

Vendors Report Fairgoers Were More Frugal with Cash

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State Fair visitors turned their nickels over a couple of times before they spent them this year. And when they let go, they thought of their stomachs first.

That was the word from more than 100 independent concession men Saturday as the big spectacle ended.

Food and confection vendors generally reported sales as big or bigger than last year. But many others reported sales off from 10 to 100 per cent, despite record crowds. Amusement ride operators had not tallied their "take" late Saturday night.

Free or otherwise, most statistics were measured in thousands. The scene booth sold over 75,000. At the GOP booth, 1,500 persons took time to register. The Democrats handed out a similar number of buttons before running out.

Over 700 persons were treated at the first-aid station. Blistered heels and minor heat prostration cases furnished much of the volume. Over 300 children and several husbands got lost.

The free motion pictures in the exhibition-hall theater drew approximately 15,000, reported Frank Schramm, who made hourly checks.

Good Week for Jumper

The parachute jumper had what he considered a good week—he landed in a tree just once. And he got \$75 per jump. Owners of the balloon got more.

Nobody was really kicking on the midway. Maybe the chaperone sector from Connecticut was right. "Business is off at all the fairs this year," he said.

"They're talking but they aren't 'popping,'" said an encyclopedia salesman. "Last year we sold \$3,500 on the grounds. This year it's \$2,000." But he wasn't griping.

"This crowd is looking for something to wear instead of to play with," said Eugene Tranchell, Portland toy vendor.

Business Drops

"My biz was off 100 per cent from last year," said Stan Metz, Portland artist who drew sketches for a dollar.

Business was off "about 20 per cent" for Thomas Romaine, 1465 Center St., who had two photo booths at the fair. The hat-selling booth said sales were off.

Two Salem men reported the "best year ever" with ice cream bars. "I've grossed \$1,700," said Fred Mattieu, 1955 Cross St. "That's double last year." The other good report came from Charles Campbell, 1575 Madison St., at another stand.

Three big cafes reported a fine year. Joe Randall said his Golden Pheasant was running "about \$2,000 ahead of last year." Johnny Boston found business "14 per cent better this year."

Virgil Pade, 1425 Jefferson St., said volume was up at Wimpy's. He sold 5,000 hamburgers on his best day—and that alone was \$2,000.

John Zuke, California toy hawk, grossed \$340 on Labor Day but said sales were off for the week. "These Oregon folks are sure friendly, though," he added. "And that's worth a lot."

Loss at Fair Brings Arrest

City police Saturday arrested George E. Gerard of Los Angeles on a charge of larceny after a complaint was signed by a Salem man who alleged the loss of \$20 at the State Fair Friday.

The complaint said Gerard took \$20 from the complainant, who was not identified by police, to be used for betting purposes, and failed to return the money.

Gerard was held in city jail in lieu of bail which has not yet been set.

The American Negro is a new race of people whose ancestors represent many tribes in Africa with admixtures of white and Indian blood.

Lovett Orders Services to Unify Buying

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army, Navy and Air Force are ordered Saturday to set up a unified buying and supply program, starting Monday, in a Defense Department move aimed at countering congressional criticism of duplication and waste.

Although the three services were legally unified five years ago, they have continued to compete with one another in some instances for items they pur have a practice long under fire in Congress.

Secretary of Defense Lovett Saturday issued the first of a series of directives steering the services toward an actual centralized procurement program. There was no effort to conceal a belief that the task will be a prolonged one.

Lyons Area Lumber Mill Partner Dies

STAYTON - Roman Kintz, partner in the Hassler-Kintz Lumber Mill, located between Lyons and Jordan, died Saturday afternoon after a heart attack.

Kintz was born in Sublimity, Oct. 11, 1903, and had resided there all his life.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Margaret Kintz, Sublimity; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Keudell, San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Jeanette Kintz and a son Jerry Kintz, both of Sublimity.

Funeral arrangements, awaiting word from relatives, are being made by the Weddle Funeral Home of Stayton.

Twins Born in Salem Hospital

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Siefarth got their second and third child within Saturday.

Twin sons were born to the young couple, now living in Oceanlake, at 1:18 and 1:20 a.m. Saturday. As yet unnamed, the two boys weighed 5 pounds 14 and 7 pounds at birth. They have a 15-month-old brother, Brandt rd L.

Their father is an optometrist, who was formerly in practice in Salem. Dr. Siefarth has spent most of his life here. Their mother is from Virginia.

MAN STILL 'CRITICAL'

The condition of B. M. Crane, severely injured in an automobile-pedestrian accident Friday night on Portland Road, was still listed as "critical" in Salem Memorial Hospital Saturday, apparently a slighter to Salem, had his foot nearly severed in the accident.

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