



A BIT ON HEFTY SIDE is Hillcrest Top Lady, Duroc Jersey owned by Jerry Briggs, Carmichael, compared with Mary Elder, California State Fair model. Top Lady will be on hand when Fair opens in Sacramento Aug. 28 for 10 days. It ends Sept. 7. (International)

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.)—What kid hasn't played a mouth organ, and what grown-up hasn't made twice as much noise complaining about the racket from same?

Well, the harmonica is being honored this summer as the south German town of Trossingen observes its 500th anniversary. This little news item sent me in search of information on the history of this old-time melody-maker.

I found files at the Library of Congress and at the National Geographic Society.

The harmonica is being honored in Germany mostly because Trossingen, in the French-zone of Wurttemberg - Hohenzollern, owes a lot to the instrument.

One of the world's best-known and biggest makers of mouth organs has a shop there, and the factory provides work for much of the town's population.

Invented in Berlin

Actually the mouth harmonica is much younger than Trossingen itself. It was invented in Berlin in 1921 by Friedrich Buschmann. It employs an old oriental system of making music by passing air over "free" reeds — vibrating reeds that exactly fit the wind aperture.

Buschmann called his invention the Mundharmonika.

But there were oriental mouth organs long before the German got to his inventing. Japanese and Chinese models were made with a gourd, or a gourd-shaped piece of carved wood. This served as an air-pocket.

Thirteen or more slender canes were inserted into this windchest, and each cane produced a note from a different free reed. Some of the Chinese organs used bamboo pipes or canes that are 14 feet long.

The oriental mouth organs, of course, can be toted by one man but certainly they cannot be stuffed into the pocket like the German and American models.

Many a kid and a lot of old timers, like this one, can testify that a pocket is a handy thing to hide a mouth organ from a snoop teacher.

The German and American models vary from toys capable of playing on only one key to large chromatic harmonicas that can play anything from the classic to boogie, eight to the bar.

Technical Name

Technically, the instrument generally called the harmonica is a mouth harmonica or mouth organ, but musical dictionaries differentiate between the mouth harmonica and the harmonica.

The harmonica is an instrument invented by Benjamin Franklin and by no means resembles a mouth organ.

Franklin's invention possessed

ed such musical merit that great composers wrote music specially for it. The mouth organ hasn't enjoyed that much distinction, although some of the renditions at Trossingen were composed by Bach — for other instruments.

Series of Bells

The Franklin harmonica consisted of a series of graduated glass bells, or bowls. These were nested into one another and mounted on a central shaft. The shaft and the bowls were turned by means of a foot pedal with the bowls immersed in a reservoir of water. As the bowls turned on the shaft, out came music by placing the fingers on their wet, revolving edges.

Grain Products Exports Increase Over Last Year

Washington — (U.P.)—The United States exported 664,000,000 bushels of grain and grain products in the year ended July 1, the Department of Agriculture has reported.

This was 53,000,000 bushels more than the same period last year. The total includes 470,191,000 bushels of wheat, flour and macaroni and 194,222,000 bushels of other grains and products—corn, oats, grain sorghums, barley, rye, corn grits, hominy and meal, corn starch and flour, oat meal, and malt.

The 1951-52 export totals compare with 363,823,000 bushels of wheat, flour and macaroni exported in the 1950-51 season and 247,391,000 bushels of other grain and products.

The department said 50 per cent of the grain exports went to European countries, 32 per cent to the Far East, principally India and Japan, and 11 per cent went to Central and South America.



ATOMIC COMMITTEE HEAD—Rep. Carl T. Durham (above) of North Carolina will succeed Senator Brien McMahon as chairman of the joint congressional atomic energy committee. McMahon, father of American atomic energy legislation, recently died of cancer.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Lyvio Gene Tycken, no emergency brake, \$5.
Bert Roy Hughes, overwidth, \$6.
Clarence M. Vanhouten, parking in prohibited area, \$5.
Walter E. Green, violation of basic rule, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Pauline L. Lewey vs. Clinton Lewey, divorce decree.
Shirley M. Darby vs. Marvin L. Darby, divorce decree.
Melvin E. Minger vs. Doris J. Minger, divorce decree.
Charles Albert Rowley vs. Louise F. Rowley, divorce decree.
Golda M. Wilson vs. Frederick L. Wilson, divorce decree.
Reta M. Cox vs. William Earl Cox, divorce decree.
Kathryn Julia South vs. Lewis Henry South, divorce decree.
Vera E. Dalton vs. Joseph Dalton, divorce decree.
Olive C. Parks vs. Charles A. Parks, divorce decree.
Agnes Lorraine Colley vs. Robert Wyndham Colley, divorce decree.
Carl T. Nelson vs. Emily J. Nelson, divorce decree.
Ruby Janette Pizuto vs. Joseph William Pizuto, divorce decree.

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Stockmen Association Favors Auditorium

The Jackson County Stockmen's association board of directors has gone on record as favoring a civic auditorium at Medford supported on a county-wide basis, W. B. Tucker, secretary of the group said yesterday.

The group expressed its belief that the proposed auditorium "would be of mutual benefit to all organizations in the county who have at least one or more occasions to use such facilities each year," Tucker added. The group also made a donation to help pay for the expenses of the building campaign.

Bruce Grieve, Trail, who is president of the county stockmen's group presided at the meeting.

Contest Planned

The agricultural committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce also met with the stockmen directors and made final plans for the coming Grassman of the Year contest. The combined group decided to change the date for the end of the contest to August 15, with the judging on August 18. This move was made, Tucker related, to allow a sizeable number of entrants to be made from all areas of the county.

The same judges as last year were approved for the contest. They are James Lennie, grazing supervisor, bureau of land management; M. L. Tedrow, assistant supervisor, Rogue River National forest; and E. C. Ferguson, managing editor, The Mail Tribune.

Money Donated

The group acknowledged the receipt of the \$100 prize money donated by the Rogue Valley Farm Implement Dealers association, which will be broken up into a \$75 first prize and \$25 second.

Another contest was planned at the meeting. This was the selection of the "Cattleman of the Year." This will take place between now and May, 1953, when the state contest is held, Tucker pointed out.

Two trophies will be awarded for the outstanding cattleman in the state. They are donated by Herman Oliver, well-known stockman from John Day, Ore. One is the perpetual trophy which rotates each year, and the other is the individual one which the recipient can keep.

Tucker noted that the contest will be arranged differently this year with the state divided into districts. Jackson county will be included in a district with Josephine and Douglas counties. Judging of the stockmen will be on three points, public relations, stock operations and land improvement, such as grass and erosion development.

Groups May Enter

Cattlemen need not enter the contest in person, the secretary pointed out, as any group or association can submit a name.

Eskimo kayaks are usually about 19 feet long and 19 inches wide. They are tippy, sometimes roll over completely but come right up again.

Two hundred pigs and 210,000 hatching eggs have been shipped through the United Nations to Korea for relief in farm areas.

Dayton Farmer Gets 20-Year Sentence

McMinnville — (U.P.)—Casper Smith, 39, Dayton turkey farmer, Wednesday began serving a 20 year sentence at Oregon state prison for assault with intent to kill.

The turkey raiser was convicted Tuesday by a Yamhill county circuit court jury of attempting to kill his wife when he wounded her with a shotgun blast at their farm home June 8.

Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker immediately imposed the sentence, stiffest he could give under the law.

Mrs. Smith lost part of her left arm as result of the wound.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

Maggie Sees Democratic Ticket As Sure Winner

Berne, Switzerland — (U.P.)—Margaret Truman has arrived here full of praise for the Democratic Party nominees but declined to say whether she would campaign for them as she did for her father in 1948.

"I'll cross that bridge when I come to it," she said. But she said the "Stevenson-Sparkman ticket is a sure winner."

The state of Maryland calls itself "America in Miniature" because of the geographic variety to be found within its borders.

Whaling was a big Spitsbergen industry in the days of Henry Hudson, but hunting was so intense that by 1635 most of the great mammals had been killed off or driven far out into Arctic waters.

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