

It's A Small World

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5th Bill Crossey and a party of friends were picnicing at Harris Beach State Park. He engaged in conversation with two young men at a nearby table and learned that they were from Tasmania and on a tour around the world. They left home over a year ago, on through the Suez Canal to Europe and England, and then across Canada. Bill recalled that Erskine Miller had a correspondent in Tasmania (see the Pilot of Oct. 2), and so brought the boys down to the Miller home. Here tea was served from the "billie" as the boys called the teakettle; while they described their travels and life at home in Tasmania. Ronald Stopp has a sheep ranch near Hobart, and Brian Sampson is an accountant and lives in Hobart. Ronald was born on Norfolk Island, which is about 1,000 miles east of Australia.

This recalls some history. In 1788 the crew of HMS Bounty, led by Fletcher Christian, mutinied and settled with their Tahitian wives on an isolated, almost inaccessible island in the South Pacific, Pitcairn Island. This became the basis of the book "Mutiny on the Bounty". In 1856 the Australian government moved the population of Pitcairn Island to Norfolk Island, the latter being considered much more desirable and spacious for the numerous descendants of the Bounty mutineers. Norfolk Island has an area of about 13 square miles and is very fertile. Tropical fruit abound. Life is easy. The scenery is beautiful. As there is no chance to get rich, there is no urge to try, and so the residents just enjoy life.

Although Ronald left the island about sixteen years ago, he recalls it with nostalgia, thinking of the days when the fishermen would toss him a couple of 15 or 20 pounders or the planters a bunch of bananas free for the asking. And practically no taxes—about \$6 per annum. The Australian maintains the public school. It is reported that a couple may easily live on the island for about \$50 a month. Ronald's father was in the employ of the Australian government while residing on Norfolk Island, and Ronald says a servant of their's was one of the descendants of the mutineers. These Norfolkers are noted for their good nature and shy manners. And upon meeting they do not say: "How are you?"; but "What away you!"

Chapins Return From Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapin, Nancy and Donald returned this past week from over a month's

Late Sunday evening Harry and Dorothy Lockland took the boys over to Palm Stout's, where they occupied the guest house for the night. Monday morning Palm started them off with an American home-cooked breakfast, their last word being "We will never forget Brookings."

absence, which was spent by the family in Wallworth, Wis. where the children attended school. Frank spent three weeks in Toronto, Canada at the Canada Life Insurance Co. headquarters, of which he is local salesman, and will establish his office here in Brookings soon. The family also visited in Janesville, Wis., Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Grand Canyon and southern California before arriving home.

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They say: "Pari-Mutuel operators make huge profits."

The facts: Audits show that stockholders of Oregon's major track received only 7/10 of one per cent of racing dollar. The State of Oregon received from this same operation more than eight times as much as the stockholders. Portland Meadows has shown only losses. Of the million dollars-plus wagered at Oregon fairs, only modest profits accrued, all of which goes to counties and state.

They say: "Business suffers when the races are on."

The facts: Show that retail store credit collections actually are above average and that business increases during racing season in Portland (SOURCES: Both Portland surveys by Don Clark & Associates and Federal Reserve studies.)

They say: "Pari-Mutuel serves no economic need."

The facts: Pari-Mutuel serves a positive economic need. It makes possible a million dollar industry involving breeding and training of race horses and greyhounds, \$3,000,000 in farm products, goods, services and employment of thousands. Killing Pari-Mutuel racing would ruin a multi-million dollar investment. It serves as much economic need as any recreation.

They say: "Pari-Mutuel contributes nothing to Public Welfare."

The facts: Oregon charitable organizations have received contributions approaching one-half the amount stockholders of the major track receive. (Verified by audit.) All profits from County Fair and State Fair racing go to the counties and the State of Oregon.

They say: "County Fairs can tighten their belts and exist happily if pari-mutuel revenue is destroyed."

The facts: Ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague wrote in column, IT SEEMS TO ME, Jan. 16, 1945: "Certainly no legislature would have increased the money going to county fairs from \$738 to \$6,041 in five years. . . ." (The fairs now receive \$12,500 annually.) "But some day, when the state goes puritan and abolishes pari-mutuels, the county fairs, hat in hand, will come begging for direct appropriations."

They say: "It is propoganda that racing will move to Washington."

The facts: A Turf Association of Vancouver, Washington already has filed papers of incorporation and has petitioned the Washington Racing Commission for racing dates in Vancouver. Such a development would attract patrons of Portland race tracks and the State of Washington would collect the taxes.

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