

## Polk County Fair Program Offering Versatile Events

Monmouth—Crowning feature of the three days' programs to be presented in connection with the Polk county fair to be held in Monmouth August 25 to 27 is the program put on under sponsorship of the Polk county Granges on the final Saturday night. A group of 10 colored men and one colored woman will appear in a group of Negro spirituals, starting at 8 o'clock. The company is known as the Hughes Memorial Chordmen and has been making appearances in Portland for the past six years. Ennos Whaley is director of the company which has its headquarters there.

## U.N. Budget Meets Objection

Lake Success, N.Y., Aug. 23 (AP)—United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie has recommended a 1950 United Nations budget of \$44,314,398, an increase over 1949 due mainly to plans for expanded technical aid and 195 additions to the UN staff.

The request ran into immediate criticism from the independent committee of budgetary experts, which censured "expansionist tendencies" in some UN departments and urged that \$1,786,750 be pared from Lie's total estimate.

It suggested that \$1,225,850 of the cut be made in planned outlays for "staff services and equipment"—5 main headquarters here.

Lie's budget figure was \$827,270 over the total for 1949. His proposal to add 195 persons to the secretariat, largely for carrying out broadened programs to elevate economies of backward areas, would bring the UN roster to a record high of 3,912.

## \$100,000 Hotel Fire Under Investigation

Boston Bar, B.C., Aug. 22 (AP)—Firemen probed the charred ruins of the Charles hotel today trying to determine cause of the \$100,000 blaze that killed one person, and injured another.

Some 40 guests leaped to safety, one of whom suffered a broken leg. H. T. Haug of Los Angeles was trapped and burned to death. The blaze occurred Saturday.

Haug's charred remains were found in the basement of the gutted two-story, 18-room hotel yesterday. Previously it was believed no one was trapped in the burning hotel.

## Silverton Provides Democratic Music

Silverton—Having a part in the day's program at the Democratic picnic at Champoeg Sunday among Silverton folk, were Fred Evans and Charles Mulkey, who played old time music for the square dances and prize waltzes.

Mrs. Fred Evans was one of the judges serving when the waltz award went to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ross of Salem.

An unusually large group was reported present for the dinner and afternoon program of games and music. The contest numbers began around 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

## Rogers Entry First

Independence—First official entry in this year's Pacific International Livestock exposition October 7-15 was the duroc swine list of Roland D. Rogers of Independence. Rogers has entries in 16 duroc classes and in all except two breeding classes. He will be in all four classes of the fat duroc division.

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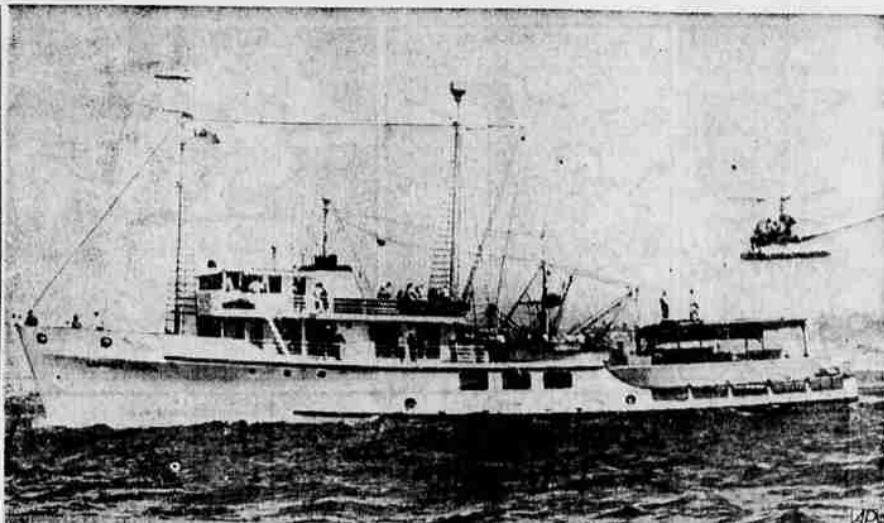
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Helicopter to Spot Fish—Pilot Harry Watson of Palo Alto, Calif., brings his helicopter in for a landing on the deck of the tuna clipper Espirito Santo during demonstration near San Diego. The helicopter, to be used to scout tuna and bait, made a series of landing and takeoffs, both on the clipper and the water. The demonstration was preliminary to actual use for fish scouting trip to start soon. (AP Wirephoto)

## Grasshopper Battle Depends Reports to House Committee

By WILLIAM E. LOWELL  
Washington, Aug. 22 (AP)—Whether another attempt will be made to stop the grasshopper hordes before they begin to fan out again from breeding grounds in western states probably depends on reports to be made to the house appropriations committee on this year's operations.

Members of the committee were obviously puzzled this summer at the department's change in methods for combating the insect. They sat down hard on its request for \$3,500,000 to complete the job and brushed off the senate's attempt to provide the needed money.

"We had to take what we could get," Senator Hayden (D., Ariz.), said glumly. He had backed the full \$3,500,000 appropriation to fight the hoppers.

The house originally voted \$1,500,000 to do the job. The senate later raised this to \$3,500,000. The final compromise approved and later signed by the President granted \$1,750,000 for the work. This is a special appropriation and is in addition to other funds

men and the answers they got from Dr. S. A. Rohwer, chief of the bureau of entomology, and his associates, during hearings on the last appropriation request.

Why, if the work if confined largely to only a little more than 5,000,000 acres in two states, is it a federal problem?

Answer: Because this has been determined to be the breeding ground of the hordes of hoppers that fan out over the crop and range lands of the Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and perhaps as far south as Texas.

If the source of these hoppers has been known for some time, why hasn't something been done about it before?

Answer: Devices, machinery new kinds of tools and poisons are available for the first time this year.

Are the grass and crops that

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## Backfire Used By Firefighters

Klamath Falls, Aug. 23 (AP)—Forest crews hoped today that a 3000-acre grassland backfire would aid their fight to slow a 7000 acre forest and grass blaze south of here in California.

A torch was put to the smaller tract of grassland last night. Foresters have 700 men on the fire lines in the Shasta and Modoc national forests and the Lava Beds national monument.

Valuable tracts of timber have been leveled in the four-day-old fire that burst out of control Sunday after burning slowly the night previous.

The northernmost edge of the flame was about 30 miles south of here. The backfire was set along the west boundary of the monument area.

Foresters blamed a sheep herder's camp fire for the fire. One man has been injured and is in a hospital here.

may be saved worth the money that the campaign will cost? Answer: More than \$3,000,000 worth of crops already had been saved (by July 26) in areas of California and Montana.

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