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'Oldest Exhibitor'



J. L. Oliver . . . stakes claim as State Fair's oldest poultry exhibitor.

Poultryman Wins Enough Ribbons to Make a Blanket

Railroad Engineer's Cochin Bantams Have Been Fair Feature for 41 Years

Winning blue ribbons at the State Fair is nothing new to J. L. Oliver, 323 E. Iowa St., who claims to be the oldest exhibitor in the Poultry Department.

The 62-year-old man has staked his claim to the title after showing his prize Cochin Bantams for 41 years. In that time he has accumulated enough ribbons to make a blanket and several pin cushions.

Mr. Oliver's longtime record spans the recent history of the Hoosier exposition itself. Since 1908 he has seen the Fair become more streamlined and cleaner, and attendance grow by leaps and bounds.

A New York Central Railroad engineer, Mr. Oliver first brought his cochin to the Fair at the age of 21. Then, the poultry exhibit was housed in an old "dog house" west of the present Poultry building.

Later, the show was housed in a tent. When the present building was erected in 1927, Mr. Oliver was one of the first exhibitors to apply for cage space.

Finest in Country

"The Indiana State Fair is without doubt the finest in the country," says Mr. Oliver. He backs up his statement with his record of placing exhibits in all the nation's major shows.

But the Hoosier exposition wasn't always the best. He recalls the Fair consisted of "wooden sheds and broken-down buildings" at the turn of the century.

Now, he points out, "it's more up-to-date." The poultry exhibit has more breeders, better classes and highly improved breeds. "It's a big change," he says.

Through the years Mr. Oliver has shown only Cochins, a "toy" member of the poultry family. The breed, imported from China to England to the United States, is only about two-thirds the size of regular farm chickens.

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Indiana Guard Opens Drive to Get Atterbury

Officers Point Out Advantages in Training Troops

High ranking Indiana National Guard officers today began a concerted offensive to acquire Camp Atterbury,

The opening skirmish for the sprawling war-built camp 35 miles south of Indianapolis came after the War Department and the National Guard Bureau in Washington directed the state to make a survey of various military establishments within its borders.

Gov. Schricker assigned Maj. John C. Earl, Indiana National Guard engineer, to conduct the survey.

Has an Opportunity

State Adj. Gen. Robison Hitchcock said the state had the opportunity of acquiring Camp Atterbury, Ft. Harrison and a huge government warehouse in suburban Maywood.

Guardsmen also used their urgings in the drive for acquisition of Camp Atterbury after Gov. Schricker and other state officials indicated that the state was unable to support more than one military establishment in Indiana.

State Guard officers pointed out privately that Camp Atterbury has more advantages for training troops than Ft. Harrison.

Requests of Support

In support of their convictions, Guard officers pointed out that:

ONE: Atterbury has artillery and rifle ranges to train troops. Ft. Harrison has no training grounds.

TWO: The Ohio National Guard can use Camp Atterbury jointly with Hoosier Guard.

THREE: Summer training of Hoosier troops will have to be held in Wisconsin, Kentucky or Michigan if Ft. Harrison is acquired.

Military-minded Guard officers complain that the metropolitan location of Ft. Harrison makes it unfit for a guard base.

In addition, they say privately that the Harrison establishment is a permanent military post, "good for golf, swimming and recreation in the officers' club."

Chilly Mornings Are Here to Stay

These chilly mornings are here to stay, Weatherman Paul Miller said today as he forecast minimum readings in the low 50's through Wednesday.

Partly cloudy skies today are expected to accompany a high of 75. Fair weather and a low of 50.

Fog count . . . 169 per cubic yd.

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• You'll find The Times at the scene tonight when they dedicate the new lights at Manual's Delavan Smith Athletic Field.

• A special Times Dedication Edition will be at the field to help honor the occasion which starts with the dedication ceremony at 7:30 p. m. and the game (Manual vs. Beech Grove) at 8 p. m.

• Get your copy of The Times Dedication Edition at the Delavan Smith Athletic Field tonight . . . you'll want to keep it as a souvenir.

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For two United States Senators—Tom Connally (D. Tex.) and Kenneth Wherry (R. Neb.)—stood on the Senate floor and publicly went "bow-wow-wow" at each other while arguing about bringing Gen. MacArthur back to testify on China affairs.

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