

# State Fair Attendance Figures for First Four Days Total 121,128 to Pass Former Record for Full Week



The big moment at the state fair for two-year old Diane Jones, Portland, was when she was permitted to pet the six-hour old pig born to a Duroc sow owned by H. G. Andrew of Sandy. She insisted it was a "puppy." Statesman Farm photo.



With long mohair at \$2 a pound and with this animal ready to shear close to 25 pounds of 24-inch mohair - figure it out for yourselves. He is the champion long haired buck owned by James Riddle of Monmouth. Kenneth McCrae, nephew of Riddle, is shown here holding the goat. Statesman Farm photo.



Fruit, seeds, vegetables and flowers in colorful array are features of the Benton county exhibit at the state fair. Products of the county's gardens, orchards, fields, forests and mills are set off by a backdrop picturing Mary's peak, THE mountain of Benton county. Statesman-McEwan photo.



Blue ribbon for top ewe of all breeds at the Future Farmers' show at the state fair went to a Romney, owned by Bob Affolter of Molalla. Pictured above is Affolter showing his ewe and the ribbon she won. (Statesman Farm photo).

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Pennsylvania turnpike, built on an unused railroad grade, has been a very successful stretch of roadway. It runs 160 miles from Carlisle to Irwin, across the western portion of the state, and operates as a toll road. Now New York state is going to build a system of thruways following roughly the route of the New York Central railway from New York to Albany to Buffalo and along Lake Ontario to the Pennsylvania state line. Offshoot thruways will be the New England, Berkshire and Niagara sections, the two former running into New England and the latter connecting with the bridge at Niagara Falls crossing into Canada. The thruway length will be 486 miles, the estimated cost \$202,000,000. This road will be toll-free because New York state has half a billion dollars in surplus funds in its treasury.

The road will be a real super-highway such as engineers dream about but fear have the chance to construct. The minimum right-of-way will be 202 feet. From end to end there will be no intersections at grade. Bridges or underpasses will be used to separate traffic on intervening highways and railroads. No traffic lights will interrupt the flow of vehicles. Access and egress will be limited to specially constructed facilities, and at these junctions acceleration and deceleration lanes will be provided.

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## 4-H Sale Today At State Fair

By Isabel Childs Rosebraugh  
City Editor, The Statesman

One hundred ninety-six first quality lambs, steers and hogs go onto the auction block at this morning's fat stock sale which, in a way, climaxes the biggest 4-H club show in Oregon state fair history. The entire fair has already drawn a bigger crowd than the record week of 1940, when some 118,000 persons paid admissions.

Set for 10 a. m., the auction in the show ring area near the livestock barns will draw business-

**TODAY AT THE FAIR IS ARMY DAY**

8 a.m. gates open.  
10 a.m. fat stock sale, near or in livestock barns.  
10:45 Second Infantry band concert.  
11 a.m. midway entertainment.  
1:15 p.m. horse racing, Lane Oak track.  
8 p.m. horse show and rodeo in stadium; night revue in grandstand.  
10 p.m. state fair dance.  
12 midnight gates close.

The weather: Cloudy, continued showers.

ATTENDANCE	1944	1941
Monday	53,000	28,142
Tuesday	14,724	11,500
Wednesday	28,202	15,738
Thursday	22,302	17,001
<b>Total first four days</b>	<b>121,128</b>	<b>72,381</b>

men of the state. The Salem Lions club and Salem Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring organizations, have made sure of that. Sixty steers, 66 lambs and 70 hogs remained to be sold after the selling at the completion of judging Thursday. More than 150 boys and girls figured in the prize money of the sale.

**Corvallis Boy Wins**  
David Oliver of Corvallis won the grand championship in the 4-H sheep division with his crossed bred fat lamb; the reserve grand championship went to the South-down lamb entered by Nadine Davies of Jackson county, while Connie Rae Larkin of Benton county, who had earlier won first in Southdown Shropshire showmanship, won the grand championship in sheep showmanship.

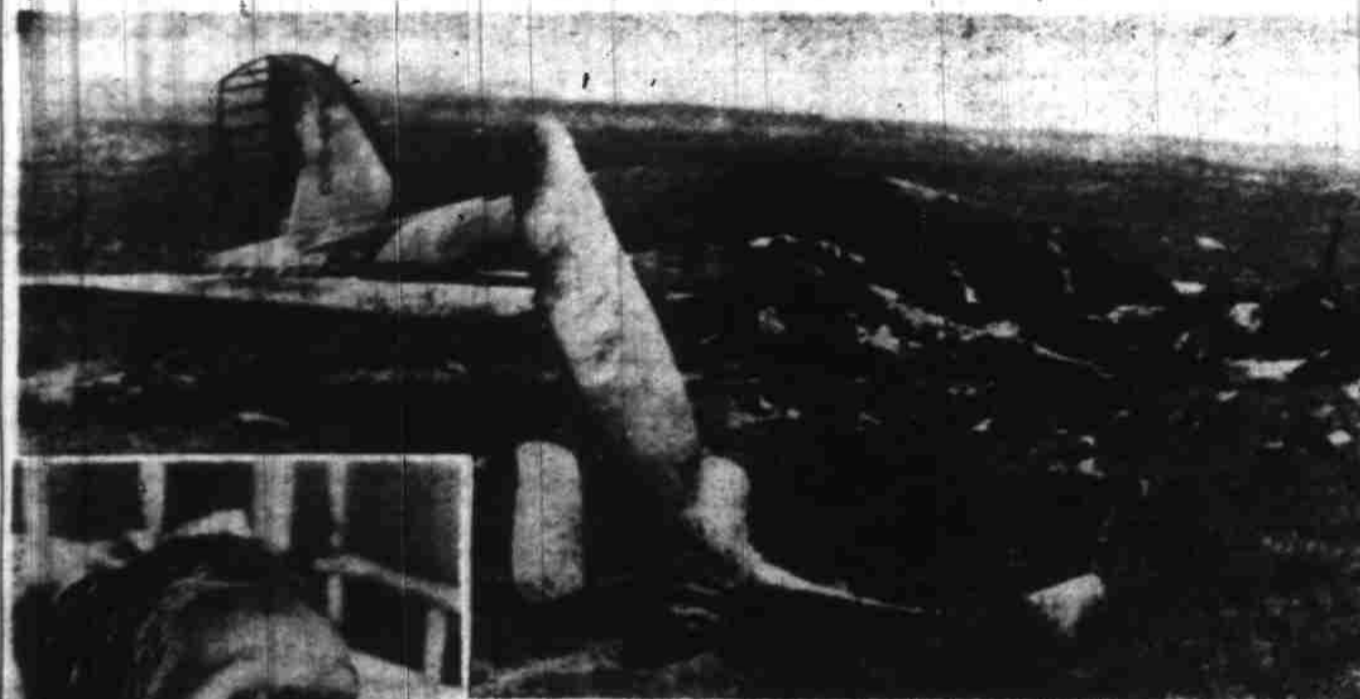
Despite the "cloudy" showers' prediction of the weatherman, the fat stock sale and army day events are expected to draw good crowds to the fairgrounds today. Army day observances actually started at sundown Thursday as Second division men stood retreat near the flagpole at the north end of the midway and the Second infantry band played.

**First Aid Men Busy**  
City first aid men, working out of fairgrounds headquarters this weekend, had their busiest hour between 10:30 and 11:30 last night: One woman was struck by one of the "rides" in the midway; one was slugged with a bottle; one fell and broke her glasses in the fall; one was stricken with sudden illness all within a matter of minutes.

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## Barren Plane Wreckage and Lone Survivor



ELKO, Nev., Sept. 5.—Scene of the airliner crash near here today which took the lives of 21 persons, but miraculously spared Peter Link, 2, (left) who watches the cameraman from his hospital bed. (AP Wirephotos)

## Mother Killed By Locomotive, Saves Children

HARRISBURG, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—A mother trying frantically to rescue her children from a stalled automobile was killed by a Southern Pacific locomotive here today.

Mrs. Elsie Ann Pearce, 30, of Harrisburg, is dead. Her two children, James Allen, 8, and Beverly Ann, 3, were hurt and taken to a Eugene, Ore., hospital. Two other occupants of the automobile, Mrs. Pearce's mother and a third child, Elsie Jean Howe, 8, were not hurt.

Walter Kropp, deputy coroner, said Mrs. Pearce's automobile stalled on the train track. She tried to push it away from the approaching train, but fell. Recovering, she attempted to pull the child to safety.

She was thrown 100 feet and died almost instantly.

## C. of C. Invites Congress Delegation to Lunch

Oregon's entire congressional delegation has been invited to appear before the Salem Chamber of Commerce at its first fall luncheon meeting September 23. Manager Clay Cochran stated Thursday. Some of the congressmen already have indicated they will attend. That meeting will resume the chamber's regular weekly luncheons which have been suspended during the summer.

## Plane Crash Fatal to 21, Boy Miraculously Saved

ELKO, Nev., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Disaster struck from thick fog today to send a westbound trans-luxury airliner from New York crashing to earth in hilly northeastern Nevada country, killing 21 persons but somehow sparing one passenger, a blue-eyed blond boy of two.

The youngest, Peter Link of Brooklyn, N. Y., was found sitting on the ground, crying dazedly, about 100 feet from the wrecked plane, which had crashed into a low hill two miles west of the Elko airport.

Other passengers' bodies were described as "terribly mangled," but the little boy apparently escaped with only slight injuries to the chest and arm.

The bodies of three women and a baby boy about six months old were among 17 brought to Elko. Newspapers counted four other bodies in the smashed nose of the plane.

The baby apparently was a brother of the surviving boy. Their parents, Paul Edward Link of the U. S. navy, and Ann Link, were among the identified dead.

Fire swept the front section of the plane and smoke still wreathed up from the wreckage hours after the crash, which occurred about 2 a. m., Pacific Standard Time.

The plane was due to land at San Francisco at 3:45 a. m., PST, after leaving New York yesterday morning.

Chris H. Sheerin, Elko newspaper editor, said "The bodies thrown out were terribly mangled. I counted at least four other burned bodies inside the front part of the plane."

"The hill has a beacon light but the weather was so foggy the pilot may not have been able to see it, or he might have thought he was coming into the Elko airport."

The area is treeless and barren, pocked by barren, low hills. Elko is about 225 miles airline north-east of Reno.

## Mastodon Bones Discovered by Silverton Farmer

PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(AP)—"Probably the most important paleontological discovery in the state" was credited to Paul Pinson, Silverton farmer, today by Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the University of Oregon geology department.

While digging for water to irrigate his cucumbers Pinson found a large quantity of fossilized bones probably belonging to an ancient mastodon, Dr. Smith said.

## 'Drys' Fail In Petition Attempt

Local option for prohibition in Marion county lacked more than 100 petition signatures of getting on the county ballot in November when County Clerk Harlan Judd checked over the last "dry" petitions submitted to his office just before the filing deadline expired at 5 p. m. Thursday.

But local "dry" supporters refused to concede defeat. Mrs. S. M. Laws, co-chairman of the signature drive, told The Statesman last night that a total of 3,968 names appeared on submitted petitions and indicated that a recheck of signatures would be sought and the issue might be taken to the supreme court.

**3,504 Signers Needed**  
Petitions with 3,504 valid signatures would have brought to a vote the measure proposing a ban on the sale of alcoholic liquors in Marion county according to County Clerk Judd whose office had found upon checking 3,702 signatures that only 3,213 were valid. Brought in 20 minutes before the deadline and not immediately checked were 169 signatures, but even if all these proved valid, the total would remain 122 signatures short of the required 3,504, Judd said.

**Wrong Precincts Found**  
The clerk indicated that most of the invalidated signatures were ruled out because they were of persons not registered as voters or registered in precincts not corresponding with their address.

Two other measures may appear on the Marion county ballot this fall. Form of a tax levy for the proposed new court house awaits a September 9 public hearing to be conducted by the county court. Petitions for the other bill, proposing a Marion county public utilities district, are still in circulation, with deadline set at September 15.

## Rain Hastens Peach Harvest

The recent rains brought on a crisis in the six large peach orchards north of Salem where the fruit is dropping from the trees, the farm labor office reported Thursday.

Peach, bean and hop pickers are in demand at the office every morning. Prune harvest is expected to start Monday with a definite shortage of shakers.

The wet weather failed to halt valley harvesting materially, the office said. Most yards and orchards continued operations and a promise of fall weather ahead has held the pickers.

## 4-H, FFA Final Judging Share Spotlight at Fair

With stock judging in the open classes all completed for Oregon's 81st annual fair by Thursday noon, attention was turned to the selection of premier breeder and premier exhibitor selections and to the finish of the 4-H club and FFA judging. Harold Whitaker, FFA boy, Albany, won the FFA showmanship ribbon on Thursday afternoon.

Coveted dairy premier breeder and exhibitor awards both went to the visiting Jersey showman, Alex Lamond of Fairmead Farms, Ltd., of Milner, British Columbia.

Gath Brothers of Turner won both premier ribbons in the sheep division, while Elmer Stangel of Wilsonville was the winner of both in the swine exhibition. Champion trophies and purple ribbons decorated stalls in the barns by noon Thursday, with late announcements including the two purples in the Jersey class going to Fairmead Farms on the grand champion bull and reserve champion female. Ernest E. Gourley & Son of Albany won the female Jersey grand champion ribbon with Marlin Fox of Molalla capturing the reserve in the bull classes.

Grimes Brothers of Harrisburg and Walter Brog of Woodburn divided honors in the Holstein division with Brog taking grand champion female and reserve champion bull, and Grimes Brothers capturing grand champion bull and reserve champion female trophies.

## Sailors Pass Up Second Federal Plea for Truce

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The AFL Sailors union of the Pacific rejected a second government plea for a truce today as it joined the nation-wide maritime strike and tied up at least 189 ships along the west coast.

Union leader Harry Lundeberg said he had turned down a telephoned plea from Assistant Labor Secretary Phillip Hannah. Lundeberg told a reporter he had given Hannah the same answer that he made Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach last night—that the plea came too late and he had given the department all the facts two weeks ago.

Hannah was being sent here by Schwelienbach to make a personal request to Lundeberg to send his sailors back to their ships pending an attempt to reach a settlement in Washington Tuesday.

Lundeberg indicated in advance that the Hannah mission would fail, asserting it was still up to the national wage stabilization board to restore the cut it made in a wage increase negotiated with ship owners.

**Maintenance Problem**  
Lundeberg went into a conference with employers to work out means of maintaining ships in the harbors while the strike is in progress.

He said he had not yet seen a telegraphed request from Vice Adm. W. W. Smith, chairman of the maritime commission, urging that they keep refrigeration machinery operating on shipboard to prevent the loss of perishable food.

The union leader added, however, that his union's decision to provide necessary maintenance would take care of Smith's request.

**Once-Busy Ports Silent**  
Few ships moved in and out of the once-busy ports of the west, for every dry cargo vessel was affected. Lundeberg declared the west coast waterfront was "100 per cent effective."

Lundeberg's 8000 sailors struck in concert with seafarers international union seamen in Atlantic and gulf ports in protest to the U. S. wage stabilization board's action in reducing the amount of a negotiated pay increase. SLP's boats are entirely dependent upon American shipping.

He said the next effect would be on the supply of sugar and bananas for west coast consumers, who get their sugar by water from Hawaii and their bananas by boat from the banana republics to the south.

Tied up by the strike were 83 ships in the San Francisco-Oakland port area, 50 at Seattle, 27 at Los Angeles, 25 at Portland, one at San Diego and one at the big lumber port of Gray's Harbor, Wash.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP) The AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific today rejected a plan to move pickets from dock entrances to gangplanks so that longshoremen could continue dock work.

The proposal was urged by the Waterfront Employers association to enable longshoremen to unload some 200 freight cars.

## Your 20th Birthday on September 15, Miss?

Salem girls whose 20th birthday falls on September 15 are being invited to a special birthday party by the Salem Chamber of Commerce—in connection with the local observance of the 20th anniversary of United Air Lines.

Manager Clay Cochran of the chamber of commerce asks that girls whose birthday coincides with UAL's notify him at his office. Chamber and local UAL officials are to meet this morning to plan the occasion.

## Truman Cool To Demand for Extra Session

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Demands of labor and other groups for a special session of congress to act further on price control and housing were virtually rejected today by President Truman.

The chief executive told his news conference that there is no emergency which warrants a special session and that he has no thought of calling one.

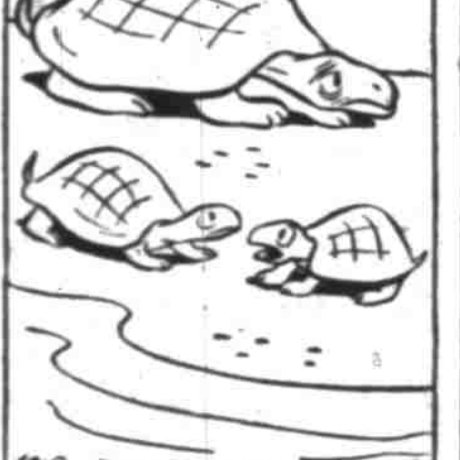
Moreover, he remarked, the congressmen are entitled to campaign up to election day without interruption. To a further question, he made it clear that he is not considering a special session after election day, either.

## Surplus Paint, Varnish Housed at Troutdale

Some 100,000 gallons of surplus paint, varnish, lacquer, drier and filler are available for inspection at the Troutdale, Ore., warehouse, preliminary to a sale at fixed prices. Portland WAA headquarters announced Thursday. Purchase offers will be confirmed September 17. Nearly 100,000 yards of blue and red wool-facelac cloth is now on sale to priority buyers at Umatilla ordnance depot, WAA added.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"He's run out of things to worry about and it's worrying him to death."

## West Salem to Hire Engineer To Survey Water Needs of City

By Marguerite Gleason  
Valley Editor, The Statesman

WEST SALEM, Sept. 5.—The city council, which has just approved purchase for \$7,000 of the Albert Bouffleur well, tonight authorized the city water department to employ an engineer to make a survey of the water needs of the city and recommend how the problem should be handled.

This action was taken upon request of the water department conveyed by L. L. Sloper, secretary of the water board. The board is not empowered to expend more than \$200 for any item without authorization of the city council. Preparation of an ordinance empowering the water department to enforce its rules and regulations was also ordered by the city council.

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**Our Senators**  
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