

EDITORIAL



Slogan Fully Sustained

Morrow county's 1950 fair and rodeo is now history and there is little doubt in the minds of those who are in a position to know that the fair board's slogan—"The Biggest Little Fair in Oregon"—has been more than justified.

It is genuinely satisfactory to note the progress made by the fair since it was moved out to the new grounds. Each year has found new buildings added, new departments instituted and greatest of all, greater interest manifested on the part of exhibitors.

Construction of the big new pavilion certainly was no mistake. Ample room has been provided for booths and table space for individual and group exhibits, of which there were many.

The general opinion prevails that moving the entire show out to the fair grounds, including the carnival, was the best move yet made.

Let us repeat that it was a good fair and well worth the time and effort put into it.

Another entertainment feature that appears to be getting hold of the people is the Chamber of Commerce-County Court sponsored picnic which was held again this year and which undoubtedly is now a fixture on the program.

An indication of the size of the crowd Saturday may be found in the consumption of ice cream, coffee and punch, the items provided by the sponsors.

An otherwise creditable parade was dulled to some extent by the lack of a sound wagon. With but one band to head a three or four band parade and the one band at the head of the procession, there should be some lively chatter interspersed with recordings to keep up a steady interest in the concourse.

Mace Gay has come from Vancouver, Wash. to make his home and is now employed by Howard Keithley as a carpenter's helper.

The Shelby Graves family visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jensen, in Kalispel, Mont., last week.

up a steady round of music after the band has passed out of hearing range of the greater part of the spectator line.

Check The "Liberals"

While the American people have a hearty dislike for socialism, they may one day wake up under its yoke, says an exchange.

John T. Flynn, in his book entitled "The Road Ahead", describes how free societies change to some form of socialism. He points out that a primary step in that change is government operation of key industries such as electric power.

Many of the promoters of government spending and nationalization of industry are apparently not even aware of where they are taking the country. They are men of good will. They rank themselves as liberals. They are free with the tax money of the people and easily accept the idea of government guidance, support, and coercion of the private citizen, supposedly for his own good.

The menace in this situation is well illustrated in the Southwest. There the public ownership drive gained added momentum recently when the Southwestern Power Administration devised a scheme by which it can circumvent congressional restrictions on Federal construction of steam-generating plants and transmission lines that duplicate existing investor-owned facilities.

It seems almost incredible that an alien political philosophy, such as socialism, could creep up on a people who despise it but that is just what is happening at an accelerating pace.

"Truman may have read about Martin Van Buren, who was defeated for the presidency because he refused to spend the public funds."

"No woder babies cry when they are born into this world—naked and hungry, and find they already owe the government \$1,700."

"Of every dollar Minnesota paid in taxes in 1948, 70 cents of it went to Washington, only 15 cents of it stayed at home in our own local government."

30 Years Ago

September 16, 1920.

Ben Buschke, who owns extensive farm lands in the Cason canyon neighborhood adjacent to Rhea creek, suffered a loss of \$4000 by fire Tuesday afternoon.

Carl Richard Peterson and Miss Alverta Wilcox were united in marriage by Rev. B. S. Nystrom Sunday afternoon.

A light pole at the highway's edge back of the school grounds on the turn was shaved off close to the ground Saturday night when a big six-cylinder car hit it full ahead.

Hepner public schools opened Monday with a good enrollment, 84 students in the high school. The grades were well filled with the primary grade filled and running over. An extra teacher could be used.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Ora E. Adkins a daughter on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Born—in The Dalles on Monday, Sept. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McCarty, a son weighing 8 pounds.

Mrs. Minnie Furlong and children have moved into town from their Eight Mile farm home and the children will attend school.

Robert Notson and his sister Miss Mary Notson were passengers Saturday for Salem after spending the summer vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson. They are enrolled at Willamette university.

Mrs. A. G. DeVore and daughters Cecil and Love departed for Eugene Friday where the young ladies will enter upon their second year at the University.

County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license Saturday to Oliver Potter and Agnes Anderson, young people of Eight Mile.

Wheat was strong in this vicinity last Friday. Ralph Jackson of Lexington sold 10000 sacks of Turkey Red to a local buyer at \$2.30 per bushel.

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH (Episcopal) Holy Communion 8 a. m. Church school 9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon 11. WEEK-DAY: Holy Communion Wednesday at 10 Friday at 7:30 a. m. Choir practice Thursday 8 p. m.

Mrs. Jessie Batty and son Gilbert were over from Kimberly for the week-end and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ogletree.

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LOOK AT SWITZERLAND

By DEWITT EMERY

Probably some of my readers will say, or at least think, that this piece is in bad taste now that American boys are being killed every day in the "police action" in Korea. If so, be it. However, to those who feel that way I'd suggest that they keep in mind that "police action" or no "police action", war or no war, there is still an awful lot of debunking which must be done if this country is to come out of this ruckus with its form of government unchanged and its way of life intact.

A recent survey of world economic conditions shows that no country in the world is in a stronger position than Switzerland. It is the only country in the world which has its currency backed 100 percent by gold. In fact, the Swiss gold holding per capita is more than three times as great as in the United States.

How has it been possible for Switzerland, completely surrounded by countries which have had recurrent wars, to remain neutral whereas the United States which is more than three thousand miles away has been involved in two European wars and is now well on its way to being very seriously involved in another one?

Maybe part of the answer is that Switzerland has defied every rule which the American internationalists say must be followed by a modern state in order to maintain peace and promote prosperity.

Switzerland is not a member of the United Nations. Out of courtesy to this country it joined the Marshall plan but it never took a dime of American money. It did not become a partner in the European payments plan set up by the recipient nations under the Marshall plan. It did not become a member of the Council of Europe. It did not join the

Bretton Woods world bank or monetary fund. It is not a party to the North Atlantic military alliance or of the mutual assistance program.

Switzerland does not have any government supported plans or devices to promote free trade. Switzerland is a true Republic, has been for 600 years, and keeps open frontiers for both imports and exports. It is the only capital exporting country in Europe and its exports capital not on the basis of government hand-outs but rather on sound business terms.

Switzerland imports more than it exports and pays the excess in cash instead of crying, like its neighbor countries, over "dollar shortages" or inability to balance payments.

The Swiss did not devalue their currency last September when their European neighbors did. Instead they maintained the parity of the Swiss franc with the dollar, which has existed since 1936 even though this had the effect of increasing the price on Swiss exports by 43 percent. Switzerland has met this problem by sustained production of high grade capital goods which Europe and the world badly need.

Under a free competitive economy the Swiss work while their socialist competitors mess around with rules, regulations, export and import controls, the devising of plans and the setting up of goals which are never met.

Those who swallow the internationalists' bait—that only the government can promote prosperity and that only through constant dealings with international agencies and through international agreements and alliances can peace and stability be maintained—would do well to take not one but several long looks at Switzerland and its accomplishments.

Deadline For Crop Insurance Sept. 30

Farmers interested in obtaining Federal Crop Insurance this year are urged to give the matter immediate attention, says L. L. Howton, chairman of the county PMA committee.

If wheat farmers could buy seed wheat guaranteed to return at least the cost, they would be willing, likely, to pay double for the price of non-guaranteed seed. The chairman said that the federal crop insurance program offers the farmer a much better proposition. He seeds non-guaranteed wheat in the regular manner that pays the equivalent of (in most cases less) the cost of the seed to the Crop Insurance corporation and "come hell or high water" he knows that he will not only get back the cost of his seed but also the approximate cost of producing his crop.

Howton points out that more than 50 percent of the wheat farmers in Morrow county are planting "guaranteed" wheat by carrying federal crop insurance. Many of these farmers have carried the insurance for seven or more years without a crop loss and are now receiving a 25 percent reduction in premiums. A great many of the other insured

farmers have been paid for losses in one or more of the years in which they have carried the insurance.

The last day for obtaining this insurance is September 30. For further information inquire at the local PMA office in Hepner.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

All members of the American Legion auxiliary are reminded that the season's activities will start at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, September 19, at the Legion hall.

Horses Show Gain In Numbers as Well As Showmanship

The 1950 Morrow county fair saw a substantial increase in the number of horses exhibited as well as a noticeable improvement in their quality, according to Merle Becket, president of the Wranglers. Showmanship continued to improve as experience is gained and it was generally believed that the exhibition of the horses is destined to become more prominent in fairs to come, he says.

Herewith is the outcome of the conformation classes: Colts and fillies foaled in 1950:

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Mares and colts: 1st Archel Murchison; 2nd, Ralph Beamer; 3rd, Frank Turner.

Parade horse: 1st, Altha Kirk; 2nd, Merlyn Robinson; 3rd, Betty Smethurst.

Shetlands up to 42 inches: 1st, Silver Star Pony Ranch; 2nd, Sharon Bunch; 3rd, Jerry Anderson. Shetlands 42 inches and up: 1st Judy Thompson; 2nd, Geraldine Swaggart; Janet Thompson, 3rd.

Other ponies: Silver Star Pony Ranch, Barbara Steagall, rider; Silver Star Pony Ranch, Dickie Sherrer, rider, and third, Larry Fetsch.

Due to the shortage of time and two major events, the low hurdle and the quadrille were cancelled. The Wranglers club, sponsor for this division of the fair, felt that the event was carried off satisfactorily and that much valuable experience was gained which would serve to improve future exhibitions of this kind.

Jack Ployhar has returned from Alaska where he has been employed for several months

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