

SUNDAY EVENTS OPEN MERCER'S '46 BANNER FAIR

Exposition at Celina Will Continue thru Next Friday; Speed Program Set

(Special To The Lima News) CELINA, Aug. 10.—Seven programs and shows have been booked to appear at the 1946 Banner Fair of Mercer-co. From the opening afternoon Sunday until the closing evening next Friday there is at least one show a program arranged for every day.

Sunday afternoon local Mercer-co talent will perform when the Ft. Recovery Riding Club presents rodeo. Also this horse event is to be presented by amateurs, it will be a next professional performance since the riders and horses from Fort Recovery have been in training and practice for several months.

The singing stars, the Harmonaires, will appear Sunday evening. This group of vocalists and choristers have their show on W.L.W. According to Speed Supt. C. W. Vale, one of the best spots of running horses ever to come to Mercer-co has been obtained to participate in the night running races which are scheduled for Monday and Friday nights. Shirley Wayne, star of Olsen and Johnson's hit show, "Hellzapoppin'", will perform on Tuesday afternoon and evening. On Wednesday and Thursday nights the Hoaglin's Hippodrome Circus appears.

Besides all these great shows the Mercer County Fair is presenting as a free act the entertaining Anderson Circus which includes mules, donkeys, and dogs that create hilarity among their audiences with their funny antics. The livestock exhibits of this year's fair promise to be bigger and better than ever before in history. Entries have long filled the barns and stalls and tents to provide additional stable space are being erected.

One of the largest classes — Guernsey cattle—already has 100 head entered in the competition. All of the horse stables have been reserved and a special tent to provide shelter for the prize horses is going up.

Guinea breeders from Dalke, Van Wert, and Mercer-co have entered their best stock in this show. So many animals have been put on display that two extra rooms are being put up for stable room.

The sheep competition is certain to be sharp this year since the sheep barns have been filled and the amount of overflow is large enough to fill a 40 by 100-foot tent. The swine exhibit is a "sure-thing" to be a show of superb hogs.

Mercer-co is not forgetting its youth. Four-H-Club and F.F.A. club members have their own competition with classes very similar to the adult classes. On Monday, Junior Fair, recreational contest and races will be held for those 17 and under.

3 Men, Not One, To Be Named To Stalin Post

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(INS)—The magazine Business Week predicted today that three men—not one — will eventually succeed Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin. The three, named in an article in the current issue, are members of the "Politburo," and include, according to Business Week, "Molotov, who will take the post of prime minister." "Georgi Malenkov, who will succeed to the job of secretary-general of the party." Gen. Nikolai A. Bulganin, who will become minister of the armed forces and commander-in-chief.

Higher Clothing Prices Forecast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(UP)—Price Administrator Paul Porter said today that clothing prices will continue to increase until sometime next year. In his weekly radio address, Porter said that "the average cost of clothing probably will go up considerably for a while." But, he added, "I think there is good reason to expect that the average cost of clothing will come down somewhat during 1947 as supplies expand and as competition reasserts itself, bringing more lower priced clothing into the market."

In addition to clothing costs, he said the nation's consumers also will have to "reckon with" higher retail prices on some other commodities, including automobiles.



CARAVAN AT FAIR—Shown above is a part of the display of military items which will be seen at the Mercer-co Fair in Celina beginning Sunday as a part of the U. S. Army Caravan which will be on the grounds thruout the exposition which closes next Friday.

Statue of Liberty Being Neglected By Congress, Defaced by Visitors

By BOB CONSIDINE BEDLOE'S ISLAND, New York Harbor, Aug. 10.—(INS)—The Statue of Liberty will be 60 years old this year, a new record for carrying the torch, but a close inspection today confirmed recent reports that she is being shamefully neglected for one of her years and fidelity. She stands in seedy grandeur on this little island, emblem of not only of triumphant freedom and hope of the world's enslaved but also a symbol of congressional indifference. Congress' love has cooled, and vandals from every state Lady Liberty represents are besmirching her.

Almost every square foot of the interior of her graceful neck, gown, her great shoulders, neck, face, forehead and spiked crown is covered with the names of lovers. The livestock exhibits of this year's fair promise to be bigger and better than ever before in history. Entries have long filled the barns and stalls and tents to provide additional stable space are being erected.

Superintendent Charles S. Marshall, who comes from the Plains, Va., has been fighting a losing defensive battle for the morals of the reluctantly painted woman since being placed in charge of her. But his army consists of only three or four guards. "And," he said, "more people than ever are coming to see her these days — most of them armed with lipstick."

"It's a shame for she's not 'the lipstick type,'" her tall, worried young custodian told us today. "Right after Pearl Harbor people began marking up her misses and stone pedestal with the stuff," he said sadly. "And we just can't protect her with the kind of stuff the budget allows. The defacers take chances that make your heart stop. They climb over the railing of her circular staircase, walk out on narrow beams and do their painting on the inner side of her copper covering. We're going to have to use for an undertaker yet."

"It's a federal offense to mark up the old gal, but Marshall has hesitated to arrest any of the Spenserian saboteurs. "If I catch one in the act I make him or her try to rub it off," he said. "That only makes a smear but it embarrasses the person in front of 50 or 100 others and may keep some one else from trying to do the same. "I tell them, too, that I've got a good mind to take them over to the city and see a judge—a federal judge. But that would mean that I'd have to assign a man to them, to take them, and I'm already terribly under-manned."

Marshall, general boss of the island's permanent inhabitants — seven employees, seven wives, five kids and one mother-in-law—has been crushed by recent charges made by the Monument Builders' Assn and other sources that conditions here are a "national disgrace." Marshall got a little money lately. The first thing he's going to buy for his lofty charge is a wire netting to enclose the stairway within her, to keep the vandals from climbing out on the supporting ribs. "Then we're going to clean her interior and give her a nice coat of light gray paint. She'll look like a lady again and be good for another 60 years. Ought to be able to get the cleaning stuff and the paint and have the job done by spring."

Just before the war congress was in a mood to re-landscape the entire island, and plans were drawn. But the romance died and the intervening years, plus increased patronage, show their marks. The wharf is dangerously unsafe, rather pitifully patched and will get no better—because Liberty cannot get any lumber for the job. The rotten-skeletonized remains of the previous wharf, dating back to Oct. 28, 1886, when President Cleveland dedicated the statue, still stands gauntly beside the wharf now in use. "We'd tear up the old one," Marshall said unhappily, "but its piling protect the new one from being pounded by drift logs." The laws are bald here and

Progress in Railway Safety Sunday Radio Drama Subject

Progress made in reduction of railroad accidents thru use of improved scientific safety and warning devices will be outlined in dramatic form as the science-drama series, "Exploring the Unknown," tells of the growth and development of the "Meteor On Wheels," at 8 p. m. Sunday over MBS.

George Raft, filmdom's favorite tough guy, takes a starring role in "Private Eye," an original radio drama by Ted Heddiger, to be broadcast on the summer "Silver Theatre" at 5 p. m. Sunday over CBS. Raft plays the role of a pilot who returns to his old job of a private detective. His goal is to find a man who sent him to prison.

When a friend of Dagwood Bumstead's suggests he use the "big smile, snarl on the back, funny story" routine in asking for a raise, "Blondie's Husband Becomes Dynamic" with strange results, in the comedy-drama at 6:30 p. m. Sunday over CBS. Dagwood re-rehearses his new personality on Blondie, who advises him to confine it to the office—and when he tries it there, his boss, J. C. Dithers, is convinced he has gone insane. However, the idea pays off. A corpse that refuses to lie still and an even more elusive murderer engage the sleuthing efforts of Barton Drake during "Murder Takes a Walk" to be heard on "Mystery Is My Hobby" over MBS at 9 p. m. Sunday. Glenn Langan is heard in the role of criminologist-writer Drake.

Paul Whiteman will be guest orchestra leader on the "Tommy Dorsey Show" at 7:30 p. m. over NBC. Stuart Foster, vocalist, Charlie Shavers and Ziggy Elman, trumpeter, and Clambake Seven will assist the sentimental gentleman.

Phil Spitalny and his all-girl orchestra, on their Sunday night "Hour of Charm," at 9 p. m. over NBC, will play outstanding songs of years gone by. Among these will be "Play Fiddle Play," hit song of 1932, and "Brazil," 1943's best.

Truman Rapped In CIO Strike Disagreement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Grant Oakes, president of the CIO Farm Equipment Workers union, said today President Truman has made a political football of the union's seven-month strike against the J. I. Case and Allis-Chalmers farm equipment companies. He said the union has turned to two Republican governors for help.

Oakes, before leaving for Chicago, told reporters that union representatives were meeting today with Gov. Ralph Gates of Indiana and on Monday with Gov. Dwight Green of Illinois "to seek their good offices" for strike settlements.

Oakes said the Labor Department "for the umpteenth time" had promised government seizure action. President Truman said at his news conference yesterday that the seizure question was still in the Labor Department's hands.

Fast Is Failing To Get Results; Aid Fund Weak

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—(UP)—Claude L. Baxter, in the 80th day of a fast to call attention to the plight of the world's starving, said today he was so discouraged over the results he was "about ready to give the whole thing up."

"Of course, he won't do it," his wife Florence said, speaking for Baxter who was too weak to leave his bed. "But he is very discouraged about the results his pleas for funds are receiving."

Baxter, who said he was accepting money for overseas relief and not for himself, has so far collected \$50.85. His fast has 20 days to run.

Tombstone Used To Bring Death

YOUNGSTOWN, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Allen Barber, 60, disconsolate since the death of her husband, Homer, four years ago, committed suicide by toppling a tombstone down on her at her husband's grave. Coroner Dr. David A. Selenky reported today Mrs. Barber had been missing from her home in Salem, since Wednesday. She arranged small stones carefully near her husband's grave. Dr. Selenky said an examination indicated Mrs. Barber tried twice before she crushed her head. He said a compound fractured skull caused death.

The Murray river of Australia is made navigable for 500 miles by means of giant weirs, one of them 570 feet long, which back up the water like dams.

U. S. Army Group crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-30 and 1A-30A.

Murder Movie Is First On German Docket

BERLIN.—(UP)—As if there has not already been enough death in this part of the world, the producers of Germany's first postwar motion picture chose the hackneyed title, "Murderer Among Us."

And as if the Germans find some amusement in the ruins they see every day, the film is set in the middle of Berlin's worst shambles. But the picture does have something resembling a plot, the heroine convinces the hero that he should abandon his murderous scheme, and virtue triumphs.

Whether they then live happily ever after or die of slow starvation on No. 25 ration cards is not revealed.

But at least, "Murderer Among Us" is a start toward the revival of Germany's once-flourishing film industry, which for 12 years Hitler and Goebbels prosecuted for their own Nazi propaganda.

FPHA Chief Named

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(UP)—President Truman today appointed Dillon S. Meyer, Hebron, O., as administrator of the Federal Public Housing Authority and the National Housing Administration.

Youngstown Has First Polio Case

YOUNGSTOWN, Aug. 10.—(AP)—A county health authority today reported the first case of poliomyelitis in Mahoning-co this year.

The victim is five-year-old Carol Jean McElroy of Route 2, Beloit, who became ill Aug. 2. She was taken to Salem City hospital and her condition diagnosed as infantile paralysis Friday. She will be brought to the South Side unit of the Youngstown hospital today.

Her physician said her condition was not serious so far. Meantime two cases which have polio symptoms have been isolated at St. Elizabeth hospital. Neither has been diagnosed definitely.

Starlight Restaurant advertisement for steaks, chops, sandwiches, beer, and soft drinks. Located at 720 S. Main St.

Dayton Brothers Plan Big Shock for Mice advertisement for an anti-mouse trap.

Mano Cafe advertisement for Sunday Dinner at 406 N. Main.

Dancing Every Night advertisement for Garry Vance and his Sax, Karl Kroske at the Piano, Bill Barry on the Drums, and Glenn Roberts on the Bass Fiddle.

Alpine Village advertisement for Spencerville Road at City Limits.