

EXPLAINS FAIR CAR RACE PLAN

Criticism that the Iowa State Fairgrounds is not used enough was one reason the State Fair Board scheduled weekly auto racing.

That was the statement Friday of Kenneth R. Fulk, Fair Board secretary.

Races will be held every Saturday night beginning some time in May and continuing until the close of the season in the fall. Crowds of 4,000 or 5,000 and perhaps more are anticipated.

Fulk believes the Fair Board will be able to break even on crowds averaging 2,000. The tentative plan is to charge \$2 for a general admission ticket.

The racing events will be limited to late-model stock cars.

Fulk said the State Fair Board has been criticized because the multi-million dollar fairgrounds and buildings are used primarily for less than two weeks a year at fairtime. The State Fair this year will be held from Aug. 16 through Aug. 25.

Otherwise the fairgrounds are utilized only occasionally for the most part for such events as livestock sales, horse shows and a few auto races.

"We are increasing the use of the State Fair facilities," Fulk said. "We still are far short, however, of using the physical plant to the extent that an investment of that size should be used."

The State Fair racing plans have drawn fire from the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce and from Boone. Summer auto racing is staged in both places and revenue helps to support county fair organizations.

The Marion County Fair Association has promoted Saturday night racing using super-modified cars at Knoxville since 1954. In a letter to state officials, a Knoxville chamber spokesman said: "It does not seem that competition from the Iowa State Fair Board for county organizations is just."

The letter went to Lorne Worthington as state auditor, among others. Worthington, however, has not been state auditor since January of 1967. He was succeeded then as state auditor by Lloyd R. Smith, the present auditor. Worthington now is state insurance commissioner.

Fulk said there are 750,000 people in Des Moines and within a 50-mile radius of the city. A lot of them are racing fans and want to attend weekly races, he added.

Some business interests reported they had obtained pledges for funds to build a track in Des Moines, Fulk said. Spokesmen for the group observed that there would be little point in constructing a new track when "the finest track in Iowa is at the state fairgrounds," the secretary said.

Fulk said the State Fair Board would have preferred to schedule racing on Friday nights "but the type of cars we want compete in races at Davernport that night." These cars will be available to race in Des Moines Saturday nights, the secretary said.



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Shows Champion Hereford

B. O. Gammon, left, of Des Moines, who helped his father start the Polled Hereford breed of cattle, admires the 1968 champion Polled Hereford bull shown Friday by the R. H. Ellis & Sons family of Chrisman, Ill. The Ellis family is represented by Phil, 28, and his wife, Joyce. It was the first time the Ellis family has completed in the Polled Hereford show sponsored by the Iowa breed association in Des Moines.

IOWAN WINS AT GAMMON SHOW

Robert J. Dittmer, Lacona livestockman who is president of the Iowa Polled Hereford Association, was the only Iowan to win a championship Friday at the breed's B. O. Gammon Show held at the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.



ROBERT J. DITTMER

Dittmer, 53, is a long-time Polled Hereford breeder. But his win Friday was his first championship finish at the show sponsored by the Iowa Polled Hereford Association.

The show and sale is dedicated to B. O. Gammon, 86, of Des Moines, who assisted his father, the late Warren Gammon, in the starting of Polled Hereford cattle.

There were 40 bulls and 12 females entered by breeders from five states in the show. The cattle will be sold at auction in the fairgrounds cattle barn starting at 11:30 a.m. today.

Dittmer won his championship with Carol T 7133, a Polled Hereford heifer calving in January, 1967. The reserve champion female was Nora Lamplighter 5, shown by Walter Norris of Glencoe, Ill. Norris is a Chicago, Ill., businessman who has a cattle farm at Burlington, Wis.

The champion bull was RE Choice Mixer, a calf exhibited by R. H. Ellis & Sons of Chrisman, Ill. One of the sons, Phil, 28, exhibited the winner. The reserve champion bull honors were won by MVF Win-

U.S. REBUFF TO SWEDEN

WASHINGTON, D.C. (REUTERS) — American-Swedish relations were reported heavily strained over Vietnam Friday with the U.S. ambassador to Stockholm ordered home for special "consultations" with the State Department.

Although officials refused to say so outright, there were strong indications Ambassador William H. Heath was summoned to Washington as a gesture registering U.S. displeasure over recent Swedish actions.

Diplomatic tension has been brewing for some weeks following Swedish overtures to North Vietnam, and the neutral Scandinavian nation's action in granting sanctuary to a growing group of American military deserters.

Health's recall was announced by the American Embassy in Stockholm. He is due here Wednesday for an "indefinite" stay, leaving the U.S. Mission in charge of a lower-ranking diplomat.

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Heave a Thigh for Malawi Mini-Skirts

BLANTYRE, MALAWI (REUTERS) — The Malawi government, which banned mini-skirts Tuesday, officially defined them Friday as "skirts that leave any part of the thigh bare." Any foreign girl found wearing a mini will be asked to leave the country under the ban and stores selling them will be closed.

Report Gun Not Death Weapon

LA PORTE CITY, IA. — Ballistic tests confirmed Friday that a gun taken from a man arrested in Cedar Falls is not the weapon used in the slaying of Dale Redman, 57, owner of the La Porte City Dairy.

Redman was shot eight times in the face and head Tuesday night inside his dairy. A gun of the type believed used in the slaying was taken from Harold Henry Carstens, 27, of Waterloo, late Wednesday night after he had asked for overnight lodging in the Cedar Falls jail.

The weapon was tested in Des Moines by the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation. State agents continued working on the case here Friday, but no new developments were reported.

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Willard Paintings Found Under Paper

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO (AP) — A number of paintings found on the walls of a home have been identified by B. E. Kelly, curator of the Fayette County Historical Society Museum, as the work of Archibald M. Willard, who painted the famed "Spirit of '76." A flag-flanked American shield bearing a spread eagle was uncovered on a wall and more paintings and scroll work were found in the house of Miss Marian Moore when wallpaper was removed for redecorating.

ACCORD TOLD IN FARM UNITS

By Don Muhm (The Register's Farm Editor)

A University of Wisconsin agricultural economist told mid-west Lutheran Church leaders in Des Moines Friday that there is basic agreement among the major farm organizations on many matters important in agriculture.



GLEN C. PULVER

"You most frequently hear that farm organizations don't agree on things," pointed out Dr. Glen C. Pulver, dean of Human Resource Development at the University of Wisconsin.

"Yet, there are many areas of agreement today between the Farm Bureau, the National Farmers Organization (N.F.O.), the Farmers Union and the Grange," continued Dr. Pulver. He defined some of the areas where farm organizations and their leaders are in agreement:

Farmers are in price and income trouble, and farmers should be in charge of programs or policies that will lead to financial improvements.

Continued growth and efficiency in farming is a "must."

There is general agreement that "collective bargaining" is needed for farmers. Farmers should be more in control of their destinies, with less influence by government agencies or other "outside" sources.

Farmers are generally willing to give up something, such as freedom in favor of production controls, in order to gain higher incomes.

"In the final analysis, there are many areas where the farm organizations are extremely close together in their thinking," Dr. Pulver said.

But he warned that there are problem areas for agriculture: "If agriculture is to gain in its economic position, farmers must recognize this is no game for amateurs," Dr. Pulver stated. "The people farmers deal with are 'pros' and the farmer must be ready to pay for the kinds of know-how it takes to make gains."

As far as the church is concerned, Dr. Pulver suggested greater efforts to help farmers and farm people organize so that they have "a voice" in their affairs and "the courage to see their plight."

The conference was staged for Lutheran Church officials and laymen from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, North Dakota and South Dakota. The two-day meeting was held at Holiday Inn South.

Probe Sabotage Of Parachutes

ST. LOUIS, MO. (AP) — Four parachutes used by Missouri Air National Guard jet fighter pilots were deliberately damaged last month, a guard officer disclosed Friday.

Col. William Cannon, operations officer for the 131st Tactical Fighter Wing based at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, said the FBI had been investigating the incident for several weeks.

Cannon said the damage was discovered during a weekend drill Feb. 17-18 by parachute riggers. The webbing straps holding the body harness to the parachute canopy were slashed on one chute and container straps on three others were cut.

Parsons Student Dies of Injuries

(The Register's Iowa News Service) DAVENPORT, IA. — Peter H. Genetive, 21, of Mamaroneck, N.Y., died here at Mercy Hospital Friday of injuries suffered in an auto accident here Mar. 1.

Genetive, a student at Parsons College at Fairfield, was riding in a car which hit a utility pole on West River drive. Four other Parsons students escaped with minor injuries.

See Threat to Iowa Growth In Bond Ruling by Treasury

By Gene Raffensperger

Two Iowa development leaders said Friday the state's future industrial growth rate could be slowed by the U.S. Treasury Department's proposal to remove municipal industrial revenue bonds from the tax exempt status.

However, an Iowa banker who has been one of the leaders in the industrial development of the state said he felt the ruling would not hurt Iowa because it will apply equally to other states who have been using the law.

Spurred Growth "This type of financing has been used in Iowa frequently since 1963 and is credited with spurring the state's industrial growth. The Treasury Department has proposed that as of Mar. 15 the income from these bonds can no longer be exempted from a buyer's income tax.

The logical conclusion is that buyers will not find the bonds so attractive an investment now. Said Robert Beh, vice-president of the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, the firm that has underwritten many of the Iowa issues:

"If the ruling stands we will have lost the tool that provided Iowa with the only real accelerated industrial development in our history. "The logical conclusion is that it is going to hurt future industrial development — unless we are willing to go out in the competitive market and work for new industry."

Said L. L. Jurgemeyer, Clinton attorney and member of the Clinton Development Company, an organization which has promoted industrial growth in the city:

"I don't think there is any question that this ruling will hurt industrial development in the state. It is certainly not the end of the trail by any means, but it will make it tougher for some industries to go ahead with their expansion plans in these times of high interest rates."

Optimistic View Ernest Hayes, Mount Pleasant banker and member of the Iowa Development Commission, takes a more optimistic viewpoint: "We wanted the law in Iowa because our neighbors had it and we felt that we were entitled to the same breaks. "Now if the ruling stands, all the states will be in the same boat and I don't think it will hurt us too much. We will have to find other means to attract industry to Iowa."

The ruling will have nationwide repercussions since about 40 states currently use the system to help get industry started or expanded in their states.

Lawrence (Pat) Touché, deputy director of the Iowa Development Commission, said Friday he has been summoned to Washington, D.C., for a meeting Monday with members of the Association of State Planning and Development Agencies.

The Treasury ruling on the bonds will be the only item up for discussion at this meeting, said Touché.

"At this time we really don't know what the effect of the ruling will be," he said. "About all we know is that it appears the municipal revenue bond financing has been brought to a screeching halt."

For years prior to 1963, Iowa development leaders complained that the state was handicapping itself in attempting to attract industry because the state did not have the industrial bond law. The argument was that other states that had the law were proving more attractive to industry.

Issue Bonds The Iowa law enacted in 1963 provided that a city or town could issue municipal revenue bonds to finance construction of a factory. Revenue to retire the bonds could come from payments made by the industry that moved into the factory. The industry also paid an amount equal to what it would have had to pay in terms of local taxes.

The town issuing the bonds actually owned the factory until the bonds were paid off.

The attraction to the industry was the low interest rate at which the bonds could be sold. The interest rate was low because the bonds were exempt from income tax to the buyer.

\$4,800 Grant for Grand View Prof

Thomas J. Rider, chemistry professor at Grand View College, has received a grant of \$4,800 from the Lutheran Church in America Board of College Education for graduate study at Iowa State University at Ames.

On sabbatical leave from Grand View, Rider will complete work for his doctorate in science education from June, 1968, to September, 1969.

A member of the Grand View faculty for eight years, Rider received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Drake University, and in 1965-66 he was awarded a National Science Foundation grant for study at Iowa State, where he received his M.S. degree.

HATCHER: 'GARY ISN'T IMMUNE'

By Jack Hovelson (Register Staff Writer)

WATERLOO, IA. — The mayor of Gary, Ind., said here Friday the fact that he is a Negro does not make Gary immune from racial disturbances this summer.



RICHARD G. HATCHER

"Some people think that if a city has a Negro mayor, that will insulate them from racial trouble. I don't believe that," Richard G. Hatcher said.

"Worried about this summer? Of course I'm worried," Hatcher said.

Gary, with a population of approximately 200,000, is about 55 per cent Negro. In a 75,000-vote turnout last November, Hatcher was elected Mayor by a 1,800-vote margin over a white opponent.

"Polka-Dot," Mayor "I can expect the same problems of any other mayor, whether he's white, black or polka-dot," the 34-year-old Hatcher said.

He said Gary has the "usual" urban racial problems with housing, law enforcement and schools.

Hatcher said he has initiated a number of programs to relieve these situations. One of his ventures is a pilot program called the "square block" plan.

"We're going to single out one block in Gary and give it everything we can — garbage pickups five days a week if we have to, strict housing inspections, assistance in getting loans.

"We want to show people just what can be done for an area," he said.

Hatcher, in Waterloo to speak Friday night at a Zone 2 meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, said finding jobs for Negroes in itself "is not enough."

Need Experience "Minority group people must have the experience of heading corporations and hiring people," he said.

"We've worried about jobs, housing and education. What we really need is self-confidence among the Negro people," Hatcher said.

Hatcher said that many "social liberals" have used the Vietnam war as an excuse for not spending more money to cure the nation's racial ills.

He said he favors a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam.

To Grand Jury On Drug Count

Donald Eugene Williams of 2219 Washington ave. was bound over to the Polk County Grand Jury Friday following a hearing before Municipal Judge Luther T. Glanton, Jr., on a charge of illegal possession of drugs.

Williams was arrested Feb. 26, on an intoxication charge. Police said when they searched him at the jail they found a plastic bag containing marijuana on his person.

Disturbs Peace

Dale Whelen, also known as Dale John Gant, who said he has no permanent address, was fined \$100 by Judge Glanton for disturbing the peace and quiet.

He was convicted of threatening to extort money from Karol Kimmel of 1220 E. Aurora ave. on Feb. 27.

Early Vote Results Back Union Strike

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — The Communications Workers of America A.F.L.-C.I.O. said Friday the first results of a strike vote at the Western Electric Co. showed heavy sentiment for a walkout. The union said its St. Louis, Mo., unit had voted 313 to 5 against accepting the company's last wage offer.

Feared Churning in Stock Deals

I.P.E.R.S. ---

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only. Despite the procedural errors, the board did not recommend action against the Bullock contract, effective Apr. 1.

Four of the five board members met with the commission Friday. Besides the failure to solicit proposals, board members cited other discrepancies.

When the Bullock firm lowered its fee by more than half, its competitors also should have been given a second chance," said the board chairman, State Representative A. L. Mensing (Rep., Lowden).

Commission members said they did not contact Bullock after the competing offers had been made. The Bullock firm voluntarily reduced its fee, they said.

The board vice-chairman, State Senator Howard Reppert (Dem., Des Moines), said the board advised the commission in December to seek out proposals, including some from Iowa banks.

"I was assured you were getting more proposals," said Reppert.

Board member Dale DeKoster, a Waterloo banker, said the board had hoped the commission would interview the top one investment companies in the country.

the board could review the choice. Board members had been told at their last meeting with the commission in January that no contract had been signed when, in fact, Bullock was hired in December.

"I had to read it in the newspaper," complained DeKoster, "and I think this is wrong."

The commission chairman, J. W. Janssen, agreed: "The board should have been informed."

Board members also said the commission should not have considered hiring a "lead broker," which Commissioner Henry E. Carter sought to do last fall. The other commissioners opposed the idea and Carter later dropped it.

Carter on Nov. 21 had made a motion to hire Douglas Securities, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., as "lead broker" to handle all buy and sell orders on stocks owned by I.P.E.R.S.

A Douglas Securities employe, John M. Pogue, made the original contacts with the commission on behalf of Bullock last summer.

Pogue reportedly proposed a joint arrangement in which Bullock would recommend which stocks to buy and sell and Douglas would handle the brokerage for a separate fee.

vestment recommendations." "It behooves us to make sure there is no hanky panky," said DeKoster. "I feel the counseling service should be separate from the brokerage."

The board executive secretary, W. F. Poorman, president of a Des Moines insurance company, agreed with DeKoster. "Your fear is justified," he said. "It's a fear of churning."

Poorman said "churning" is a term used to designate a practice in which advisers recommend purchase or sales of stock in order to generate a fee, rather than for any definite investment purpose.

He said there is "quite a tendency" at present for counseling firms to offer brokerage services "and for broker firms to supply counseling services for a fee."

The commission's contract with Bullock, effective Apr. 1, excludes any brokerage arrangement. Chairman Janssen has said he opposed the Pogue offer at the outset and declined to back Carter's motion two months later to hire Douglas Securities.

DeKoster told of national interest in reducing brokerage fees on large purchases, including the kind I.P.E.R.S. makes. The Federal Securities and Exchange Commission considers fees on volume orders too high.

"There is nothing we can do but see that it is done fairly and that influence is kept out," said DeKoster.

missioner Carter to explain the choice of Bullock. Janssen had abstained on the vote to hire that firm. Commissioner Reed voted with Carter.

Carter told the advisory board: "I don't think I have to explain. I think it was a matter of judgment. . . . There was no one solicited and no one asked to change bids or anything else."

Carter compared the choice to buying a car: "You certainly go for the lowest price and the best salesman."

Representative Mensing (Rep., Lowden), alluded to Bullock reducing its price and asked, "If someone comes along and tries to sell you that car for half-price, doesn't that make you kind of suspicious?"

"It seemed to me Calvin Bullock seemed the best," replied Carter. "You have to have experience to show that Legislature and you have to have experience to show this advisory board. . . . I feel we made the right judgment."

Poorman said the best approach to handling the growing I.P.E.R.S. portfolio may be to have a state investment staff.

The Employment Commission has considered this idea but presently regards it as too expensive, members said. I.P.E.R.S. is the retirement program for employes of the state, local school districts, the counties and municipalities in Iowa.

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