

HENRY FORD WILL BE 70 YEARS OLD SUNDAY, JULY 30

By Willis Thornton NEA Service Writer DETROIT, July 28 — Henry Ford will be 70 years old on July 30. But today Henry Ford reveals an agility of body, an elasticity of mind, and an eagerness to face the future lacking in many men who have not even approached their allotted three score and ten.

Changing times, an uncharted future, the beginning of a new era, abandonment of the gold standard, a new deal for capital and labor—these worry him not at all. The suggestion that many people are confused and shaken by an unstable present and an uncertain future brought a quick reaction from Ford.

"What is anybody afraid of? Of course we are now at the end of an era," he went. "But what is there about that to be afraid of? There is a place in the world for everybody. That's basic under any system. Why, the changes that are taking place make today a better time as a time of opportunity. Opportunity is always the same, except that it becomes more numerous.

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"What of it? Nineteenth of all business is carried on by check, anyway, and what is a check? The credit of somebody who has produced something! I've no objection to letting anybody who wants gold, have it. The rest of us can get along without it."

It became clear that Ford regards money not as a solid something to be put away in a sock, touched, hoarded, handed, but as a sort of life-blood flowing through productive industry. I recalled how the net worth of the Ford Motor Co. had dropped more than \$7,000,000 last year. Money Ford had had, and which was gone.

I asked how it felt to lose \$7,000,000 in a year. His unusual view of money came immediately to the surface. "We didn't lose a cent," he said quietly. "We just spent that much more than we took in. The money wasn't lost. It was spent. It's still in productive use somewhere in the country. That's not losing money!"

Employment Signs of the upturn that is quickening throughout the industrial world were discussed. Ford agreed that they appear most promising. "But even if industry gets back to normal production again," I asked, "suppose it is unable to reabsorb a great many of the people it once had jobs for? What will become of them?"

"Industry never has been able to absorb all the people who wanted to enter it," Ford shot back. "It is a fallacy to assume that industry can, or should, support all or most of the people. The purpose of industry is to work for the people, not to have all the people working for it."

Yet because industry has caused so many people to leave their homes and find themselves stranded in the city, it is up to industry to help them solve their problem. "I am doing this by decentralizing... spreading small industries throughout the country, so that people may have a double security, one in the land, another in their jobs. People are leaving the cities to go back to the land. The tidal wave that swept them there is receding. But as they go, they take with them not only the same abilities they had when they came to the cities, but new abilities acquired there. They are better trained, better thinkers."

"As industry decentralizes, which we have already begun to do, people will find a new way of combining native abilities brought from the country with new skills learned in the cities. Then they won't go around demanding that somebody give them a job. They will make their own jobs. They will be free of the payroll habit. Just because a man is off the payroll, he needn't be out of a job."

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Three-Yolk Egg Weighs One-Half Pound—Hen Sick

FLEMINGTON, N. J., July 28 (AP)—A White Leghorn hen owned by W. P. Forner laid an egg with three yolks, two contained within an outer shell and one in an egg within the egg. The egg weighed eight ounces.

But the task of producing an egg of this size was too much for the hen and she was sick three days. Forner reports she is now on the road to recovery.

He dropped the foot he had propped against the edge of a desk in an office in his Dearborn plant and leaned eagerly forward in his chair.

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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table with market news for Chicago Wheat, Chicago Corn, and Portland Wheat, showing prices for various months and grades.

TRADING DULL IN EXCHANGE TODAY

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP)—The stock market almost went to sleep today in one of the lightest trading sessions since the start of the 1933 bull market. Prices showed a tendency to drift irregularly lower from the opening as commodities turned soft and the dollar gyrated uncertainly in foreign exchange dealings.

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Al Reduo, Al Chem, and American Can.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—Cattle: 9, calves 57; quiet. Steers, best, \$4.75 @ \$5.50; common and medium, \$3.00 @ \$4.50; heifers, best, \$4.00 @ \$4.25; medium, \$3.25 @ \$3.75; cows, best, \$3.00 @ \$3.25; common and medium, \$1.75 @ \$2.75; canners, \$1.00 @ \$2.00; bulls, best, \$3.00 @ \$3.25; medium, \$2.75 @ \$3.00; calves, best, \$6.00 @ \$6.25; good, \$5.00 @ \$5.50; ordinary \$4.00 @ \$4.50.

SUPPLIES FOR OFFICE AND HOME

- List of office and home supplies including Typewriter Ribbons, Fountain Pen Ink, Dennison's Gummed Labels, etc.

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FIGHT PICTURES

BAER vs. SCHMELING The Greatest Fight of the Heavyweight Ring for Years Have a Ringside Seat at the...

LIBERTY TODAY and SATURDAY In Addition to Regular Program

UNION MAN HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT THURSDAY NIGHT

J. E. Allen, of Union, sustained a ruptured intestine last night when the automobile he was driving collided with another car near La Grande. He was rushed to the Grande Ronda hospital where he underwent an operation this morning.

Lumber Output At 120,512,503 Feet During the Week

SEATTLE, July 28 (AP)—Production of 120,512,503 board feet of lumber in this area for the week ending July 2 was reported today by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, an increase of 8 per cent over the previous week.

Wheat Stocks In Interior Mills, Elevators Given

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—An increase of 19,939,000 bushels, or nearly 48 per cent, in the July 1 carryover of old wheat in interior mills and elevators of the United States, compared with the revised estimate of stocks on hand July 1, 1932, is reported by the United States department of agriculture.

Gold Production Declines in June

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP)—Gold production in the United States in June declined to the lowest level since February. Output totaled 142,000 fine ounces compared with 185,000 ounces in May and 188,000 in June last year, according to the American bureau of metal statistics.

LIBERTY NOW PLAYING "SONG OF THE EAGLE" HUSBANDS REUNION... RACE NITE!

LOCAL BRIEFS

At Arlington—Miss Eria Clark and Miss Ruth Harlan, both of La Grande, were recent visitors at Arlington at the home of Herb C. Clark. They were en route to La Grande from Condon.

From Lostine—Mrs. E. L. Bucker and brother, L. V. Lathrop, and children, of Lostine, visited at the home of their niece, Mrs. G. H. Youngton, Wednesday and Thursday.

Visits at Poodosa—Mrs. Emmet Strigham was a recent visitor at Poodosa at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emmet Smith.

County Nurse Here—Mrs. Margaret Huffman, county nurse of Wallawa county, and her two daughters, Beverly and Nadine, all of Enterprise, were visitors in La Grande yesterday.

Charles Heard Visits—Charles Heard, of Pendleton, was a visitor in La Grande last night and today. He is a former student at the Eastern Oregon Normal school and was visiting friends.

Visiting Here—Robert "Boots" Rode, of Union, and Richard Rode, of Portland, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Rode, of Adams avenue, for several days.

From Portland—Mrs. Martha McCulley has as her guest this week Mrs. W. H. Ballinger, of Portland.

CARL POSEY IN CAR WRECK Carl Posey, employe of the Safeway organization in La Grande, has been working at Joseph this week while Frank Keener, manager, has been on his vacation. Sunday night as he and Carly Rounsey were returning from the Safeway picnic at Cove another machine ran into Mr. Posey's car just the other side of the bridge across Prairie creek. His machine was badly damaged and the other car was almost completely wrecked.

OMAHA SHEEP OMAHA, July 28 (AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Sheep: \$5.50; steady; feeders strong to 10c or more higher; range lambs \$7.35 @ \$7.50; native lambs \$7.75; fed clipped lambs \$7.00; ewes up to \$2.75; range feeding lambs \$6.85 @ \$6.95.

Calf Has Two Faces WATSONVILLE, Cal. (AP)—Three months after a two-faced calf was born near here the freak animal was still alive. It has two distinct jaws, two throats, two tongues, two normal eyes and two imperfect ones.

The huckleberry crop in the near-by hills is very light. The scores of pickers who go hopefully to their favorite patches return in most cases disappointed and find they must search elsewhere for their winter's supply of this fruit.

FINE PROPERTY LINE DRAWN GILROY, Cal. (AP)—A warehouse owner here had to move his loading platform back an inch and an eighth after it had been in use 47 years because a railroad finally discovered it was encroaching on its property.

Hot? Don't know what to eat? Kellogg's Corn Flakes for Koolness!



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