

GEHLHAR TO ASK RELIEF ON DETAILS

Fair out of Debt; Wants Others to Share Load; To Double Premiums

At the meeting of the state board of agriculture next Tuesday in Portland, Max Gehlhar, director of the department of agriculture, will ask that he be relieved of much of the active detail work of the state fair. Under an enactment of the 1931 legislature, the state fair was placed in the division of administration of the department of agriculture and Mr. Gehlhar has assumed personal charge of all details.

"Now that the state fair is financially on its feet," Gehlhar said, "much of the work can be turned over to others. At the beginning, the board of agriculture requested me to give my personal time to the fair so that the following objectives could be attained without legislative appropriations for extras and deficits:

- 1.—Pay up all current outstanding obligations, and maintain the credit of the fair. Current outstanding bills in July, 1931, totaled \$8,935. The 1931 premium appropriation was overdrawn \$11,500.
- 2.—To put the buildings and grounds into creditable condition and appearance. Many of the buildings had not been painted for 15 years. This year most of the buildings were painted.
- 3.—To pay the interest on bonded debt, and to pay the maturing installments on the bond issues. This year the \$13,500 bond issue of October 1 will be paid and all interest to date.
- 4.—Increase the attendance at the fair. This year the attendance was nearly doubled.
- 5.—To set up a working reserve for the next fair, so that payment of bills of each following fair would not be dependent on weather and other conditions of that particular fair. A working reserve of \$10,000 has been accumulated.
- 6.—To accomplish these objectives it has been necessary for me to put in long and unreasonable hours, forego vacations, work most evenings and holidays. Now that these things have been accomplished, and that during these most difficult times the fair has made nearly \$50,000 over operating expenses, the time has come when I am ready to let others do most of the work of the fair. It has been a hard pull to do these things in the last two years but the fair is now over the top.

Will Double Premiums

Premiums in the livestock, poultry and other departments will be doubled for the 1934 fair, Gehlhar said. Last spring when the premium list was prepared, the legislature had failed to make the usual \$75,000 premium appropriation, and there was no money in sight for premiums except from operating earnings. The premiums offered in the spring were a reduction by one half of those of previous years, he said, and no one knew where the money was coming from. Later in the summer, however, pari-mutuel racing receipts came in and the premium offerings were fully covered and an additional 20 per cent.

"The largest single increase already planned for next year," Gehlhar declared, "will be in the beef cattle department. J. C. Finicum, superintendent of the beef cattle department, is working on plans for the largest beef cattle show ever held at the Oregon fair. "This year on account of the lack of premium money, premiums were omitted entirely on three classes of beef cattle, the shorthorns, Aberdeen-Angus and milking shorthorns. This was done because all of the exhibitors were out of state and it was deemed wise to keep at home what money we had."

Working Reserve on Hand

"The reduced premiums paid this year were still up to and in excess of premiums paid by the California state fair and many others. Now that the fair is out of debt and renewed attendance interest has been attained with ample revenue, all departments of exhibits will see the largest development the state fair has ever had. We face 1934 with all our bills paid, or money to pay them, bonds due retired, all interest paid, and a substantial working reserve on hand. I feel that I have fulfilled the wishes of the board and am ready to turn much of the active work of the fair over to others, devoting more of my time to the department of agriculture."

Twenty-one head of cattle were killed on a ranch near Pierre, S. D., when lightning struck a barb wire fence.

Convicted Spy



Corporal Ralph Osman, U.S. Army, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was convicted by court martial at Cristobal, C. Z., with espionage in connection with the secret military defenses of the Panama Canal. He was sentenced to two years at hard labor and fined \$10,000.

GOVERNMENT SETS 25TH FOR SIGN-UP

The next order of business in connection with the wheat production central campaign, according to H. A. Lindgren, in charge of the work, is to hold a series of semi-legal meetings in each of the six districts of Marion county, at which time board members and committees will be elected by the growers to carry on the completion of the contracts. Notices have been sent to the growers in the various districts concerning these meetings the last few days, and a large attendance is expected.

Lindgren urges that growers who contemplate taking part in this plan should sign their applications and get them into the hands of the community allotment committees as soon as possible. The papers can be left at the central office in the court house at Salem, it is more convenient for the grower.

A closing date for signing these applications has been set by the government for September 25th. For that reason it is urged that growers complete their plans as soon as possible.

The sooner the applications are in the hands of the allotment committee the sooner it will be possible to prepare the contracts to be sent to Washington which is necessary before the benefit payments can be made.

Spend Summer On La Crole

PIONEER, Sept. 13. — Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Inman and family of four children have moved onto the Happy place owned by Mr. Inman at La Crole. The Inmans are away picking hops in an independence yard but expect to be back for school.

Mrs. Reece Robbins and son, Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Garrett and daughter have camped at Reece Robbins' camp on the La Crole the past summer. Mr. Garrett is studying medicine and will resume his work at Los Angeles Monday. Mrs. Robbins and son will go to their home at Pasadena.

Families Must Help Selves Now

A warning that the county relief committee the coming winter will not assist needy families who have failed to store up canned goods during the summer and fall months was issued yesterday by County Commissioner Roy S. Melson in stating that the portable relief cannery pack of tomatoes will start September 18. Melson urged all needy folk to plan on taking advantage of the cannery service and to notify the relief office here of their intention of so doing.

Postpone Cases On Slot Machines

The cases of the state vs. Jack Campbell and Harry Craig, involving larceny of slot machines, which were scheduled for hearing today in justice court here have been postponed to October 3 because of inability to have the private prosecutor here sooner. The hearing for Jack Campbell and Lella Davidson, jointly charged with possession of a slot machine, likewise has been set back from today to next month.

CLUB TO MEET

Fraternis club will resume meetings tonight following the summer recess. The dinner session, starting at 6:30 o'clock, will be held at the Gray Belle restaurant. William Schlitt, program chairman, has planned a program of old time music.

LAWYERS ARGUE IN LAMSON CASE

COURTHOUSE, San Jose, Cal., Sept. 13.—(AP)—With something approaching the speed of changing scenes in a motion picture drama the trial of David A. Lamson, charged with murdering his wife, Allene, switched today from a battle of scientific experts to a contest of orators.

Deputy District Attorney John P. Fitzgerald launched into his address to the five women and seven men who will decide the issue. Fitzgerald painted a word picture of Lamson as a man who had found a "lady friend" and sown the seeds of discord in his home. He professed to see in the testimony of Lamson a thread of uncertainty as it touched upon matters which might prove damaging to his case, and an attitude of positiveness upon details in his favor.

Behind Fitzgerald came Maurice Rankin, suave young defense attorney, who with soft words praised the jury system and struck at the state's case by saying it was "wholly and solely circumstantial and does not raise a suspicion as to Dave's guilt."

"You cannot conceive the tragedy that has come into the life of David Lamson," said Rankin. "not only has he lost his wife, whom he loved better than himself, but also he stands at the bar here charged with her murder. I must confess to you that I lack composure necessary for the presentation of this case with care. It has touched my heart."

Barkmeyer Dies Of Appendicitis

STAYTON, Sept. 13.—Joseph Barkmeyer, aged 44, died Wednesday at the Stayton hospital where he had undergone an operation for appendicitis last Thursday. He is survived by his widow, Anna, a daughter, Margery and four brothers, Fred, Dixon, Calif., Anthony, Oakland, Calif., Paul, Richmond, Calif., and Peter, of Scio, Ore. Also three sisters, Mrs. Mary Spaul, Portland; Mrs. Agatha Schorer, Orland, Calif.; and Mrs. Ida Stelman, Oakland.

Requiem mass will be said at the Catholic church here Saturday at 9 a. m. The body is at the Weddle chapel where recitation of the rosary will be said each evening at 7:30.

Mr. Barkmeyer had been warehouseman at the Stayton cannery for several years.

Father Gorelich, age 63, who for many years has been in charge of the parish at Jordan, died suddenly Tuesday night. Funeral service will be in charge of the Weddle mortuary, and will be held at the Jordan church at 9 a. m. Friday morning.

Mother, Son Die Of Heart Attacks

SEATTLE, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Heart attacks claimed the lives of both Mrs. Fredrick Luter, 90, and a son, Gustaf Luter, 63, within an hour today, with the son's efforts to rush to a neighbor's house to telephone causing his collapse.

The mother was probably dead, Deputy Coroner Carl Keyes said, even as the son ran from the house to summon help.

He ran a block and a half.

Luter's son, Adolph, will make the funeral arrangements.

New Fish Story; Now You Tell One

GYPSUM, Kan., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Paddy, a police dog, can spend the winter telling his canine friends about "how I landed that big one."

Accompanying his young master, Park Snyder, on a fishing expedition, Paddy jumped into the lake when a fish tugged the pole and line into the water, gripped the pole in his teeth, and swam ashore. A sizeable fish was still hooked to the line.

LIONS HEAR ROSSMAN

Lions club members at their noon luncheon at the Gray Belle today will hear Judge George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court tell of his recent trip east. Judge Rossman attended the sessions of the National Bar Association and the Century of Progress exposition at Chicago.

SHOPS EARLY—FIRE

CAMDEN, N. J., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Frank Corson did his Christmas shopping early, hiding toys under a staircase. Firemen were called today as the Corson family fled to the street. A blaze had started in the toys and the pile of clothing which covered them—Camden's first Christmas fire.

Burg to Sail For Cape Horn

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—(AP)—In quest of photographs of disappearing Indian tribes of the Cape Horn island, Amos Burg, 30, Portland, Ore., explorer, will sail from here tomorrow on the steamer West Mahwah.

Lashed to the deck of the vessel is a 36-foot former coast guard surf boat which Burg said he will use to explore the island.

Burg, a graduate of the University of Oregon, said he expects to be gone about 10 months on the expedition.

BROKER IS FLYED IN WINDSOR SUIT

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Alfred C. Read, jr., handsome Oakland broker, went under a scathing denunciation by attorneys as they argued the \$100,000 heart balm suit of Mrs. Mari-an Y. Read against Claire Windsor, screen actress, late today.

At various times Read was termed a "skunk" and a "cad."

"It is strange that Mrs. Read," said Wilbur Pierce, attorney for Miss Windsor, "should come into this court and bargain here for that kind of man as being worth dollars and cents."

"I don't believe people who have lived the kind of life Mr. and Mrs. Read have lived have the right to demand the spotlight of public attention."

"If Claire Windsor's name had been Johnny Jones or Mary Smith this suit never would have been filed. They are seeking to make Miss Windsor pay her price for fame."

Walter J. Little, attorney for Mrs. Read, also attacked her former husband's character. He charged, however, that proof had been presented during the case that Miss Windsor pursued and stole the young broker's love from his wife.

The suit against Miss Windsor probably will be given to the jury tomorrow.

Mehama School Started Monday

MEHAMA, Sept. 13.—School started here Monday morning, September 11, with Miss Lees of Portland, teacher for the upper grades, and Miss Mooney the lower room. Miss Lees is making her home with Mrs. Wilson and Miss Mooney has housekeeping rooms with Mr. Aulley.

Paul Ottinger of Sheridan is spending a few weeks here helping with carpenter work on the house to be occupied by his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Phillips, a newly married couple of this place. Mrs. Phillips was formerly Miss Beulah Ottinger of Sheridan.

HAVE HEALTH COURT

MUNICH, Germany, Sept. 13.—(AP)—It was announced today by the Bavarian hereditary and health courts will start functioning January 1, 1934. The courts are to choose mental and physical defectives for sterilization.

RAIN AT MIDNIGHT

Giving the lie to Uncle Sam's weather predictor, Old Jude, he of the sprinkling can, visited Salem shortly after midnight this morning and gently pelted the city with raindrops. He started off the fourth rainy day of this month.

HOCKLEY TO HEAR BRIDGE EVIDENCE

Members of the state highway commission, of the Oregon Coast Highway association and other proponents of five bridges along the coast road, will meet with C. C. Hockley, public works engineer for Oregon, this Friday in Portland. The conference will be held to present evidence to show the merit of the bridge proposals and to urge Hockley to forward completed plans at once to Washington with his approval. Hockley leaves Friday night for a conference with other public works engineers at Salt Lake.

Completed plans, specifications and designs for the five coast highway bridges, were laid before Hockley yesterday by the state highway department, J. M. Devers, its attorney, announced. Devers estimated the total cost for the five structures at \$3,100,000 on a wage scale ranging from 50 cents to \$1.20 an hour, the latest proposed scale received from Washington. The first estimates for the bridges were based on much lower wage payments.

Devers said that advertisements for bids for the bridges would be sought as soon as Hockley approves the plans and forwarded them to Washington. Construction work could be on before the year's end, he indicated.

REPORT PROGRESS IN EPIDEMIC FIGHT

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The possibility the sleeping sickness epidemic may have passed its crest in St. Louis county, its point of origin, was noted by experts here today.

Only a dozen county patients were reported in the last twenty-four hours, while the city reported 25.

Fatalities stood late today at 175, and the number of cases at 137, of which 426 are in the county and 351 in St. Louis.

A lull in the number of new cases has been noted in the county since the middle of last week, officers of the metropolitan health council said.

Surgeon General Hugh S. Cummings said in Washington today that "satisfactory progress" was being made in the fight against the disease.

The fatalities in the greater Kansas City area reached 28 today with one death reported at Independence, Mo.

Dayton Student Wins Fair Prizes

DAYTON, Sept. 13.—Arnold Braat, member of the Future Farmers of America agricultural department of Dayton Union high school, won first cash prize on Red Mexican beans and second on his Navy White beans at the state fair at Salem and he received fifth prize on a bee hive in small construction work.

John Clow, also a member of the same department, won first award on a hen nest.

Edward Clow, of the same school, won high point in a three member stock judging team and Charles Clow, father of the Clow boys, was a member of a three man "Dad" stock judging team.

THRIVES ON DIET OF RAZOR BLADES

The man who thrives on a diet of glass, razor blades, tacks and windshields, appears today on the stage of the Elsinore theatre. He is Rolla A. Clark, mystery man who has astounded physicians and

theatre audiences for the last 11 years by his consumption of fishhooks, light bulbs, glass tumblers and like hard substances.

Clark learned to eat glass from an old Indian in South Dakota and has been making his living at it ever since. The diet apparently agrees with him as he weighed 172 when discharged from the army and now tips the scales at 194. He says he plans to reduce, so will probably omit a pound or so of tacks each day from his

diet. In addition to this hardy fare, Clark eats three meals a day and plans to give an exhibition of eating a complete meal covered with powdered glass.

The mystery man estimates that he has eaten 150 pounds of glass during his career. He has traveled from coast to coast for public appearances and has been associated with stage productions of BKO, Fox West Coast, Paramount and Warner Bros. theatres.

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