation:

—Broader overtime rules.

—Higher pay and work guarantees.

—Paid holidays.

—The question of living expenses for trainmen when required to be away from home.

—Protective conditions in the event of mergers.

The unions said they believe "this offers the best hope for a final solution of this vexing and troublesome problem."

The letter added:

"We solemnly pledge to immediately resume negotiations in good faith with the railroad companies on all except the so-called 'firemen's issues' and 'crew consist' issue."

Lawyers for the unions and management planned to meet today to detail exact language for the two key issues which would be subjected to arbitration.

In the first significant breakthrough in the four-year-old work rules dispute which threatens a national rail strike Aug. 29, union and management Friday tentatively agreed to submit the issues of firemen on diesel locomotives and the size of yard service and train crews to arbitration.

Lawyers now must agree on the arbitration details such as the procedues, scope and length of time to be spent on arbitration discussions.

The fragile agreement was endangered Friday night following a statement by a management spokesman that the unions had rejected the arbitration proposal made by Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz. However, Wirtz immediately called a late night conference to announce that the agreement was still good.

The secretary cautioned that the two sides still had to agree on the details of the two issues to be submitted.

"My proposal was submitted in a form that the carriers accepted without qualification. Contrary to some reports, the brotherhoods have also accepted the proposal insofar as submission of the two issues to arbitration."

Eviction Of Welfare People Nothing New, Official Says

PORTLAND (UPI) —The vice president of the Oregon Nursing Home Association said Friday that eviction of seven people on Welfare from a nursing home is nothing new.

Frank D. Gilman, operator of the Bid-A-Wee Nursing Home in Portland, said he has found it necessary also to have four of his own customers on welfare moved out within the past month.

"More may have to go," Gilman said.

Gilman's statement follows action this week by the operators of a Monmouth nursing home to evict seven of their patients on Welfare because they couldn't afford to keep them.

Giiman said he sympathized with the Monmouth operators, Mr. and Mrs. Ken E. Draheim, and added that if welfare payments are not raised, the state may have to set up nursing homes.

Members of the Public Welfare Commission reacted to criticism of its nursing home policies. Clay Myers, Jr., Portland insurance executive and member of the commission, said the welfare commission operates on a "closed end" budget."

"It is our job to do the best with what money we have."

He added that he doubted they would ever satisfy completely either the nursing home operators or the tax payers.

Other Portland nursing home operators took exception to a claim by the chairman of the welfare commission, Dr. Ensis Keizer, who said the medical needs of the patients were the commission's first concern.

They listed complaints ranging from inability to hire professional help because of lack of funds, to inability to purchase all the needed medical supplies for some of the patients.

PROCLAIMS FREEDOM DAY

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Mayor Joseph M. Barr proclaimed Aug. 23 as "Freedom Day" here.

Barr said he drew up the proclamation to help dramatize President Kennedy's civil rights bill. He also said that city employes can take part in the march on Washington the same day at their own expense.

Tourney Edge Held By Club

Roseburg's American Legion Juniors hold a definite edge in the Northwest Regional playoffs now being held at Legion Field.

The scrappy Oregon champs ran off with a 16-4 triumph over the Idaho state titlist, Lewiston, Friday to remain the only undefeated squad in the double-elimination tournament.

Friday's victory gives Lockwood Motors a day of rest before returning to the field Sunday at 8 p.m.

While Roseburg draws a bye Sunday, Billings, Mont., will clash with Anchorage, Alaska, at 6 and Selah-Naches, Wash., will take on Lewiston at about 8:30 tonight.

Roseburg will play the winner of the Montana-Alaska game Sunday, with the winner of tonight's nightcap taking a breather.

Preceding Roseburg's victory over Lewiston, the Fort Richardson Polar Bears of Anchorage eliminated Cheyenne, Wyo., Friday with an 8-1 triumph, and Billings bounced back after losing its opening game to the local crew with a 6-1 win over Selah-Naches. Alaska, Montana, Washington and Idaho all sport 1-1 records in tournament play, with the losers in tonight's games being eliminated.

The regional title will be decided either Monday or Tuesday night, with the winner earning a trip to the Little World Series to be held in Keene, N. H.

Fire Levels Feed Mill

MOLALLA (UPI) — Fire destroyed the Molalla Feed Mill here early today and caused some $50,000 damage.

Firemen fought the blaze for five hours.

Defective wiring was given as the cause of the blaze which apparently started from a machine room and engulfed the rambling two-story structure.

London Police Engage In Massive Hunt For Remainder Of Booty From Robbery

LONDON (UPI) — British police, asserting that the loot from last week's $7.3 million mail train robbery has become "too hot to handle," said today they expect to find money "in all sorts of places."

Metropolitan police raided London homes while their country woods and fields in a massive "treasure hunt" for the rest of the loot.

Abandoned banknotes worth $282,620 were discovered in some woods in Surrey Friday, leading officials to speculate that members of the daring ring of thieves were panicking.

"We feel that there is likely to be found in all sorts of places" detective superintendent Malcom Fewtrell, in charge of Buckinghamshire police, told reporters. "In fact we know there will be."

"We have winkled (flushed) these people out earlier than they wanted and I have no doubt that this money is embarrassing to them," Fewtrell said.

Asked whether he believed more arrests were imminent Fewtrell said, "I hope they are. There is no reason at all to lose hope."

Friday night police appealed to the general public to watch out for clues in the case, such as freshly dug holes where the loot might be hidden. Fewtrell said police received about 20 tips as a result.

He also said his men were continuing an inch - by - inch search of Leatherslade farm, the hideout temporarily used by the gang near the site of the Aug. 8 train robbery.

He said fingerprints had been found at the farm, and that police were trying to trace the food the gang had stocked there. The police chief said he was "positive" that not all members of the gang stayed at the farm.

Coast Guard Alerted

It would be "definitely worthwhile" for hikers, strollers and others to be on the lookout for places where some more of the stolen money might be stashed, Fewtrell said.

Navy and Coast Guard ships were alerted to the possibility the gang might try to get the money out of the country from some port.

Earlier a police spokesman, addressing himself to all persons in the countryside for the weekend, urged everyone to notify authorities of anything suspicious. "Your cooperation will help," he said.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Fair today through Sunday, cooler Sunday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	87
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	48
Highest temp. any Aug. (56)	103
Lowest temp. any Aug. (56)	41
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from Aug. 1	T
Normal Aug. Precip.	.031
Normal Precip. 9-1 to 8-1	32.72
Precip. from Sept. 1	35.05

Sunset tonight, 8:17 p.m. PDT
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:22 p.m. PDT

ICELANDIC BEAUTY — Gudrun Bjarnadottir, 20, of Keflavik, Iceland, is shown being crowned Friday as the International Beauty of 1964. She is crowned by the reigning International Beauty, Tania Verstak of Australia. (UPI Telephoto)

Japanese Ferryboat Sinks With 209 Persons Aboard

NAHA, Okinawa (UPI) —A Japanese inter-island ferryboat with 209 persons aboard, including four American servicemen, capsized and sank near this U.S. Pacific island fortress today.

Naha police said that as of 8:50 p.m. (7:50 a.m. EDT), 151 persons had been rescued—but two of them died later. Two of the Americans were saved, and the other two were among the 58 persons still missing.

The names of the Americans were not known, police said.

The ferryboat was the 360 -ton Modori Maru. It left Naha's port of Tomari at 11 a.m. (10 p.m. EDT Friday) on a regularly-scheduled trip to Kume Island, about 50 miles west of Naha. It carried 194 passengers, mostly grade and middle school students, and a 15-man crew.

As soon as news of the sinking was disclosed, a massive search-rescue operation was launched by sea and air. Japanese ships in the area raced to the scene. Japanese Maritime Safety Agency vessels were thrown into action. U.S. forces on Okinawa sent out seven helicopters which dropped flares to help the search operation as nightfall came on.

Word received here this evening said 24 of the rescued were aboard the Kinju Maru, and another 70 aboard the Miyako Maru.

The Japanese Maritime Safety Agency said the vessel ran into heavy seas and capsized near the Kerama Islands, west of Okinawa between Naha Kume.

U.S. armed forces on Launched an all-out air and rescue operation, aided by Ryukus Islands police and Japanese vessels near the scene.