THE KENT & SUSSEX FAIR

Back in the mauve decade there died the world's greatest showman, Phineas T. Barnum, coiner of that gem in the crown of Ballyhoo, "Bigger and Better."

This phrase is now a hackneyed one. Time and constant repetition have worn it threadbare, and the modern world, ever crying for something original, something new, w soon relegate to the limbo of things that were—but not until this year's Kent and Sussex Fair has passed into history—for how can you describe such a Fair as we are to have this year without this trite expression, "Bigger and Better?"

Every press agent in history has revealed in the use of superlatives, and, like the poor, the superlative will always be with us. It has to be to describe a Fair of such magnitude as the Kent and Sussex Fair at Harrington is to be this year of 1930.

This Fair has become the outstanding event of the year on the Eastern Shore. People from other cities veteran Fair men (with apologies to the eternal feminine) have marveled that such a stupendous affair, in town of this size, could be. It is because the men at the helm are "Fai Conscious;" it is because their thoughts during the year—and over a stretch of years—are for the improvement of this organization. With a unanimity seldom seen in any organization, they have planned—and succeeded in making each year's Fair a bit more attractive than the previous one. How well they have succeeded is illustrated in that infallible criterion, the attendance. Of the dozens of Fairs along the Atlantic seaboard, about five exceed in attendance the Kent and Sussex Fair—and these are cities like Reading, Allentown and Trenton.

The Fair will be featured by the greatest exhibits of Live Stock and Agricultural Exhibits ever shown on the Eastern Shore. Practically every exhibitor of last year is back—and many more. The Poultry Show, The Home Economic Exhibit, The Farm Machinery Exhibit, the Swine Show, the 4-H Club Exhibit and many others will be featured this year on a scale not heretofore attempted.

Within the past few years the calcium rays have been focused upon racing in Harrington. Many records have been broken here—and this year's races will not suffer by comparison with that of former years. Pony racing is another feature of interest, while the Mule Races, as staged at the Kent and Sussex Fair, pack as many spills as the other races pack thrills. The Vaudeville and Hippodrome attractions this year are unexcelled, while Basille's incomparable Madison Square Band, the greatest (we must throw in a superlative here, because Basille and his boys deserve it) band of musicians the show has ever known, will be back again.

The children come first. On Tuesday, the opening day, all children under 16 years of age are admitted to the grounds free, day and night. The grandstand is free to everybody on this day.

Wednesday is everybody's day — and everybody will be here. The big Free-for-All Race on this day packs 'em in from the most remote corner of the peninsula. The racing epic of the Eastern Shore—and many of the best horses in the country entered.

Thursday is Governor's Day and Governor Buck and his staff will be the guests of the Fair officials. This is the day on which the horde of politicians, of all sizes, colors and architectural designs, grasp the hands of the timid voter and beg for a chance to bleed and die for him. Four big racing events on this day, and one of the outstanding events of the week, the cattle parade. Do not confuse this cattle parade with the politicians' attempt to herd the voters.

Friday—more horse races, and of an unusually high calibre. And then the mule race! Melancholy mules, with ambitious Africans riding them like Tam O'Shanter; for, at the end of the race, in addition to the award of long green, spondulix, mazuma, kale or filthy lucre, there will be that dream of Ethiopia throughout the ages—a huge watermellon, garnished with a basket of yams and a baby 'possum.

If you want to see distance annihilated, exterminated, evaporated — or what have you, attend the automobile races on Saturday. Seven sensational speed events by some of the fastest drivers in America. The grounds are always filled to overflowing on this day—and this year, weather permitting, all records for attendance should be broken on Saturday. The program arranged justifies our making this assertion.

And every night—a mammoth show —with the grandstand free! Concert, vaudeville, fireworks.

Most medical graduates will have a hard time operating on their Latin phraseology.

Trade Facts Are Against President

Washington, July. — Commenting upon the effect of the tariff on foreign trade, the New York Times takes the following paragraph for a text:

Cease exporting automobiles t South America or Europe and automobile wokrers are thrown out of employment in Michigan. The suffering does not stop there. It only begins. The steel mills slacken in Pennsylvania and Indiana. The mines employ fewer workers at Lake Superior. And every farmer in the United States suffers from the diminished purchasing power and enforced stringency in thousands of homes.

"This analysis of the foreign trade situation," says the Times, "which seems so pat to the day's news was not made by a besotted free-trader. It is taken from the speech which Mr. Hoover, when a candidate for the Presidency made on September 17th, 1928, at Newark, N. J. Our exporters of automobiles, who at present see their foreign demand cut down, and read with concern of threatened or actually enacted higher taxes on their products in France and Italy, might well turn back to Mr. Hoover's prophecy as unhappily in the way of fulfillment.

The Times recalls that frequently in the course of a campaign for the Presidency, Mr. Hoover spoke of the relation of the protective tariff to our export trade and avers that he was aware of the apparent contraction between high duties against foreign goods and larger purchases of our products abroad. "But he was convinced," says the Times, "that the Republican Party had shown how the two things might be consistent. His argument was that in spite of everything our foreign trade had greatly expanded. In the same way, he sought to prove that the policies of the Republican Party had made anything like extensive employmtnt in this country impossible.

" It is needless to labor the point that the facts have gone against the President on both these subjects."

In some parts of the Shenandoah Valley wheat yielded this year 30 bushels to the acre instead of 20 bushels as formerly. Presumably Secetary Hyde and Chairman Legge in their crusade to cut down the surplus will propose some plan to stop that.

A roto photograph from California shows a musical comedy chorus dancing on top of a stranded whale. Added to Jonah's problem is the family upstairs.

Sam the Glazier—Business is rotten. I ain't sold a piece o' glass for two months.

Mayor Biggs—Cheer up, Sam. We're gonna organize a fire department next week.

Miss Pimpkins (at picnic)—Oh, gracious, there's an ant in my coffee. Will it hurt it

Mr. Simpkins—Hurt it? Heavens woman, it'll kill it.

Wife—I've changed my mind.

Hubby — Well, does it work any better?

LIVING COSTS GOING DOWN

Clouds of the business depression have a silver lining for the wage earner sure of his job with no reduction of pay, and for the person with a fixed income.

Old high cost of living, ogre of the war and post-war period, isn't the terrifying figure it used to be, and the slump in commodity prices gives promise of making it still less formidable. The consumer's dollar now goes much farther than it did in 1928 and a bit further than it did in 1929, and may go even further before the end of 1930.

Ethelbert Stewart, commissioner of labor statistics at Washington, says the purchasing power of the retail or "home" dollar applied to foodstuffs last May was $1,056 compared with $1 in July, 1929. For a family whose monthly outlay for food is about $50, the saving is from $2.50 to $3 a month, no small item in homes where pennies are potent.

Government economics say that while a decline in retail prices is virtually never commensurate with the drop in wholesale prices, the current slump in the latter should add some power to the home dollar.

Getting down to the "meat and potatoes" of the situation, the retail prices of 22 articles of food decreased from April 15 to May 15, the latest period on which prices are vailable.

Olga Ugly—I see here where a man married a woman for money. You wouldn't marry me for money, would you?

Petty Pete—Why, no; I wouldn't marry you for all the money in the world.

R. Peggio—Howja get those blisters on your finger tips?

La Scala—Twisting the dials of my radio trying to get something besides that danged Maine Stein Song.

4-H CLUB WILL PICNIC AUG. 1

An all-day picnic is being planned by the Boys' and Girl's Clubs of Kent County. Parents of club members and friends of Club Work are urged to look forward to Friday, August 1st, as a holiday, as they are most cordially invited to attend.

A committee working under the leadership of older boys, the All-Stars, is arranging a big time for a big crowd. The place and program will be announced later. Watch for this announcement.

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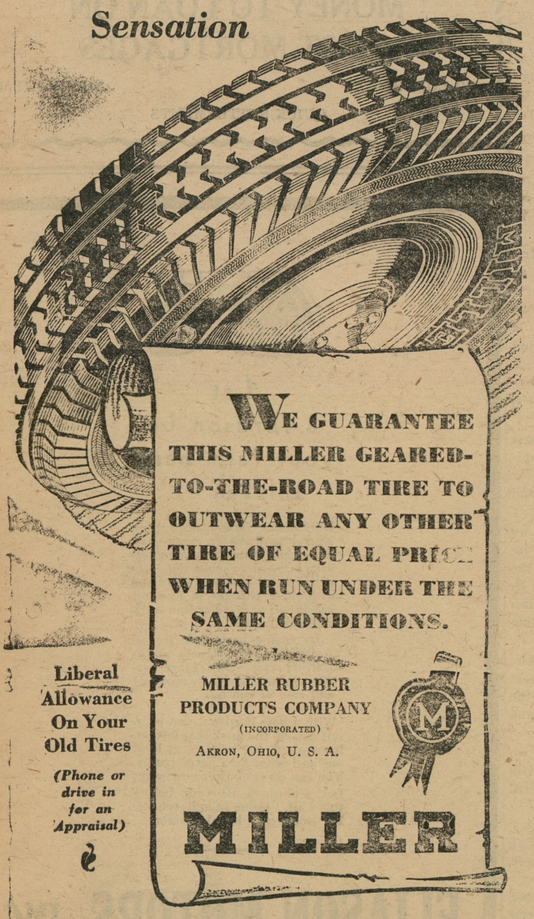

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