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Only Those State-Operated Rate Top WAA Priorities

Classification as "agricultural associations" puts many non-profit organizations in same class as general buying public as far as surplus material is concerned

By Milton Danziger

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Few agricultural fairs can qualify as a priority claimant for government-owned surplus war property, according to interpretations by officials of the War Assets Administration and the Internal Revenue Bureau. The Surplus Property Act of 1944, recently amended by the so-called O'Mahoney-Manasco Amendment, provides for establishment of certain priorities in the disposal of surplus property in the following order

1. Federal agencies for their own use and not for transfer or disposition, except Treasury procurement which, upon certification, may purchase for other federal agencies for their own use.
2. Veterans for use in their own small business, professional or agricultural enterprises (except real property).
3. Reconstruction Finance Corporation for resale to small business.
4. States and political subdivisions and instrumentalities.
5. Eligible non-profit institutions.

Notwithstanding the above order of priorities, the O'Mahoney-Manasco Amendment requires, except real property, certain "set-asides" for exclusive disposal to veterans and to take precedence over the above-mentioned priorities.

Veterans Get Break

This super-seniority or "set-asides" for credited veterans of World War II for their personal use and to enable them to establish and maintain their own small business or professional or agricultural enterprises includes such items as passenger cars; all types of trucks, 2½ tons or less; jeeps, motorcycles, scooters, bomb trucks and all other trailers; six classes of tractors; all types of typewriters; selected items of construction, mining and excavating machinery; agricultural machinery and medical, surgical and dental apparatus and equipment.

In addition to this super-seniority or "set-asides," World War II veterans have priority preference in other classes of surplus property at what is known as "sale-at-the-site." Sometimes as high as 70 per cent of all the material at "sale-at-the-site" is held exclusively for veterans and will be sold to them on the days specified in public advertisements or other announcements. Veterans must have a priority certificate for each item they wish to buy and must obtain them from a veterans' certifying unit of the WAA in the region in which they live.

Defining Status of Fairs

Agricultural fairs, State, county or local, which are instrumentalities of government, are in the fourth priority group. For instance, a State fair which is an organic part of the State government would qualify in this group. A State fair which is chartered by the State Legislature, or a fair that received a State subsidy or State prize money would not necessarily qualify in this group. The controlling factor would be whether it is an instrumentality of government and is under its exclusive jurisdiction and direction.

According to the interpretations of the War Assets Administration and (See State-Conducted on page 81)

No. Montana Makes Strong Advance Pitch

Merchandise Drawings Help

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 13.—North Montana State Fair and Rodeo is making a strong pitch to hike attendance.

First move was opening Monday (8) of an attendance campaign tie-up with Great Falls merchants, whereby they give patrons merchandise tickets for each \$1 purchase until August 5. Tickets will be drawn before start of each afternoon and night shows. Holders, who must be in grandstand or bleachers, will get merchandise ranging up to an automobile, scheduled as giveaway on closing afternoon.

Annual launches advance ticket campaign Monday (15), putting on sale strips of five tickets which are priced at \$2, which will continue on sale until the morning before fair's opening. Regular day-time single admission is 60 cents. Night-time gate is 40 cents.

Running races will be staged each afternoon, with purses totaling about \$30,000. Jimmie Lynch Death Dodgers will also be presented opening afternoon along with runners. Remainder of the week, rodeo events will be interspersed with runners.

Barnes-Carruthers Revue will be nightly grandstand feature. Grandstand acts, also booked thru Barnes-Carruthers, include Lester Cole and his Debutantes, Larry Griswold, Three Rosannes, Willys Troupe, Gallagher Family, Corriel Troupe and Lowe, Hite and Stanley. Fireworks will be presented by Thearle-Duffield Fireworks, Chicago. All-American Shows will be on midway.

Armstrong Breaks Leg; Act Cancels Engagements

MONTEZUMA, Ind., July 13.—The Roscoe Armstrong Ford act was forced to cancel all remaining engagements for the season when Earl Armstrong suffered a broken right leg in a performance at Massac County Fair, Metropolis, Ill., Tuesday (2). He was taken to Metropolis Memorial Hospital where the leg was set. He is now at his home in Montezuma.

Saginaw "Up"

SAGINAW, Mich., July 13.—Miffed because a recent story in *The Billboard* headed "Saginaw Down," might create the wrong inference, Clarence H. Harnden, secretary-manager, allows as how the annual's parking area had sunk, but points out the sag effected only a quarter of the total parking area comprised of 42 acres.

Taking typewriter in hand, the IAFE prexy maintains that in reality Saginaw is "up." He cites the fact it recently completed a \$12,000 road pavement project, re-decorated 12 major buildings at a cost of \$4,000 and installed new wiring costing \$5,200 in the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Building.

Then, just by way of clinching his point, Harnden adds the annual has paid off all its debt, which in '40 amounted to \$70,000.

T. Dorsey Feature For Dallas Annual

DALLAS, July 13.—Tommy Dorsey's orchestra will make a 16-day stand at the State Fair of Texas here, October 5-20, W. H. Hitzelberger, newly named executive vice-president and general manager of the annual, announces. Dorsey's 38-piece concert ork, including Ziggy Elman, trumpet, and Stuart Foster, baritone, will head the auditorium show.

Fair's special attraction committee comprised of Hitzelberger, Julius Schepps, Jordan Ownby and Charles R. Meeker Jr., aud manager, is booking the show.

Sum of \$75,000 will be spent on repairs to the aud before the annual's opening. Interior will be repainted, lobby redesigned, the stage equipped with new drapes and curtains and aisle carpets will be laid.

Ohio State To Bow With WLW Hayride

COLUMBUS, O., July 13.—Bill McCluskey's WLW Midwestern Hayride has been awarded the first contract for night entertainment at the first post-war Ohio State Fair, Bryan Sandles, secretary, announced last week. Attraction will be the opening feature Saturday night, August 24.

Contract for the date was inked by Sandles for the fair, with McCluskey, manager of WLW Promotions, Inc., representing the Hayride.

Nate Andre, 60, Regina Fair Veteran, Succumbs

REGINA, Sask., July 13.—Nate Andre, 60, member of the Regina Exhibition Board for more than 20 years and chairman of concessions at the time of his death, died here Wednesday (10).

Funeral services were held Friday (12). (See Final Curtain for details.)

Polo Rebuilds Rigging

NORFOLK, Va., July 13.—Eddie Polo, high pole performer, is here rebuilding his rigging which was badly twisted in a storm recently at Moorehead, N. C., while working for Jim Rafferty's R. & S. Amusements. He expects to be in action Tuesday (15).

School for War Brides Feature At Ill. State

Ward Signs Lynch, Rogers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 13.—A 10-day school for war brides, with each county represented by at least one enrollee, will be conducted during the Illinois State Fair, which opens here August 10, William V. (Jake) Ward, general manager, has announced.

All expenses, not only of the course itself but of housing and feeding the brides, will be borne by the annual, Ward pointed out. Committees in each of the counties will select the brides who will take the course. About 120 will be enrolled.

Full Day for Work

Brides will put in a full day in the classroom each of the 10 days, beginning Saturday, August 10, and will be given such subjects as home-making, cooking and sewing. A faculty of about 40, selected from university professors, home bureau representatives and domestic science teachers, will be used. Counselors from the various religious faiths will also participate.

Course will be under the direction of Clara Brian, of McLean County, Ill., who is credited with having developed the largest home bureau members of any county in the country. After school hours brides will be free to take in other features of the annual. They will be housed in State Fair dormitories.

Signs Jimmie Lynch

Signing of Jimmie Lynch and his Death Dodgers for first two afternoons and of Roy Rogers and his horse, Trigger, for opening Saturday night was announced this week by Ward. Since announcement of the scheduled appearance of Rogers, the fair office has been flooded with advance sale ticket requests, Ward said.

He expressed amazement at the early advance sale for the motorcycle races, to be held the second Sunday afternoon, pointing out that "already some 4,000 tickets have been sold."

Air Show Scheduled

Arrangements for a huge air show were closed this week with U. S. Army officials, Ward said, with the ground exhibit to include planes, buzz bombs, searchlights, radar and other equipment, with P-80's (jet propelled planes) providing the aerial show.

Details of the days set aside for the two major political parties have also been announced by Ward. Democrats will take over Wednesday, August 14, and leaders of that party are now working on their plans. The Republicans will hold their big rally the following day. Already assured as speakers are Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of *The Chicago Tribune*; Governor Green and U. S. Senator C. Wayland Brooks.

Hopkinton Picks Clough

HOPKINTON, N. H., July 13.—Hopkinton Fair Association named Harold Clough president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Neal J. Rice, who has been president for eight years.