

PIPEFULS By JIM DAY

From Green Park Hotel, Half Moon street, Piccadilly, London, young Chris Stockton, Bakersfield schoolboy, writes the last of his series of European letters. Chrissy has been traveling with his mother and sister through the major European countries this summer. His style and spelling in the following letter are unchanged:

Dear Mr. Day:

Not long ago we left the bonnie place of Scotland. We stayed in Glasgow and took trips out to see the country. First we went on the Trossachs trip and saw the gate way to the highland Sterling castle and various locks, one of which was the famous lock Lomand and the Walter Scott country which he describes in "Lady of the Lake" and "Rob Roy."

Carnegie Home

The next trip we took was to "Dunfermline." Mr. Carnegies home. We went here to see "The Saxon Saint," a play about Saint Margaret, queen of Scotland who tried to change the religion of Scotland. The play took place in the nave of Dunfermline Abbey and the play was being put on by the Carnegie Trust funds. In the gardens around the abbey were ruins and many peacocks. This play was connected with the Edinburgh festival.

Johnson's Play

The following day we went to Edinburgh and saw "Bartholomew Fair" by Samuel Johnson and produced by the Old Vic Theater company of London. This was the first time since 1720 that the play had been produced.

Clans of Scotland

One other trip we took was to the Braemar gathering of the Scottish clans which is held once a year in the small village of Braemar way up in the high lands of Scotland. Here the cows have long hair and you see the high land sheep with their long hair, black faces and big curled horns. You go up there by bus then if you have a seat you sit but if you don't you stand. There is dancing, high jumping, pole vaulting, wrestling, cumberland style, broad jumping, racing and many other things. Some of the dances we saw were the highland fling, the sailors hornpipe, a wonderful one and the sword dance where swords are laid on the ground in the shape of a cross. Then you dance patterns around the swords hoping you will not disturb them.

The Royal Family

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon his royal majesty the King, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret arrived. Following them was the mass band of bagpipers and drummers which marched around the field. Some people standing next to us had some binoculars and knew every person in the royal box so we saw the royal family quite well. When the royal family was settled there were the main events.

Throw the Caber

The throwing of the "caber" tossing a huge log. Three men came out with a log on their shoulders and they gave it to a man who was to throw the log head over heels. After many tries the winner was picked and Queen Elizabeth came with the royal family to award the prize. After it was awarded five men with a log that was so heavy that it had never been thrown, it was given to the winner to try and throw it for her majesty the Queen but to this day the log has never been thrown.

Go to London

A few days later we left for London. We arrived in London on a Saturday and to our astonishment it was very quiet because cars and buses are not allowed to honk their horns. We first went on the afternoon tour and saw Westminster Abbey and the chair where the kings are crowned. It is carved up by the school boys of London. That night we saw the play "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," by Pinero. The following day we went to "Stratford on Avon" and saw Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's cottage. Then we had lunch and saw "Much Ado About Nothing," one of Shakespeare's comedies.

The next day we went to Hatfield palace which is where Princess Elizabeth was in prison as a young girl. After lunch we saw the new Hatfield palace which is open to the public but in one wing the Hatfield family still lives. During the war the Hatfield house was a hospital. On the way to the Hatfield palace we stopped at a big Roman ruin now called St. Albans. We saw the ruins of an outdoor Roman theater and a museum with Roman relics in it.

British Rain

That night we saw "The Ace of Clubs," by Noel Coward, a comedy. After this we took the morning tour but since it was raining we did not see the changing of the guards. We did see Downing street, lord mayor of London's

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New Events Claim Kern Fair Spotlight



STOCK SADDLE COMPETITION—Margaret Shank, up on Honey-boy, rides over to Ken Lewis to receive her trophy and ribbon award in the stock saddle class for children under 18 at last night's horse show.

Flower Show Opens Today at Fair Grounds

The flower show of the county fair opened this morning and will remain open for the remaining three days of the fair.

The show, featuring classes for roses, perennials, annuals, potted plants and flower arrangements, is being held in the same section of the old OPA building occupied by the art and photography displays.

Mrs. Robb Walt is chairman of the floriculture division and various flower and garden clubs of the county are co-operating in arranging and conducting the show. The specimens were set up last night and this morning and were judged by William H. Henderson of Fresno.

The rose class includes many beautiful specimens of various types of roses; the perennial class includes chrysanthemums and gerberas. Among the annuals are asters, zinnias, cockscombs and marigolds, and the bulb class includes dahlias and cannas. The class for potted plants includes begonias, orchids, ferns, fuchsias, African daisies and succulents.

A wide variety of ingenious and artistic designs are shown in the class for flower arrangements. Included are arrangements appropriate to national holidays, fall flowers in low containers, arrangements in the Victorian manner, geranium arrangements, miniatures, arrangements of foliage materials, and some unusual arrangements utilizing rocks, wood, bark and berries.

KERN'S FIRST INDUCTEES OFF FOR L. A.

Seventy-one local draftees, Kern county's first contingent, left Bakersfield this morning for induction in Los Angeles. Twenty-four other I-A's left from outlying points in Taft, Inyokern and Mojave.

The inductees assembled at draft headquarters, 704 East Twenty-first street, were checked onto two chartered buses and were on their way to Los Angeles by 8:15 a.m.

The total induction quota was 95 men. From this area, 26 reported from Board 79, 35 from board 78, and 77 from draft board 20.

Man Injured Dodging Plane

Bill Harden, 21, of 801 Normandy Drive owes his life to a tumble. He is recovering today from injuries of the face and leg, suffered when he tripped Wednesday evening while running from the path of an approaching airplane.

Harden was acting as flagman on the Bryan Smith Farms, Edison Highway, while a primary training plane, converted for crop-dusting work, flew over the field to spray against insects.

Pilot Maurice Robb, Jr., 25, 116 West Belle Drive, came low over the field, not seeing Harden in the path of the plane.

Record Crowds See Livestock, Flower Judging

To date 49,770 persons have answered the call of "Come to the Fair" with attendance breaking the records, and point to the 100,000 gate expected by the time the lights go off Sunday night.

Flowers, music, judging, melodramas, and the gaiety of the fairway kept throngs busy today with entertainment, while the community booths, educational exhibits, minerals, copper work, commercial exhibits, Hall of Health drew their share of visitors.

The horse show will build up the fair attendance again tonight. There were 14,526 who passed through the gates Thursday and as many or more are expected today.

Highlight of today was the judging of the floriculture exhibit in the office building of the fair, where dozens of entries made spectacular story of beautiful fall gardens.

Livestock Judged

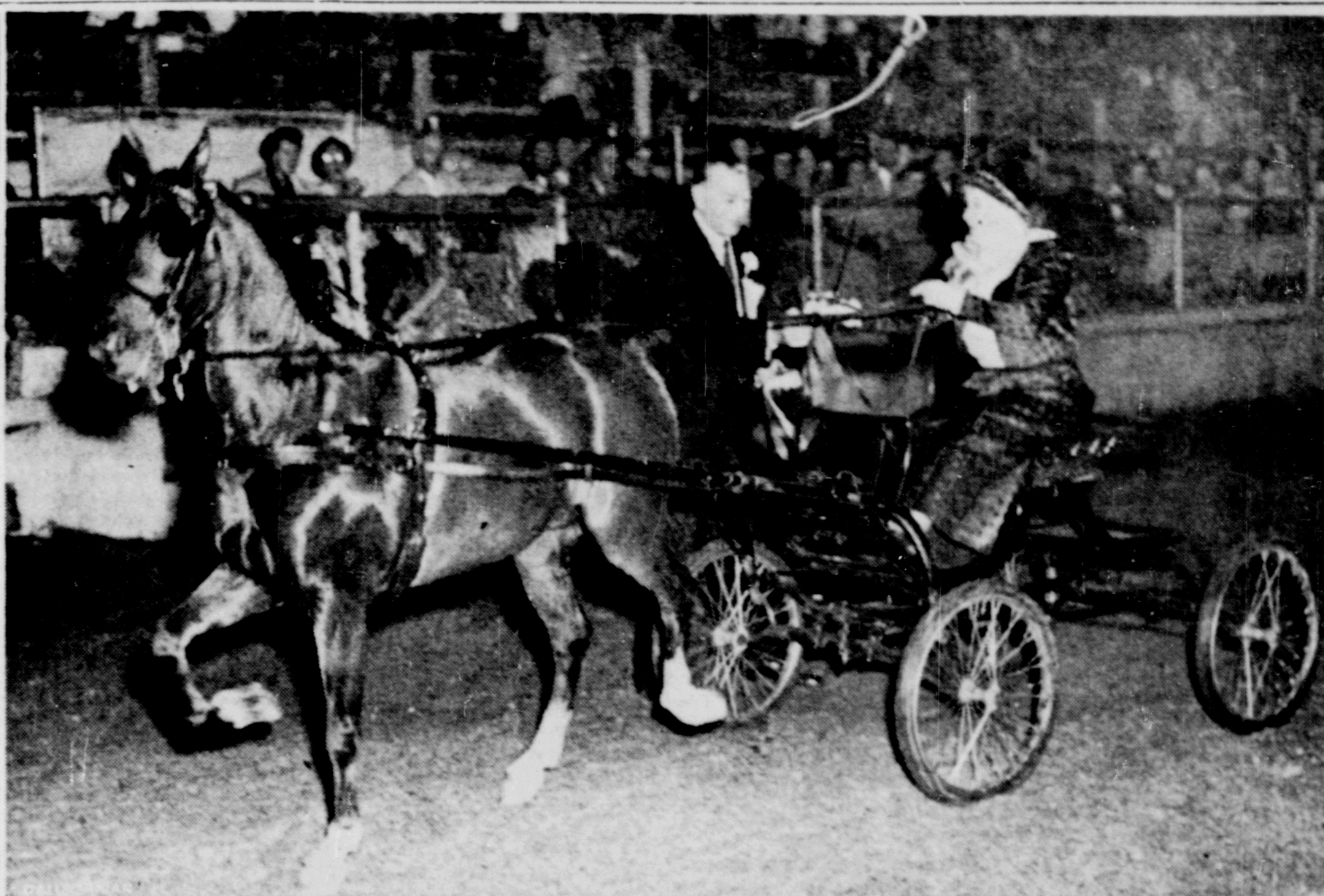
At the livestock show today, there was judging of sheep, and early this afternoon the displays in the floriculture show were judged and ribbons distributed. These exhibits will remain in place through Saturday and Sunday.

The band concert outside the gates near the Chamber of Commerce building was popular last night and will be repeated tonight with the local Musicians' Union performing from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Each day of the fair, sections of the county are honored. Today's fairground spotlight falls on Ridgecrest, Inyokern, Isabella, Kernville, Randsburg, Tehachapi, Caliente, Mendocino, Boron and Johnneshburg. Wasco and Delano will be the honored cities tomorrow, followed Sunday by all-county day.

The complete Saturday program will be as follows:

- 9:30 a.m.—Gates open.
- 9:30 a.m.—Judging Round Robin of 4-H club winners in beef, swine, dairy cattle, and sheep, for Safe-way trophy.
- 1 p.m.—Fat stock auction sale.
- 2:30 p.m.—Free entertainment by strolling performers about the fair grounds.
- 4 p.m.—Organ recital at the band stand, Earl Wells, organist.
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- 6:30 p.m.—Organ recital at the band stand, Earl Wells.
- 7 to 7:15 p.m.—Band concert outside of the main gate.
- 7 to 7:30 p.m.—Melodrama by the Kern County Recreation and Cultural Commission thespians, at the band stand.
- 7:30 p.m.—Horse show.
- 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.—Band concert.
- 8 p.m.—Judging of photography in the administration building.
- 8:15 to 8:30 p.m.—Barber shop quartet at the band stand.
- 8:30 to 9 p.m.—Professional entertainers at the band stand.
- 9 p.m.—Square dancing in front of the band stand.
- 10 p.m.—Gates closed.



COLLECTING TOP RIBBON—Driver Mrs. J. A. Smith passes by Ringmaster Herb Vaughn to collect her ribbon in the Hackney Harness pony event at the second night's presentation of Kern County's Horse Show. Mrs. Smith was driving Modern Maiden.



HARNESS SHOW—Smiling Juliet Happ reaches for her prize ribbon from the hand of Ken Lewis, president of the Bakersfield Frontier Days Association as she tops the class in the Ponies to Bike competition at last night's Kern County Horse Show.

Auction Climaxes Livestock Shows at County Fair

Approximately 150 head of the finest animals displayed in the livestock division of the county fair will be auctioned Saturday at the annual fat stock sale. The sale will begin at 1 p.m.

Details of the sale were worked out yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the junior livestock committee headed by Glenn Noy of Shafter.

The Kern county stock sale is one of the biggest and most important in the state, according to Howard K. Dickson, vice-chairman of the fair board, being exceeded in size and importance only by the junior sales at the Great Western Livestock Show in Los Angeles in December, and the Grand National Show at the San Francisco Cow Palace in the spring.

"The animals to be auctioned here Saturday are the cream of the junior division," Dickson said. "Every Kern county family will have a chance to bid for a champion or at least a choice animal."

All champions in the junior division will go on the auction block, that being one of the requirements for entering the competition. Those that are not champions are at least "choice" specimens.

The junior livestock committee ruled yesterday that only one animal from each exhibiting family can be offered for sale, unless a family happens to have more than one champion.

Approximately 100 fat steers, 25 lambs and 25 hogs will be sold at the auction. With each family being permitted to enter only one animal in the sale, this means that about 150 Kern county families will have a direct interest in the auction.

Animals sold at the auction on Saturday will be held at the fairgrounds and weighed Monday morning. The amount to be paid will be on the basis of Monday morning weight.

Colonel Hardy of the Bakersfield Auction Company will be the auctioneer. He will be assisted in the ring by Bill Boehm of Arvin, member of the fair board, and Cleo Brooks of the Union Stock Yards, Los Angeles. The sale will be held in the judging ring at the west end of the livestock area.

Competition Sharpens as Horse Show Nears Big-Money Events

Rudnick Sells Trainer Planes to Transocean

The sale of 14 two-seater primary training planes to Transocean Air Lines brings the training program of the Indonesian Air Force a step closer to reality today.

Miss Elyne H. Rudnick, owner and operator of Bakersfield Air Park, sold the Stearman trainers to Transocean Wednesday. The 14 planes have been parked on the South Union avenue air strip since their purchase from army surplus stock at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, in August of 1949.

The U.S. government paid some \$13,000 each for the training planes in 1942. Miss Rudnick's purchase of 53 primary trainers at Hill Field was the largest single purchase of war surplus planes in aviation history.

Samuel L. Wilson, vice-president of Transocean, and Herbert A. Webb, director of Talco Academy of Aeronautics at Oakland, effected the purchase "as is and where is."

The craft will be checked by Transocean and flown to Minter Field October 15 in readiness for a 10-month air training program for 60 Indonesians. The natives of the new republic will not arrive until November 1, coming by plane from the former Dutch possession in the East Indies.

Transocean has the contract to train the student fliers to be combat pilots. Claiming to be the world's largest non-scheduled airline, Transocean may be asked to train two subsequent classes for the Republic of Indonesia, at Kern county's Minter Field.

AWNING BLAZES

City firemen extinguished a blazing awning on the Hopkins building, corner of Chester avenue and Nineteenth street, yesterday with a loss of \$50. The fire was reported at 1:42 p.m. Firemen believe a lighted cigarette thrown from an upstairs window may have started the fire.

BUS WALKOUT LOOMS IN WAGE DISPUTE HERE

Bakersfield bus riders may be affected Monday unless the transit company and the drivers and mechanics union can agree on a contract.

Paul Ford, president of the Kern Transportation Union, said today that strike action looms after two months of "fruitless meetings" with the Bakersfield Transit Company.

The contract covering about 50 operators and mechanics expires October 2. At 2 a.m. meeting today, the union voted a unanimous authorization for its officials to take whatever action it deems necessary.

According to the union head, the workers asked a 10 cent hourly raise and other contract changes but the company offered a two-cent raise after a union move to drop other fringe issues.

W. M. Mickelberry, manager of the company, would offer no comment on the development this morning.

Gunshot Injures Orange Rancher

Charles B. Schertz, Bakersfield orange grower, was reported slightly injured today from gunshot wounds which may have been self-inflicted Wednesday afternoon or accidental.

Schertz, 52, owner of a ranch at Eucalyptus Drive, reportedly was found near his car near Eucalyptus and Morning Drives in a critical condition.

Kern General Hospital attendants today reported his condition improved to "only fair."

HANGS UP RECORD

MELROSE, Mass.—(UPI)—Benjamin Guppy has retired as a structural engineer for the Boston & Maine Railroad after 61 years of railroad service.

\$600 Stakes Await Winners Here Tonight

An increasingly lively competitive spirit was noticeable at last night's performance of the Bakersfield National Horse Show as riders and drivers looked eagerly forward to the important and valuable stake events to be held tonight and tomorrow.

Two \$600 stake events—one for roadsters and one for fine harness horses—are on the program for tonight, and competition is expected to be keen in all classes as participants point toward the final contests Saturday night.

The closing performance on Saturday night will have three \$1000 stake events, one \$750 stake, one class with prizes totaling \$600, and two in which participants will compete for \$500 stakes. In addition to the large cash prizes, riders in the three-gaited saddle horse class will also strive for the Harvey Slade memorial trophy.

Large Crowd

Last night's show was attended by a crowd far larger than that which witnessed the first night's events and show officials are preparing for a capacity attendance tonight and tomorrow. General Chairman Ken Lewis again kept his word last night by starting the show promptly at 7:30. The last event was over at 10:30. By starting the show at the time advertised, the events can be run off in time to permit spectators to take a quick swing around the fairgrounds before heading home.

The audience caught some of the enthusiasm of the participants last night, and was generous with cheers and applause.

A new class for the Bakersfield show, harness show ponies to bikes, with ladies driving, made a hit with the audience. This class, developed on the West Coast, had competed in only two previous shows. It was announced. It was a fast-stepping.

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