

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Today exhibitors and concessionaires fold their tents at the fair grounds and noisily rattle away. They will unlink the ferris wheel and the fly-o-plane, pack up the kewpie dolls and the peanut roasters. They will carry home the blue ribbons and the red and yellow and white. They will trundle the tractors off the grounds, and haul away the Jerseys and the Romneys and the Poland Chinas. Four-H-ers and Future Farmers will head for home, and school, and fresh "projects."

And the people will scatter to cherish memories of the best state fair in history — and look forward to another in 1949.

It is interesting and instructive to view the exhibits, the choice fruits of farm and kitchen, of orchard and forest and factory. The display of power machinery was most impressive: power in big doses like the great tractors or in bitty fragments like garden tractors. And tools for all occasions: drilling post-holes, scooping up manure, for spraying and dusting and cultivating. Pushbutton farming, to be sure; but a farmer still needs lots of push.

But a state fair is chiefly people, lots of people, all kinds of people: kiddies getting thrills out of the rides, young couples going through the tunnel of love; crowds milling in the quarter-stretch or jamming the lobby before the betting wickets; crowds on the midway, pitchmen hawk-ing gimcracks; tired women sitting on the benches; youngsters racing like quarterbacks through holes in the crowd. Giving a twist to Lincoln's saying, they must be common people — there are so many of them. They are, for the state fair is a democracy, its entertainment geared to the masses. The state fair draws folk (Continued on editorial page)

\$80,000 Fire Razes Sawmill Near Lebanon

LEBANON, Sept. 11 — Fire which broke out about 1:30 p. m. today morning completely destroyed the Earle W. Clonier Lumber company sawmill, five miles south of Lebanon on highway 20 in the Fairview community. Loss has been unofficially estimated at between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and included recent large purchases of cable and logging equipment reportedly made in anticipation of advanced prices and short supplies. Three pumps of the Lebanon rural fire fighting unit went to the scene of the fire, and one Sweet Home truck. Fire fighters worked for four hours to combat the blaze and pulled out their equipment just before 6 o'clock. The fire started with an explosion right after the night watchman had finished his rounds, finding everything in order. Among the losses other than the mill and equipment was Clonier's automobile.

State Fair Today

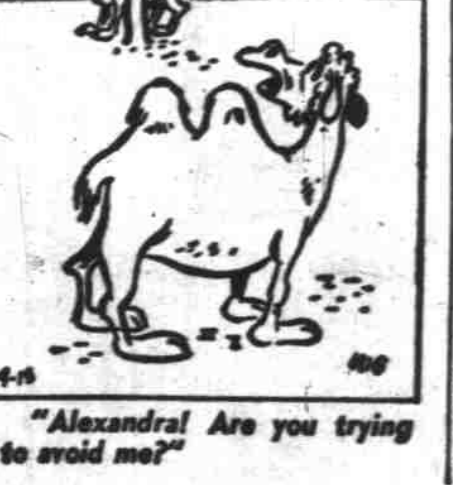
- Sunday, September 11 Closing Day
9:00 a. m. — All exhibits open.
11:00 a. m. — Free vaudeville acts on main midway.
12:30 p. m. — Time trials, auto races.
1:30 p. m. — Auto races.
4:00 p. m. — Free vaudeville.
4:30 p. m. — Livestock releases.
8:00 p. m. — Showboat musical review.
12:00 p. m. — Gates close on 83rd state fair.

100 DEGREES AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Sept. 11 (AP) — It was hotter than a depot stove here today as the mercury hit an even 100 — highest of the year.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



700-Acre Fire Spreads Along Coquille River

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Heat High Drops to 89 in City

By the Associated Press Forest crews fought a 700-acre blaze in southwestern Oregon timberlands yesterday even as the state's week-long dangerous fire conditions turned for the better. Temperatures were dropping and humidities rising over the state. The weather bureau expected the trend to continue, but warned that fire conditions would remain hazardous for several days yet. The southwestern Oregon fire showed the extreme danger. Apparently started by a cigaret flipped from an automobile near Camas Valley, it exploded from a tiny spark to a 400-acre blaze in 1 1/2 hours. By the time it covered 700 acres of slashing and old growth timber along the middle fork of the Coquille river, 50 fire fighters were on hand to slow down its progress. The state fire patrol many species were killed today under control without additional help. Temperatures Saturday ranged from 65 at Newport and 66 at North Bend on the coast to 86 in Portland and 97 in Medford. Others were Salem 89, Klamath Falls 89, Eugene 90, Pendleton 91 and Ontario 92.

Fair Attendance Passes All-Time High for Week

Betting Also Sets Top Mark

Table showing Total Fair Attendance (Paid and Unpaid) for the 83rd Oregon State Fair from Monday to Sunday. Total attendance reached 297,925, a record.

Berlin Braces for New Pro-Communist Rally

Big 4 to Confer on Italian Colonies Monday

Minnesota Lass Wins Miss America Crown

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 11 — Beatrice Vella Shopp of Hopkins, Minn., an 18-year-old reddish brunette, tonight was named Miss America of 1948. A regal crown valued at \$10,000 was placed on the head of Miss Shopp by the retiring Miss America, Barbara Walker Hummel of Memphis. The beauty title brought with it a \$5,000 scholarship, a \$3,000 automobile and the interest of talent scouts from Hollywood and Broadway. Miss Shopp's beauty statistics: Height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 138 pounds, bust 37 inches, waist 27 inches, hips 36. In second place was Carol Field of Lusk, Wyoming, who earned a \$3,000 scholarship. Both the queen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Shopp, ran to the stage to embrace their beauty queen daughter. Mr. Shopp, who is director of health education for a cereal company, attributed his daughter's beauty to "fresh air, plenty of sleep and proper food." Shopp said his daughter planned to enter the McPhail College of Music at Minneapolis. (She plays the vibra harp). But first would consider any contracts offered her as a result of her victory tonight. The new queen is just one inch short of equalling the record height set for a Miss America. Contest officials said that her size 16 dress and 37-inch bust set new records. For the new queen and the four other prize winners, it was a long, difficult night. The field of 55 had been narrowed to 15 finalists earlier in the evening and then later to five. The 15 finalists included Miss Oregon, Joyce Davis. Each finalist got a \$1,000 scholarship.

Russ Assert U.S. Lowering Parley Status

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 — (AP) — The Big Four powers will discuss the fate of Italy's pre-war colonies in Paris Monday although Russia insists it won't be a top-level review. The Russians took that position because Secretary of State George C. Marshall will not attend. They said that would make it something less than a council of foreign ministers. This country tartly told the Soviet that it still can be a council of foreign ministers, since the Potsdam agreement permits the sending of high ranking deputies to such meetings. Shortly after the American note on that point was made public, Lewis W. Douglas, ambassador to London, was named to represent Marshall. The announcement on Douglas almost coincided with a Moscow broadcast, heard in London, which said the U. S. and Britain have made a big four foreign ministers meeting impossible by refusing to send their top men. State department officials said, however, that they were sure Moscow was merely reporting the Russian note, released here along with the American reply, on the question of whether it will be a foreign ministers conference.

U.S., British Plan Berlin Crisis Tactics

BERLIN, Sept. 11 — (AP) — Riot-torn Berlin braced itself tonight for a communist demonstration. Under the slogan "anybody who doesn't march tomorrow is a nazi," the communists were reported to have ordered even children to turn out for a Sunday rally against the western powers. American officials frankly stated that the situation had become "highly dangerous," with Germans meeting under one power to demonstrate against another power. In Washington top British and American officials met in extraordinary session on the Berlin crisis. The Sabbath demonstration is set for the Lustgarten (Garden of Pleasure), about a half mile inside the Soviet sector of Berlin. The rally was to be a protest Thursday's anti-Russian mass meeting which touched off street fighting. WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 — (AP) — Top American and British leaders met today in an unusual series of conferences which may lead to a decisive new turn in the crisis with Soviet Russia over Berlin. Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) was among a group consulted by Secretary Marshall at the state department. Amid indications that the long effort to reach a firm agreement with Moscow on lifting the Berlin siege faces a breakdown, Marshall and his advisers met also with Sir Oliver Franks, the British ambassador. Meanwhile in Moscow the American, British and French envoys were standing by, dispatches said, apparently for final instructions before making the fateful next move — possibly a demand for a showdown session with Prime Minister Stalin.

Pakistan Chief Ali Jinnah Dies; India Arming

LONDON, Sept. 11 — (AP) — The British commonwealth relations office said Mohammed Ali Jinnah, governor general of Pakistan, died tonight. The duty officer said death was due to a heart attack. Jinnah was 71. A dispatch from Karachi tonight said Jinnah had arrived in the Pakistani capital unexpectedly today from the hill station at Quetta. It said his arrival was unexpected because his doctors had advised him to stay at the hill station for at least another month. The frail former lawyer, who long headed the powerful Moslem league, died at a time when relations and India and Pakistan were strained over the controversial issues of Kashmir and Hyderabad. NEW DELHI, India, Sept. 11 — (AP) — The dominion of India appears today to be on the verge of launching its second undeclared war in an effort to forge a unified nation. Indian troops and tanks are poised to march into the realm of the opulent and obdurate Nizam of Hyderabad in the south. In the north there was no sign of abatement in India's struggle with Pakistan for possession of strategic Kashmir.

School Vacations to End in Salem Area Monday

The five-day week from which about 7,000 Salem area youngsters have been vacationing for three months will resume Monday morning. All Salem public and parochial schools will begin classes tomorrow, with some increase in enrollment certain. Willamette university will open freshman activities Tuesday and College and Academy will start classes September 20. Predictions as to size of enrollments were refused by public school officials Saturday, since it is not known how many former students have left the district and it is believed that many new pupils have not made themselves known. Much of the increase is expected, on the basis of last year's census of all children residing in the district, to be in a first grade somewhat larger than a year ago. Last year's city total was 6,232 on opening day. Students are asked to register Monday whether or not they can attend classes immediately, in order that assignments to classes may be made and enrollment inequities corrected. Elementary school pupils are to register at the school in the area of their residence. Those who have not reached the 18th birthday and have not finished high school are also to register Monday at 7 p. m. for night school. Sacred Heart academy, St. Joseph's and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic schools will all open Monday, with heavy increases expected. Livingstone elementary school, sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist church, will open Monday also, with about 60 pupils. Of the three teachers, two are new — Mrs. O. A. Thorman and Mrs. A. J. Gordon — while Mrs. Mabel Griffin is returning. (Additional details and pictures on page 12.)

Ammonia Due At Local Plant

Two carloads of anhydrous ammonia will arrive at the Columbia Meats plant a week from tomorrow to permit resumption of fertilized production, plant officials were informed Saturday. Word that the cars already had been dispatched from the Cactus Ordnance plant at Etter, Tex., was received from Phillips Petroleum company. The telegram from Phillips arrived in Salem shortly after Rep. Walter Norblad, who had asked the army to explain why shipment was delayed, had been informed by the secretary of the army that the material was available at Etter and that arrangements were made to have the Phillips company make tank cars available for dispatching.

Petitions Ask Area East of Salem Annexed

By Robert E. Gangwara City Editor, The Statesman Petitions seeking annexation to Salem of nearly two square miles of eastern suburban area between Silverton road and State street are on file with the city recorder in preparation for expected legislation Monday night to get the proposal and three other annexation requests on the November 2 ballot. The east annexation area lies between present city limits and Lancaster drive, from the Silverton road south to the railroad line which crosses State street a few yards east of present city limits and continues east and north of State street. Petitions were signed by 175 property owners. Other annexation areas include a 400-acre tract to the southeast (as far as Fairview home state land), a small area north of Sunnyside avenue in east Salem and a Polk county strip surrounding but not including the city of West Salem. Ordinance bills to place these annexation proposals on the city ballot will be presented to the city council when it meets Monday at 7:30 p. m. for the first time in newly completed council chambers on the third floor of city hall. Would Vacate Alleys Another bill prepared for introduction and public hearing Monday would vacate three city alleys in the two-block North Capitol street site of a \$2,000,000 retail trading development. This bill is drafted to assess a "vacation benefits" fee of approximately \$6,000 against Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., the property owner, but the fee is contingent upon passage of another pending ordinance bill which appears before the council last month. The latter bill would permit the city to establish a fee based on the benefits accruing to abutting property when a city street or alley is vacated at the request of the property owners. Other legislation which the council has deferred for study in the face of some opposition — and which may receive final action Monday night — includes two bills regulating peddlers, canvassers, and solicitors operating in the city. At the last council meeting, fees were reduced and investigation procedure simplified in the "peddlers" bill.

Hurricane Located In Atlantic Ocean

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 11 — (AP) — An Atlantic storm, about 1,100 miles east of Miami, has grown into a full-fledged hurricane with 115 mph an hour winds in the center. In an advisory issued at 5:45 p. m. (EST) the weather bureau said the "severe storm" had been accurately located by reconnaissance planes at about 530 miles northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and moving northward at 18 to 20 miles an hour.

3,054 Register for Draft at Armory During First 2 Weeks of New Sign-Up

A total of 3,054 men have registered at the Salem armory draft board during the first two weeks of listing, the board reported Saturday as it prepared to open the last week of registration on Monday morning. Draft registrations also are being taken at Silverton armory and Stayton city hall on the same schedule as the Salem office. Incomplete returns Saturday showed that a grand total of 2,963 men had been registered at the three offices up to last Wednesday night since the first day of registration. First questionnaires went out last week to registered single, non-veterans in the 25 age group, Mrs. Beakley said. These are to be filled out within 10 days and returned to the board. From these questionnaires the Marion county selective service board, she said. Mrs. Beakley said Saturday she was fearful that many men who have failed to register on their scheduled age group days will be storming the board during the closing hours of registration. Already many men are beginning to register far past their correct registration dates, she said. She cited one example — out of a total of 752 registering during the two days when the 25-year-olds only were supposed to come in, only 413 were of the proper age for that day. Because the next week is expected to be a heavy one, volunteer workers to register the men are needed, she declared. "This last week will probably be terrific," she said. "We will need all the help we can get." Anyone wishing to help is asked to call Mrs. Beakley at the armory at 24858. The registration schedule includes: Birth Date Age 1925 — 19 Sept. 13-14 1926 — 18 Sept. 15-16 1927 — 17 Sept. 17-18 Those who are not 18 by September 19 should register on their 18th birthday or within five days after.

8,000 Rescued from Volcano-Ravished Isle

MANILA, Sept. 11 — (AP) — One U. S. army transport was removing 8,000 refugees from the volcano-ravished island of Camiguin tonight and another was en route to help rescue additional thousands. Mt. Hibokhibok, which has been erupting since September 1, continued to fume, but Philippine government experts said its noxious gases no longer were deadly.

5 Injured in 3-Car Wreck

WOODBURN, Sept. 12 — (Special) — Five persons were injured in accidents involving three cars late Saturday night near Woodburn's north city limits. One unidentified man was still unconscious when brought to the Salem Memorial hospital by ambulance. Three passengers of the second car were treated at Salem General hospital. While wreckers were clearing the scene of a two-car accident, another car failed to see warning lights and drove off the road into a tree. Extent of the driver's injuries were not known. Earl Moulter, Gates, driver of one of the cars, and his two passengers, Clyde Peas, Gates, and Verla Lancaster, 250 Trade st., were reported to have suffered only slight injuries. Driver and lone occupant of the second vehicle was believed to be Frank Michalske.

Birds Crash Into Eastern Skyscrapers

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 — (AP) — Hundreds of migratory songbirds of many species were killed today when they struck the world's tallest building — the Empire State. In Philadelphia hundreds of other birds met a similar fate when they crashed into tall buildings. The brightly-plumaged birds, mostly warblers, plunged to the streets in early morning darkness. Their piercing cries echoed loudly as they fell. In New York, several live birds were retrieved by the American society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Bronx zoo. They will be released when they recover from their injuries. A Bronx zoo spokesman said that 33 birds — seven of them alive — taken to the zoo represented 12 species of warblers. Two of them — Cape May and Tennessee warblers — are rare, the spokesman said.

New French Cabinet Named

PARIS, Sept. 11 — (AP) — Premier Henri Queuille formed a new coalition French cabinet tonight. Queuille's radical socialist (conservative) will serve as finance minister as well as premier. Robert Schuman of the Catholic popular republican movement (MRP) was named foreign minister. The socialists dominate the coalition with five of the 15 ministries. They were given the key posts of interior, which controls the police, and national defense, which directs the army, navy and air forces. The ministries of labor, industrial production and public works also went to socialists. In forming his centrist regime Queuille ignored both the communists and the De Gaullists. The next hurdle comes when he submits the names of his ministers to the national assembly, probably Tuesday.

Hop Festival \$600 Success

INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 11 — Approximately \$600 has been placed in the local recreation fund as a result of proceeds received from the hop fiesta held earlier this month, fiesta officials announced here today. Township and committee members proclaimed the fiesta the most successful yet held. Manager of the fiesta was Gene Malecki and general chairman of committees, George Corwin.

California Drivers Hit Salem Man Twice in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif., Sept. 11 — (AP) — William Retherath, 1185 N. Winter st., Salem, Ore., was in, out and back in San Jose, Calif., hospital, the victim of two mishaps Friday night. Retherath, a mechanic at Bone-steel Sales and Service, in Salem, is in California on his vacation. He received hospital treatment first for a slight leg injury. Leaving the hospital he started across the street to rejoin his wife, who was waiting in their automobile. He was struck by a car which jostled him against another car. So back to the hospital he went with a broken arm and head injuries. CAPITOL OPEN TODAY The state capitol building will be open for inspection of state fair visitors Sunday, Secretary of State Earl Newberry announced Saturday. Guides will be on duty from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Weather

Table showing weather forecasts for Salem, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago, New York, and FORECAST (from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Ore.).

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Table showing precipitation data for Salem from Sept. 1 to Sept. 12, including Last Year and Average.

OUR SENATORS Lost 12-11