

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

DON'T get too excited about the prospect of abandonment of the Buckaroo Days celebration.

Yesterday's story from President O. D. Matthews of Buckaroo Days committee was a bid for public pressure to help the committee in an argument with the county fair board.



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The canny Buckaroo chief wouldn't mind having a little public assistance in an effort to get the city or county to waive the \$1500 license fee for carnivals, so the committee could collect that fee from the Buckaroo Days carnival instead of either of the local governments collecting it.

Local people who want a celebration can't be expected to do anything about the issues with the Turtle association, the other complaint of the committee. The fairgrounds fee and the carnival license are the local questions involved.

Agitation

THE principal issue is that with the fair board.

In yesterday's paper was a story telling about the action of the Pomona grange, backing up subordinate granges in demanding that the fair board require adequate fees from profit-making enterprises for the use of the fairgrounds.

This is indicative of considerable agitation, especially in the country districts, that has influenced the fair board in asking 10 per cent of the gross Buckaroo Days receipts (after federal taxes) for use of the fairgrounds.

A member of the fair board has told us that the board is willing to waive this 10 per cent fee in case the Buckaroo Days gets rained out or for some other reason fails to break even. But if the show makes money, he said, the board feels that it should pay 10 per cent of the gross for use of the facilities.

Furthermore, he said that the board had been willing to spend additional money for improvements that would be of benefit to the rodeo, and would help produce more income for the annual show.

Adequate Fees Justified

WE go along with the granges in their opinion that the fair board should charge adequate fees when the fairground facilities are used for enterprises that produce revenue. We think there should be substantial payment for the use of all publicly-owned facilities, such as the armory, airport, fairgrounds, etc., when these are used for activities for which there are public admission charges or which are for private or semi-private profit.

We believe the board is fair-minded and that its terms will be reasonable. If it is willing to waive its fees in case of a bad break in the weather or some other unfavorable development, it displays a disposition to play fair that should make it possible for the fair board and rodeo group to work out a reasonable program.

If Buckaroo Days committeemen are in a mood to do business, we think they can still do it on a reasonable basis with the county fair board—whose members are Percy Murray, Ed Crawford and Jess Johnson.

Gambling Question

RECENTLY, two letters to the editor appeared on this page dealing with slot machines and gambling. One urged the district attorney to do his duty in stopping slot machine operations. The other, in answer, said the D. A. had tried, but had been squelched by the grand jury which returned "not true" bills. This letter said that Judge Vandenberg had delayed calling the jury, implying he did so to aid the gambling interests.

Here are our own observations:

1. The district attorney did undertake the prosecution of slot machine cases some weeks ago, after arrests were made by state police. The grand jury returned not only "not true" bills, but also a unique report suggesting, among other things, that law enforcement officers consider the topography of the country in enforcing the law.

2. There is nothing to indicate Judge Vandenberg delayed calling the grand jury to aid slot machine interests or for any other ulterior motive at any time. We do not believe he has done that or ever would do it.

It is doubtful if this flare-up of the gambling issue has developed anything that should properly apply politically either to Mr. Vandenberg or Mr. Humble.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 15—The coal strike is a catastrophic phenomena which no one here fully understands, not even the White House.

Doubt me at your peril, the last meeting of the operators with Lewis before the truce, was concerned—not with terms of settlement—but with backup due some of the miners for holidays taken without authorization in the past, and for which the operators had refused wages. The last several meetings of the conferees devoted themselves almost entirely to that comparatively trivial item, while rail travel shut down, Ford curtailed, steel mills closed and vast human suffering spread through the nation for want of coal. They never got down to business.

I would not believe such a revelation of frittering in the face of catastrophe if it came from either side of the dispute, but my information comes from objective knowledge in the highest quarters.

This sort of negotiating foolishness had been going on for the first three weeks of the strike without causing concern. It was commonly assumed the miners wanted a vacation to run until stocks shrank low, and suffering became acute, whereupon they would settle. That time came two weeks back and yet nothing happened until Mr. Truman called Messrs. Lewis and O'Neill for a two weeks truce. Announcements continued calling the confabs "deadlocked." Actually they were dead, but not near locking.

What's He Up To?

WHAT was Lewis up to? The question is still going unanswered among authorities who know the matter inside and out. The explanation, generally believed amongst them, is that the miners had gotten out of hand after recent bad explosions in some of the mines and could not be controlled either by Lewis, their boss, or the national government. The miners apparently believe the operators have not lived up to federal safety regulations, but this is difficult for an outsider to accept because there are laws requiring observance, and such failures could easily be punished by the government. But it may explain the anger of the miners and their coolness toward the human misery caused by unnecessary prolongation of their strike up to the truce.

Certainly, it is the inside explanation of why the White House failed to move to seize the mines. Mr. Truman thought that even if the federal government took over, the miners would not return to work, and he would be faced with the problem of how to get coal production without them. Some legal people have said he could have drafted miners into the army to make them work, but his lawyers privately told him he had no such authority. The miners once refused to work for Mr. Roosevelt, when he seized the pits. The White House has been afraid to act strongly, for fear of getting itself into more trouble than that with which it was already faced.

As a result, all the early moves were against the public rather than the miners, forcing people generally to accept hardships.

Power Complex

AS I say, this is what might be termed the inside story current in official quarters, but I have a feeling other inspirations lurk behind the sauntering gait of John Lewis in the matter. Lewis, at 66, still has a power complex. His demand for a private tax upon the people for each ton of coal produced goes as far toward private government as Petrillo went in levying a tax upon phonograph records. But also, no one has the power of life and death over the people and the nation, not even the government, although Lewis has used such a right in this strike. His friends say his extreme and unreasonable attitude is a result of determination to get everything he can for his union now, all the loose ends of things he has wanted for years past, because he knows the favorable time is passing. This may well be his reasoning. But it can also be said he is hastening the passing of a favorable time by his cruelties against the people.

Is he playing for nationalization of the mines, in the manner of Britain and France? Few think so. He can get more this way. He has practically operated coal economies for years with his demands. Do personalities enter the situation? Well, one of the operators, Ed Burke, likes to fight with Lewis, but O'Neill, their chief negotiator, has a reputation as a reasonable person. The personality of Lewis dominates. What he wants controls the situation. Is he needing CIO? Surely, his strike has thrown CIO unions out of work in autos and steel. Has the administration been intentionally or unintentionally stupid in handling the negotiations? Mr. Truman early called on Ed McGrady, the best labor negotiator in the country perhaps—and, as I said at the outset, his ministrations have not been able to bring either side even to talking terms, since his arrival.

I suspect other explanations will be coming out eventually.



"Now that she's out of the WAC uniform, maybe the competition won't be so keen!"

Bonanza Man Dead At 65

Arthur Jake Hickman, 65, for the past 35 years a resident of Bonanza, died at his home Tuesday evening following a lengthy illness. Mr. Hickman was owner and operator of Hotel Hickman at Bonanza at the time of his death.

Born in Sevier county, Tennessee, March 31, 1881, Mr. Hickman worked on the family plantation and later was employed by an uncle, Captain Underwood, who operated a store on the farm. The family later moved to Morgan county, Illinois, and engaged in the stock business. After farming in Nebraska for five years, Mr. Hickman went back to Tennessee and in Knoxville opened a barber shop, continuing until 1911. That year he disposed of his business and came to Klamath county. In Bonanza he opened a barber shop, worked for The California Oregon Power company for eight years contracting poles, operated a dairy adjoining the town of Bonanza, and in 1921 purchased the hotel which he named.

In 1915, Mr. Hickman homesteaded 80 acres of land and carried on a dairy business. In 1926, he promoted the Kits Lumber company of Bonanza, a saw-mill, general logging and lumber company. He disposed of this business in 1930. The mill burned in 1932 and the box factory was moved to Sprague River.

Mr. Hickman bought 90 acres of land adjoining Bonanza, known as the John Shook addition, platted and sold it in acreage tracts. The Kits Lumber company was on that tract. In 1939 Mr. Hickman bought a convalescent hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., which he owned at the time of his passing.

Mr. Hickman and Daisy C. Phillips were married in Knoxville in 1909. Mrs. Hickman survives as does one daughter, Mrs. George Bell of Miami, Fla. Final rites were announced today by Whitlock's.

Merrill Voters At Polls Friday

MERRILL, May 15 — Registered voters of Merrill will go to the polls Friday, May 17, to vote on a \$25,000 general obligation bond issue which will appear on a separate ballot. This fund is for reconstruction of parts of the sewage disposal plant at a cost of \$12,000, and for replacement of part of the old wooden water main. It is proposed that some 2000 feet of this main will be replaced by cast iron pipe and there will also be an extension to the sewer line to serve an area west of the city within the city limits.

The trucks in the front of the line weren't so colorful, but they're the boys that tear out to the scene when you let your cigarette get away from you or throw a cigarette in the brush without grinding it out. With the country already drying out like a tinder box, let's be careful of those "harmless" fires.

Lake Titicaca, the Lake in the Clouds, lies 1100 feet above sea level in the Andes between Peru and Bolivia.

LISTEN TO KFLW'S "TOP TEN for TONIGHT"
5:45 Sports Lineup
6:30 So You Want to Lead a Band—ABC
7:00 Music of Manhattan—ABC
7:30 Mac Epley
8:00 Lum 'n Abner—ABC
8:15 Art Van Damme Quintet
8:30 The Fishing and Hunting Club—ABC
9:00 Stand by for Adventure
9:30 News
10:15 Raymond Swing—ABC

Board May Aid Buckaroo Days

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Members of the boards of school districts 1 and 2 completed teacher appointments at a joint meeting held Monday night in KUHS.

New staff members to be employed this fall will include Bennett Loftsgaard, Chester Squire, Beth McManus, John McManus, Florence Pielke and May LeClaire. McManus will assist in the music department replacing John Best who will move from the community.

Resignation from the city system was accepted from Orpha Hudson who, in turn, was named to an English assignment at KUHS. Berthel Mayfield and Reva Snell also presented resignations. A leave of absence was granted Lillie Darby of the music department.

It was announced that Gerald R. Clemens, with the city school system since 1935 with the exception of army service, would take over the principalship of Pelican school. The present principal, Joe LeClaire, will take over new duties as director of visual education.

A leave of absence was granted Mrs. Lucille O'Neill of the KUHS English department and the board announced the name of Mrs. Helen Listoe to complete the year in the absence of Mrs. Lila McMann of the home economics department.

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"Science, Salvation or Destroyer of Mankind?" the question in the minds of thinking people since the advent of the atomic bomb, is the question for Thursday night's "America's Town Meeting" program over KFLW. There will be three distinguished scientists and one journalist on hand to give out the dope. They are Harold C. Urey, head of the Institute of Nuclear Research of the University of Chicago; William L. Laurence, Pulitzer prize winning reporter for the New York Times; Dr. Selman A. Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin and professor of micro biology at Rutgers university, and Dr. Herman N. Dundesen, health commissioner of Chicago, columnist and health editor of the Ladies Home Journal. The broadcast will originate in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

We may not have a rodeo or Buckaroo Days here this year, but Klamath got a foretaste of the summer spirit in yesterday's parade. Prancing horses and colorfully dressed riders have an appeal that no one can resist.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for Wednesday Eve, May 15 and Thursday A.M., May 16. Lists radio programs for KFLW-1450 kc and KFJI-1240 kc.

THURSDAY A. M., MAY 16
KFLW-1450 kc
6:15 Gilmour Manor ABC
6:30 Best Music in Hollywood ABC
9:45
10:00 Kellogg's Home Edition ABC
10:15 Ted Malone ABC
10:30 My True Story ABC
10:45
10:55 News & Betty Crocker ABC
11:00 Richard Lohert, Organist
11:15 Ethel and Albert ABC
11:30 The Listening Post ABC
11:45 Novelties

THURSDAY P. M., MAY 16
12:00 News, Noon Edition
12:15 Man on the Street
12:30 Ladies Be Seated ABC
12:45
1:00 Jack Berch, ABC
1:15 Jeating with Jesters
1:30 Hollywood & Vine ABC
1:45 Hymns of all Churches ABC
2:00 What's Doin', Ladies ABC
2:15
2:25 Norman Nesbitt ABC
2:30 Com. and Get It
2:45 Art Van Damme Quintet
3:00 Brides and Groom ABC
3:15 The Peaches ABC
3:45

THURSDAY A. M., MAY 16
4:00 Headline Edition ABC
4:15 Malcolm Epley
4:30 Our Singing Land ABC
4:45 Hop Harrigan ABC
5:00 Terry and the Pirates ABC
5:15 Dick Tracy ABC
5:30 Jack Armstrong ABC
5:45 Sports Lineup

Table with columns for Thursday A.M., May 16. Lists radio programs for KFLW-1450 kc and KFJI-1240 kc.