

Agriculture Conference At OSC Takes on Flavor Of Three-Ring Circus

(Story also on page 1.)
CORVALLIS—Approximately 600 farm men and women admitted that attending the agricultural conference now in session at Oregon State College, during the college's spring vacation, was like attending a three-ring circus—only there are 10 rings in this event. The conference opened Thursday and will continue through Saturday. Many of the folk attending the conference settled down early to the forum dealing with the product of most interest to them. A large number dropped in briefly at each of the 10 conferences. Eleven had been scheduled, but only three persons turned out for the one on fur farming and that was canceled for the day. Interest continued to mount throughout the day in the land economics committee. Assessment of timber lands occupied the greater part of the discussion. A recommendation will go to the general assembly Friday afternoon that the governor appoint a committee composed of individuals representing lumber, agriculture, labor and the general public to continue study of forest taxation. Debatable proved the suggestion of increasing the present 5 cents per thousand severance tax to an amount which would provide funds to finance an intensive reforestation program in Oregon immediately, and requiring timber owners to make annual returns to the county assessor as to the amount, quality and kind of merchantable timber, similar to that required in personal property taxes. In view of present national overproduction, hopmen, particularly

and will be continued Friday morning. The dairy committee urged that laws be made to bring more emphasis on the quality of products delivered to the plant and less on the buildings required. Other forums opened Thursday and to be continued through Friday morning are farm forestry, soil and water, horticulture, and rural life. Meetings will begin at 9 a. m. At 1:30 Dr. Tyrus R. Timm, agricultural economist, Texas A & M College, will speak at a general assembly. First general committee reports will follow, including soil and water, with Ed McCranes, chairman; agricultural economist, Texas A & M College; rural life, R. E. Francis; land economics, Charles A. Tom; farm forestry, Glen Hawkins.

The Aga Khan, Moslem leader, is reputedly one of the richest men in the world.

Aerial Spray Examination Plan Renewed

Examination and licensing of aerial agricultural spray operators have been resumed by the State Department of Agriculture as a result of the decree handed down this week in the suit brought by Leo Demers, aircraft spraying operator at Salem, attacking validity of control features of air operations under the 1951 agricultural chemical control act. Ray Kelso, supervisor in charge of enforcement, said all aircraft operators who expect to do agricultural spraying this season should make license application

and register their aircraft at once. The state examination will be given to any applicant at any time at the department headquarters in Salem. The examination must be passed before a license will be issued. The decree has no effect on operations of ground applicators. The department makes it clear that only ground operators doing a custom business in the application of herbicides (weed killers) must be licensed before they may operate legally this season. They must pass an examination before license is issued. From an air operator's standpoint, said the department, the most significant effect of the court ruling is to nullify the section of the law requiring proof of financial responsibility. The court held two other sections unconstitutional; the effect of these rulings is to require examinations of all air operators, regardless of whether they have attended an aerial spraying

City Chamber Represented At Coast Meet

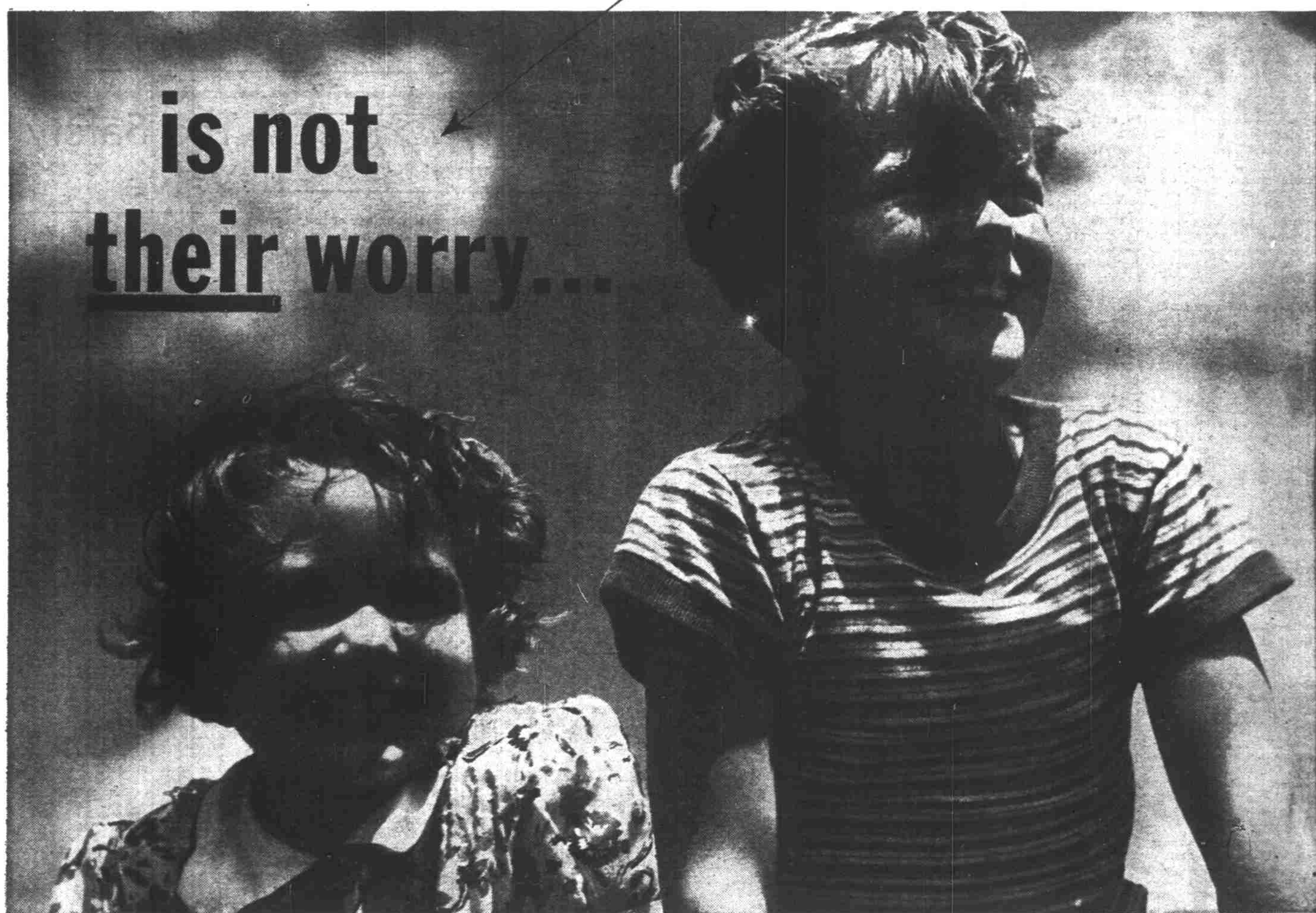
Salem Chamber of Commerce was represented by the largest delegation from any Oregon community, other than Portland, at this week's Pacific Coast Industrial Development Conference in Seattle. Carl Hogg, chairman of the industrial committee of the Chamber, headed the Salem delegation which included L. O. Arens, Loyal A. Warner, Clay Cochran and John F. Durr. Dr. E. T. Grether, University of

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California business school dean and chairman of the California Industrial Plant Location Committee, served as chairman of the Seattle conference. The California committee is largely made up of representatives of chamber of commerce industrial departments, utilities, railroads, banks, colleges, consultants, the State Chamber and interested state and federal agencies. The committee correlates industrial development and research activities. Conference delegates from Oregon and Washington indicated strong interest in organizing state and tri-state industrial development committees. Moisture-laden winds from the Aleutians area first drop heavy rain on Northern California and then leave the rest as snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Officers Nominated By Hubbard P-TA

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HUBBARD—The P-TA meeting here was opened Monday with members by the beginners' and advanced bands of Hubbard Grade School and specialty numbers from the group under the direction of Hal Beyers. The nominating committee report, made by Mrs. Ambrose Heer, named the following: P. H. Hostetter for president; Mrs. Russell Rolleston for first vice president; Mrs. Robert Paulson for second vice president; Mrs. Marjorie Nelson for secretary; Mrs. Don Reed for treasurer and Mrs. Harold Wolfer for historian. Election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

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