

## Financial Snag Hits Fair Plans

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the county general fund when it was not used.  
Several persons suggested that possibly both the museum building and fairground improvements could be started before the end of his fiscal year, in June, and carry over into next fiscal year, hereby spreading the expenditures over two fiscal years. No decision was reached on this.

Another way the Museum Commission might gain enough money to build the museum addition was suggested by County Judge Day T. Bayly. He said he would agree in writing, pending an opinion of the district attorney, to turn over funds from the sale of the old Post office building, now owned by the county, for use of the museum commission.

At the meeting, an over-all improvement plan for the fairgrounds was presented in a report by a steering committee of the airgrounds planning committee.

This report entailed six points, as follows:

1. Immediately secure an architect to prepare plans for a building not less than 100 by 200 feet on 13th Ave. to house agriculture, general, and Pioneer Museum exhibits, to be built with provision for future expansion along Monroe. (Nemerovsky, who spoke for the steering committee at the meeting, said this would replace the north wing of the cross-shaped building which has been used for floral displays).

2. Build a new bridge over the Amazon on Monroe to allow better access to the parking area on the south side of the creek; cleanup grounds, repair the fence on W. 13th Ave. and fence the remainder of the grounds.

3. Increase the seating capacity of the arena building by adding to the north side, and add livestock quarters beneath the new addition. (This was pointed out as the most critical need at the fairgrounds because of poor and insufficient quarters for livestock at the present. The eventual desire is to use the arena building for livestock showing and judging, according to Secretary-Manager Herb Welch).

4. A new livestock building to replace an old livestock barn.

5. Replace the following as rapidly as possible: cow barn, floral building, and the old Very Little Theatre building.

6. Construct an auditorium building in the area now occupied by the old VLT building. The County Court, after examining the report, suggested that a more comprehensive site plan be obtained, and detailed plans worked out.

Although the committee had worked out no definite plan of financing these improvements, one Fair Board member said a "lot could be done with \$30,000 a year," but said commitments to the Pioneer Museum might make this amount unavailable. (This was in reference to the limit set in the District Attorney's letter.)

**Levy Discussed**  
The law allows the voters to approve a one-mill levy to be used for these improvements, Bayly said. This would gain about \$120,000 a year, he declared.

Several persons said they doubted whether the voters would approve a levy unless permanent buildings were planned. No decision was reached, pending a site plan.

At the same meeting, a group from the Lions Club asked to buy about six-tenths of an acre of fairgrounds land for a Scout House. The Lions want a small triangle of ground between the Amazon and the city property on which the swimming pool is built. Although the Fair Board decided to "think it over," it was suggested that a trade might be made if the Lions could acquire a piece of city property adjacent to the fairgrounds parking lot on the south side of the creek.

### To Dedicate School

UMATILLA — (AP) — A \$310,000 grade school and gymnasium will be dedicated here Wednesday with Secretary of State Earl Newberry as the principal speaker.

### Propagandist Dies

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Soviet press Tuesday announced the death Jan 7 of Dimitri Pepox, deputy chief of the Department of Propaganda and Agitation of the Central Communist Party.

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## Skipper and Grassroots Diplomacy

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There are other ways of improving international relations than by having Winston Churchill and President Truman talk things over face to face.

Sometimes an obscure citizen gets into a situation where he contributes to international good will without writing a diplomatic note, signing a treaty or making a speech. Take Capt. Henrik Kurt Carlsen, for instance.

### Good Will, Sympathy

Good will and sympathy surged both ways across the Atlantic over the week-end as the result of

Carlsen's sturdy stand on the deck of the Flying Enterprise. The average American and the average Briton were drawn closer together by a common enthusiasm for a brave deed. The old expression "hands across the sea" never had a more practical application than it did in the moment when a British seaman leaped from a British tug to the deck of an American ship and clasped the hand of an American skipper.

It is well that it happened because both nations are going to need a heavy backlog of good will to ride out their differences in the months to come. Churchill and Mr. Truman both made graceful

speeches when the prime minister reached Washington on Saturday. There will be more of the same before Churchill leaves for home and there is a good chance the men will come to some solid agreements, both in private and public.

### Money Main Issue

But they are not even going to discuss in this meeting the one thing that is a constant irritant between Washington and London. That is money. The question of the financial relations between the two governments was ruled out for discussion before Churchill ever stepped off the

Queen Mary. It will be brought up for consideration this spring by subordinate officials.

The financial dealings between America and Britain are complex, but essentially it is the feeling between the rich uncle and the poor but proud kinsman. It boils down to this:

Britain cannot stay out of bankruptcy without loans or grants of American dollars.

There is a sizeable section of American opinion that argues it is futile to continue to pay high taxes to raise money to pass on to Britain. That will be a hard-fought issue in next year's presidential campaign.

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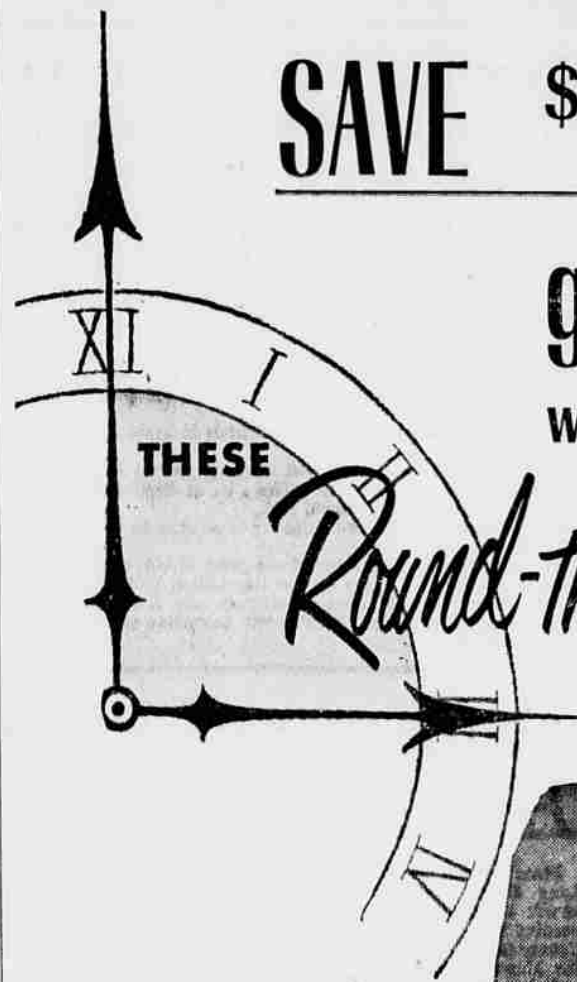
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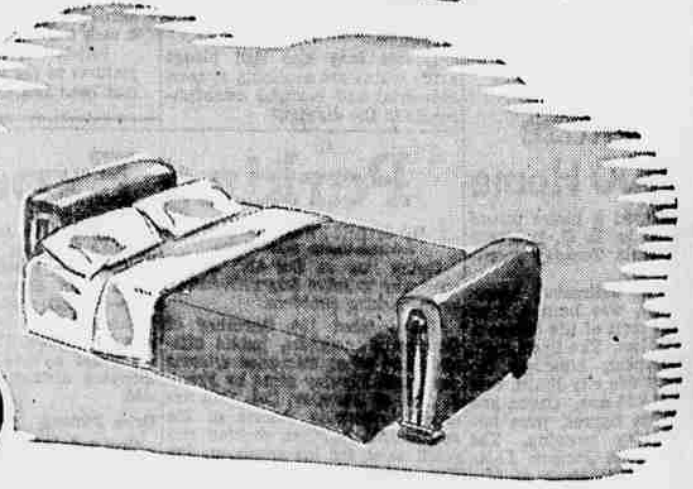
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