

CATFISH DERBY POSTPONED WEEK ACCOUNT DELUGE

Annual Outing Rescheduled by 20-30 Club Next Sunday, Same Time, Place

The fifth annual national catfish derby was rained out yesterday for the first time in its spectacular history.

At the scheduled opening hour the rain was coming down so hard, the wind was so strong and the atmosphere was so cold that Frank DeSouza, veteran master of ceremonies, announced postponement of the derby to next Sunday at the same time and place, 1:30 p. m. on the banks of the Rogue river at Bybee bridge.

The Prentice accordion band had played the opening number when the 20-30 club, sponsor of the event this year, decided on postponement. In spite of the inclement weather that had prevailed all morning, a large crowd was present when the postponement announcement was made.

Trophy Presented

There were a few ceremonies, however, even after postponement had been announced. A trophy was presented to Bend 20-30 club, acceptance being made by a group of five members who came all the way from the eastern Oregon City to compete in the derby. The five were Rolland Minnick, Orvin Gray, Grant Perry, Ben Christensen and Stan Weickman.

The Ashland Kiltie band played three numbers and short talks were given by Frank Perl and Kenneth Anthony, originators with Mr. DeSouza of the catfish derby. Colleen Winterhalter, last year's derby queen, Clyde E. Chamberlain, president and John Eddy, general derby chairman, of the 20-30 club. Col. F. L. Touville, who was present, was thanked for donating use of the land for the derby.

WARNER ON TRIAL IN STOCK THEFT

Trial of John Warner, under grand jury indictment for alleged theft of livestock and appropriating of the meat to his own use, was started in circuit court this morning with selection of a jury. The trial is expected to last two days. Robert Morgan, indicted on the same charge has not been taken in custody.

Attorney Allison Moulton for the defendant, in his opening statement said the testimony of the state would largely be circumstantial.

Thirteen witnesses including a ballistic expert from Portland have been subpoenaed by the state. It is the first criminal case on the docket for the term. District Attorney George W. Neilson is prosecuting the case.

WEATHER BREAK CHEERS FARMERS

Indications of settled and sunny weather, after a week of intermittent rain, was welcomed today by farmers and orchardists, with hay down or to cut, and spraying work to do.

County Agent Robert G. Fowler said considerable hay was dampened by the rain of last week. He said any additional rain would be damaging, as the hay has reached the point, "where it can't stand any more."

Some barley is now ready to cut, and harvesting of other grain crops is due in the next two weeks.

The county agent further stated the rains were helpful in retarding the use of irrigation storage water. Most of the irrigating to date has been with flood waters, he added.

Churchill's Reaction in Hitler's Latest Attack Seen Bold Strategy

(This daily feature, conducted by DeWitt MacKenzie, is being written in his absence on vacation by Fred Vanderschmidt.)

Winston Churchill's swift acceptance of the issues involved in Hitler's self-tagged holy war against Russia and his declaration that it will be Britain's policy to help the soviet union is a counter-stroke of strategy as bold as anything in his career.

He evaluates this attack, militarily, as a giant prelude to the attempted invasion of England, probably in 1942; as Hitler's attempt to destroy the watchful Red armies at his back before United States aid is wholly effective in bracing the British Isles.

Strategically, Churchill sees clearly Hitler's belief that a German assault on Russia will weaken British and American will to fight back at Germany while Germany is, ostensibly, trying to destroy the fortress of world communism.

Witness the British prime minister's solemn warning to "all representatives of that vile race of quislings who make themselves the tools and agents of the nazi regime against their fellow countrymen and against the lands of their births." This is the sternest kind of notice to anyone within the councils or borders of England and her allies who may feel that Hitler has redeemed himself by attacking Russia and who may, thereby, be apt to further German propaganda for a Hitlerian peace.

It would save trouble, says Churchill, if such people were disposed of by their fellow countrymen; at any rate, they "will be delivered by us on the morrow of victory to the justice of the allied tribunals."

Shrewdly, Churchill avoids any suggestion that Britain actually is allied, in a formal sense, with Russia, and he refuses to take back any of the bitter words he has directed at communism. Moreover, he does not attempt to speak for the United States, which is the nation geographically and economically able to give Russia the most effective aid.

Without mentioning Japan, he tells the tripartite partner of the Far East that Germany's military hordes are moving inexorably toward Japan's sphere.

CCC BOYS GIVEN ALASKA CHANCE

Ninth corps area CCC enrollees were today given the opportunity of registering for service with two Alaskan CCC companies. The two companies in the Medford district having eligibles for Alaskan service are at Camp South Umpqua and Orleans, Cal.

Among the requirements for service in Alaska are these two: the enrollee must volunteer in writing and must agree to re-enroll for an additional six months' service in Alaska at the end of the first half-year period. Preference will be given to eligible volunteers 20-years or older.

The two Alaskan companies are at Metlakatla.

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CIVIL RESERVES ENLISTMENT TO START IN STATE

County Defense Councils to Assign Workers for Check On Explosive Purchases

Salem, June 23.—(P)—Enlistment of thousands of Oregon citizens into the civil reserves, which will protect the civilian population in case of air attack, began today in several counties. Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense coordinator, said today.

Several county defense councils will begin this week to enroll the volunteers, while most counties will start next week.

Owen advised the county councils today that they should assign workers to check powder and dynamite dealers, the workers to be instructed to report any unusual purchases of explosives. Owen said this would discourage any sabotage efforts.

He also said that members of the civil reserves would not be compensated for injuries received in the line of duty.

"In communities adjacent to military reservations, air bases and civilian defense projects, there should be set up as soon as possible an intensive and comprehensive leisure-time activity program for the personnel of the armed forces, defense workers and their families. This is of value in maintaining morale on the home front and will pay dividends to the cities affected," Owen said.

FEDERAL HUNTER KILLS BIG COUGAR

A cougar measuring eight feet eight inches long, from its nose to the tip of its tail, was shot and killed Friday by L. L. Lewis, government hunter, who brought the pelt to Medford today. Lewis also killed two bobcats last week.

The cougar, which was bagged on Rock creek about 35 miles north of Medford, had the day before slain a large buck, Lewis said. The animal was treed by Lewis' five foxhounds and killed by a shot through the head.

A fawn was found in the cougar's stomach, Lewis stated and added that the huge cat had probably killed many deer in the vicinity.

Reprieved



Happiness was expressed by Evelita Juanita (The Duchess) Spinelli (above) after she had been given a 30-day reprieve from death in San Quentin's gas chamber. She was the first woman sentenced to be executed by the state of California. She was convicted with three men for the slaying of a member of her gang.

CHILD AID SOCIETY GIVEN GOOD BACKING IN DRIVE FOR JOBS

Portland, Ore., June 23.—(Sp.)—Early results of the statewide drive for funds needed by the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Oregon indicate the campaign will receive the wholehearted support of citizens in every county. Lowell Stockman, state chairman, reported this week.

"Response to our appeal for funds to aid dependent and neglected children has been quick and generous," Stockman stated. "Citizens throughout the state are accepting the responsibility of providing for the 55 per cent of the children under supervision of the society who come from outside Portland. Results to date are most encouraging."

The Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Oregon is a state-wide child-placing and home-finding agency which cares for 353 dependent children. A campaign unit has been set up in each Oregon county to seek funds

ESTATE AND GIFT TAX HIKE GIVEN TENTATIVE OKEH

Proposed Levies Are Lower Than Recommendations of Treasury Department

Washington, June 23.—(P)—The house ways and means committee voted tentatively today in favor of higher estate and gift taxes designed to produce about \$113,700,000 additional revenue.

Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) announced that the present exemption of \$40,000 for both estate and gift tax purposes would be unchanged.

The committee's decision on the estate and gift levies was interpreted to mean that between \$900,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 of additional revenue would have to be raised through more and higher excise taxes in order to reach the goal of \$3,500,000,000 of new revenue.

Lower Than Recommended The committee already has decided tentatively on revised corporation and individual income taxes which would raise about \$2,480,000,000 of the total.

The proposed estate and gift taxes would be much lower than those recommended by the treasury department. In addition to stiffer rates, the treasury would have limited the exemption to \$25,000. This would have produced about \$347,000,000 in new revenue, compared to \$113,700,000 under the committee proposal.

Doughton announced that out of respect to the late Senator Harrison (D-Miss), who was chairman of the senate committee in charge of tax matters, the committee had agreed to postpone further action on the next tax bill until Friday.

Other members said it was hoped to complete the whole measure, including excise taxes, by the end of the week.

United States per capita consumption of leather footwear exceeds 1½ pairs of any other country, says the department of commerce.

necessary to prevent curtailment of service provided by the society. Present needs total \$5,000.

Administrative offices of the organization are located at 1504 S. W. 11th, Portland. Jackson county chairman is Mrs. A. S. V. Carpenter.

COLUMBIA POWER AUTHORITY BILL OFFERED HOUSE

Washington, June 23.—(P)—An administration bill to create a Columbia power authority to market power from Bonneville and Grand Coulee in Washington and Oregon which would be a regional agency under the interior department was introduced in the house today by Rep. Hill (D-Wash.) at request of Secretary Ickes.

The measure would give the secretary of interior entire control of the project through authority to appoint a Columbia power administrator at \$10,000 a year without regard to civil service laws and two administrators, a chief engineer and a general counsel under civil service laws at salaries to be determined by him.

The measure provides also that the interior secretary shall appoint a Columbia power authority council consisting of six residents of the Pacific northwest to serve three-year terms to advise the administrator. The bill provides the authority may acquire in the name of the United States by purchase, lease, condemnation or donation electric utility systems operating in the territory, the acquisition of which will improve the operation of the government's electric facilities.

CAVEMEN TO VISIT EAGLES CONCLAVE

Grants Pass, June 23.—(P)—Oregon Caversmen have decided to "make successes" of three more widely-scattered community events, Chief Bighorn E. K. Miller proclaimed today.

The tribesmen and their newly-captured queen and princesses have scheduled appearances at the Eagles state convention in Bend on Friday, a raid on the Trail-to-Rail celebration in Eugene late in July, and participation in the Redwood Empire association convention in Eureka, Cal., in the late fall, Miller said.

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