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4,500, Especially Girls, Have Fun At Annual Clarksburg Field Day

By JACK MARKS

CLARKSBURG—Rural and city folk alike played hooky from their daily routine Thursday to enjoy themselves at Clarksburg's 42nd annual Field Day.

And enjoy themselves they did! Or so it would appear.

Official estimates are that 4,500 persons visited the shaded grounds a mile northeast of the city during the day. They consumed 800 pounds of fish, 125 pounds of fried chicken, 175 pounds hamburger, 75 pounds of weenies and 53 gallons of ice cream.

Between times, while munching on $54.12 profit worth of pop corn and quenching a collective thirst with 4,504 bottles of soft drink, they watched $216.00 worth of shotgun shells being exploded at hundreds of clay pigeons, a host of kids games, the first all-women's tractor pulling contest held in the state and the largest men's contest ever staged in Ross County, witnessed an afternoon and evening program, participated in an auction and chatted guardedly with a host of aspiring politicians.

There were some minor mishaps. Ross County Chapter of the Red Cross maintained a first aid service and reported a number of minor casualties — Jo Ann Marrinon came running for aid with three bites and a bee in her shoe. (She wasn't wearing a bonnet).

Mike Poole, despite the excellent traffic direction the Busy Bee Sunday School Class provided had a bike wreck and lacered his right arm. And Mike Alley embarrassed his farmer-father by falling off a combine and injuring his left arm. Mike explained the combine was standing still. He's used to cars that are in motion.

The women's tractor pulling contest drew the largest crowd. There were 10 contestants and, as you'd figure, they did better than the men. That's on the announcer's say-so.

Who won the women's tractor pull? 16-year-old Kathryn James of Ada in Kenton County. Driving a big old John Deere tractor she pulled a 9,500 pound load two feet, three-fourth inches. No one could match it.

Louise Drummond was the local entry but didn't finish in the top three. Some solace was gathered from the fact Mrs. Norma Jean Rittinger of Circleville Route 2, the only contestant to scorn shorts or slacks in favor of a pettie frock, finished third.

Simmons Top Marksman

Lee Simmons of Frankfort took the trap shoot honors, being the only marksman to "plink" 25 birds in succession. Gregg Weaver, a 16-year old vacationing Floridian, copped the greased back atop the greased flagpole and Danny Vollmar made a $5 haul by holding onto the greased pig.

Adelphi's Community band occupied the bandstand both in the afternoon and evening. The Rev. DeLeo Smith emceed the program which included remarks by Chillicothe's amiable 86-year old Lou Day and a musical ditty by 84-year old Stravder Fletcher. It's title was "Eighty-one."

Girls Sing

Clarksburg's Girls Quartet—Ann Timmons, Janice Whitten, Patti Norris and Sue Albert—accompanied by Mrs. Mary McGhee, sang several numbers and Roxanne, an acrobatic dancer who Saturday is a finalist in a contest which might qualify her for a Disneyland trip and a possible movie career, was down from Columbus to perform.

Also, there was the Tele Mate Quartet from Washington C.H. Billy Scott and Helen Harris of WBNS-TV and Duncan, the magician.

All in all, it was a mighty fine day. Some of the farmers, you could tell, felt a little guilty not to be combining on such a balmy day but when they learn Robert Drew and James Hiatt, this year's Field Day co-chairmen, have announced the day's receipts at $3,926 — with more to come — they'll feel better.

Ross County Used Car Week!

The new and used car dealers of Ross County have designated next week, A gust 6 through 11 as Ross County Used Car Week. Special reduced prices and a chance to win $200 Cash will be featured during the week. Shop the Gazette Classified Pages for individual listings. You will find many bargains all of next week.

Tea-year-old Kathryn James of Ada has all the poise of a mechanic as she listens to her tractor purr and feeds more gas to the heavily weighted farm implement in the first all-women's tractor pulling contest ever held in Ohio. She won the event at the Clarksburg Field Day by moving 9,500 pounds slightly more than two feet. (Gazette Photo by Jack Marks).

Atom Display to Be Fair Feature

One of the assured outstanding features of the Ross County Fair, Aug. 20-24 inclusive will be a display "Summary of Atomic Energy" from the American Museum of Atomic Energy, Oak Ridge, Tenn. The display is sponsored by the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Midden, secretary-manager of the Chamber, said the display will consist of 12 panels and will include a model atomic reactor and atomic power plant.

Notification of final arrangements for the setup was given to the Chamber by Paul B. Graves of the Extension Branch at Oak Ridge. Arrangement details were made by Charles G. Willer, chairman of the Museum Division, at Oak Ridge.

Driver Blacks Out; Goes to Hospital

Albert Bennett, 40, of 325 McKeller St., was treated at Chillicothe Hospital at 12:35 a.m. Friday for a possible concussion, rib fractures and contusions, and abrasions on the head received in an automobile accident on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Bennett said he "blacked out" while driving east on Washington Avenue and struck a parked car belonging to Burrell Adkins, 19, of Route 4 at 700 Washington Ave.

The Adkins car was shoved from the parks at 700 and 710 Washington Ave. and fence and shrubbery damaged. Mr. Bennett's auto continued on and rammed a utility pole, virtually splitting it in two.

Police said damage was moderate to the rear and front of the Adkins car and heavy to the front of Mr. Bennett's.

Gasoline in Morocco Goes Up to 68 Cents

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Gasoline prices were raised by the government today from about 40 cents a gallon to 68 cents. Dealers in American automobiles indicated they had canceled orders for new cars which are more costly to operate than smaller European type.

McKeon's Trial Comes to Close

BULLETIN

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—The fate of Marine S. Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon was submitted to a court-martial of six Marines and a Navy doctor at 12:37 p.m. today.

By BEN PRICE

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (AP)—For Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon this is probably the last day of trial — and two top Marine generals have said he did nothing really wrong.

If everything goes as expected, this unprecedented case will be submitted to the court-martial panel of six Marine officers and a Navy doctor.

Whatever the outcome, the Marine Corps has never seen anything quite like this.

General Defends Sergeant

Never before has a commandant taken the witness stand in the defense of a sergeant as did Gen. Randolph McC. Pate.

And never before has a retired hero and lieutenant general been called from retirement to testify in the defense of an enlisted man he had never seen.

But it happened when Lt. Gen. Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller was summoned Thursday on McKeon's behalf.

Further, the highly disciplined Corps heard testimony from Puller that while discipline was the backbone of the Corps, "I would train my troops as I thought and as I knew they should be trained, regardless of any directive."

Trial Of Corps Tactics

What started out May 18 as the trial of a sergeant on charges that he struck a recruit who had been in the Corps six years has become in large measure a trial of the Marine Corps and its training methods.

It was on Sunday, April 8, that the 21-year-old drill instructor led a platoon of 74 raw recruits on a night disciplinary march into the tide-swept waters of Ribbon Creek. Six drowned.

McKeon was charged by a court of inquiry with involuntary manslaughter, oppression of recruits and drinking on duty.

Then Pate appeared before the House Armed Services Committee and said, "In a moral sense, the Marine Corps itself is on trial."

Defense attorney Emile Zola Berman of New York City had contended all along that the night march "to teach discipline" was carried out in the best traditions of Marine training.

"Poor Judgment"

Pate said that in his opinion the night march was not oppression of recruits, but was stupid, "or more politely, poor judgment." He said he thought it merited only a transfer.

Since Marine training methods had been brought into the case, government witnesses, including Puller, a crusty and outspoken hero of nearly every major Marine fight since the "Banana Wars" of the late 1920s, was summoned as a training expert.

Puller, winner of five Navy Crosses and the Army's Distinguished Service Cross, told the court he thought Pate and the Corps regretted ever bringing McKeon to trial.

In his highest voice, he said: "I say this night march was and is a deplorable accident . . .

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Dems Okay Elimination Of Bigotry

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler today enforced a statement by six religious leaders calling for avoidance of any racial or religious bigotry in the 1956 election campaign.

Butler also said he is calling on "all leaders and members of our party to carry out the high principles so firmly set forth" in the statement by the religious leaders.

In a telegram to the churchmen, Butler said he heartily endorsed their action and added: "You can be assured that the Democratic party will not condone religious bigotry and will again, as we have in the past, work vigorously to prevent any activity from developing on any level in the campaign."

NOTICE ODD FELLOWS

Funeral services tonight for Bernice Ventress Allen at Rost-Funeral Home at 7:30. Clarence Price, Noble Grand. adv.

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