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IT'S A HEALTHY STATE

By George Castillo

Oregon is one of the healthiest places in the United States.

Evidence of that is shown in the May issue of the Oregon Health Bulletin. The most dramatic indication is the report that for the first time in history, the state failed to record a single death of a mother from causes associated with child bearing during the first three months of the year.

Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, proudly called it "striking evidence of the quality of medical, nursing, hospital and public health services enjoyed by the people of this state."

A total 8,594 women safely delivered babies in Oregon during the three-month period. It was the achievement of perfection for the state, the latest triumph. In 1951, Oregon established the nation's all-time record low maternal mortality rate of .134 deaths per thousand live births.

This was only one of the indications of the quality of medical care. Also taking dips in the first quarter were total number of deaths, infant deaths and foetal deaths.

Oregon's death rate is far below the national average for the period. In January, the national death rate was 10.6 per 1,000 population, compared to 8.7 for Oregon for the quarter.

Declines General

Declines in deaths were general among the major causes. They are diseases of the heart, cancer, intracranial lesions and accidents.

The decline in infant deaths was not dramatic, but it continued considerably below the national average. The total deaths of infants (under 1 year of age) was 203, a decline of 1 per cent. It was a 5.1 per cent drop from 1956. Seventy-one per cent of the infant deaths occurred during the first month of life.

Another bright spot on the state's records was the decline in accident deaths. For the three-month period, 197 accident fatalities were recorded. Of these, 186 were residents of the state.

This year's figure was far below the 226 deaths from accidents during the first quarter of last year and the 242 in 1956.

Motor vehicle accidents accounted for 84 this year, compared to 95 in 1957. Home accident deaths decreased from 64 to 48 and occupational accident deaths from 22 to 19. The only increase was in the area of deaths in public places (not counting motor vehicles). This figure was up from 29 to 33.

Falls Fatal

Nearly half the home accidents were from falls and occurred mostly among elderly persons. In the occupational category, the number of deaths due to logging operations dropped substantially. Only four lives were claimed.

The bleak part of the report deals with communicable diseases. The record rose on almost every front. Reported cases of communicable diseases increased in most areas. Examples are tuberculosis, up 7 per cent; whooping cough, up from 9 to 75 cases; German measles, up 374 per cent to 2,241 cases; influenza, up 176 per cent; pneumonia, more than double the 1957 figure.

Contracting of such diseases, however, does not have much significance on a year-to-year basis. It is the long-term trend that is important.

All in all the health picture of the state is one of the brightest in the nation. It's just another indication that Oregon is a good place in which to live.

Governor's Conference May Be Invited To Oregon For 1959 Centennial Observance

SALEM, Ore. — The 1959 National Governors' Conference may be invited to Oregon in connection with the state's centennial celebration, Gov. Robert D. Holmes said Tuesday.

The governor, at a press conference summarizing last week's governors conference in Miami, Fla., said the conference's nine-member executive committee will select the site next winter.

Holmes said he has not yet extended a formal invitation to the conference to hold its next meeting in Oregon because he wants to see whether he is re-elected. Also, there's the matter of getting

Wine Sales Up In United States

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Wine sales increased in the United States last year while sales of other alcoholic beverages decreased, although the wine increase was held back by nine monopoly states, Don W. McCully, president of the Wine Institute said Tuesday.

He identified the monopoly states where beverage stores are state-operated — as Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, New Hampshire and Wyoming.

"In the last five years in these nine monopoly states (wine) sales have decreased 8 1/2 per cent," McCully declared. "In all other states of the nation in this same period, wine sales increased 13 1/2 per cent."

Board Chairman Ernest Gallo told the membership meeting that in 25 years California wine sales have boomed from 26 million gallons annually to 124 1/2 million gallons and "our opportunities are all ahead of us."

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Reader Opinions

If you can imagine a good-sized English sports car orbiting the earth at heights up to 1,100 miles, you have a good notion what the Russians have done in dispatching Sputnik III.

This 2,900-pound space vehicle should do more than correct for any fresh complacency that might have followed from our own success in launching three satellites.

The fact is the new Soviet vehicle is carrying over 2,100 pounds of scientific instruments. Obviously the Russians are prepared for extensive research into outer space.

We cannot entirely satisfy ourselves by referring to Russia's equipment as bulky and crude, while stressing that our own highly miniaturized instruments represent technical achievement of a high order.

Some of our scientists say flatly that Sputnik III is outfitted to make several tests of the atmosphere and of radiation which America's spinning satellites cannot make.

Nor is it exactly a total answer to Russia's accomplishment in firing this heavy device into space to say that we are concentrating our big rocket effort on long-range military missiles. The Soviet Union is presumed by many experts to be from months to perhaps two years ahead of us in the long-range rocket field.

Once again the Russians have reminded us—and the world—that their stunning feat of late 1957, the launching of the first Sputnik, was no freak.

They are in this game to stay, and obviously they know how to play it.

Our satellite-launchings do not represent a quick reassertion of American technical and scientific superiority but simply a demonstration of our own staying power in a long drawn-out match of talent and resources.

In this match Russia has just struck another offensive blow. The world will be watching the United States for its next stroke, knowing that the struggle for the conquest of space is inescapably bound up with the Kremlin's tireless battle for the conquest of the earth.

War Bloodbaths Getting Closer, Graham Warns

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Americans are too busy watching television to know that the world may be catching fire, evangelist Billy Graham says.

"The bloodbaths of war are getting closer," Graham told a capacity audience of 18,300 at the Cow Palace this week.

He said outbreaks of violence in the Middle East, North Africa, threat of civil war in France and anti-Americanism in Latin America are portents that "the noose is being drawn tighter around the American neck."

"The Bible predicts that some day a man from outer space will arrive on this planet. That man is Christ."

"The Bible tells us he will come when the world is in turmoil and about ready to destroy itself."

"We are moving very rapidly toward the end," he continued. "God will intervene in human history."

The end of the world and the return of Christ among men may come tomorrow or it may be another thousand years, he said.

At the end of his sermon 508 persons made "decisions for Christ," Graham said he would announce Wednesday whether his crusade scheduled for six weeks and to end June 8, would be extended.

LOW BID SUBMITTED
MEDFORD, Ore. — Forest Service officials reported here that Norquist Bros. Construction Co. of Sweet Home was low bidder at \$24,530 for road construction work at Grater Lake National Park.

The firm bid \$25,227 for paving a park area and \$9,423 for rebuilding a road intersection.

The work is part of the federal government's park improvement program.

Copco Worker's Help At Mishap Commended

On May 19th, the undersigned conducted an official investigation of a motor vehicle accident on Highway 42 near Days Creek. Among helpful residents of the area was a Mr. Richard Prairie of Days Creek, a COPCO employee, who rigged rescue equipment from his truck.

The investigating officer takes special recognition of the fact that it was through the resourceful utilization of his equipment and splendid cooperation that it was possible to remove the victims under very difficult conditions.

Mr. Prairie is a credit to his company and is to be commended for his action.

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In The Day's News

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ing what up here in the State of Jefferson we call The City as much as all the other influences put together.

There was a time when in San Francisco, as out in the sticks, Saturday night was Binge Night. Not any more. In all but the retail places, the doors are closed at 5 o'clock on Friday. When comes that magic hour, the factories, the wholesale establishments and the offices shut up shop and the occupants thereof stream out on the town for a bit of relaxation.

The net result of it all is that the entertainment spots are crammed until the walls bulge on Friday night. The reason for the change in binge nights is that when the suburbanites get home to their lawns and their gardens and their week-end accumulation of do-it-yourself chores, they're much too weary come Saturday night to dress up and go out for a night on the town.

So... in the Big Towns... Saturday night is coming to be almost Quiet Night.

So much for the fluffier side of life. There are changes also in the business side of San Francisco's life.

They are SIGNIFICANT changes.

For example... In the first three-quarters of a century of its existence, the life of the city of San Francisco centered around the fantastically wonderful PORT of San Francisco. The great Bay came the ships of all nations. Here they could lie safe at anchor while they discharged the cargoes they had brought and took on the cargoes they were to take away.

The cargoes they took away in those days were basically RAW MATERIALS — hides, grain, timber, etc. The cargoes they BROUGHT BACK were finished products.

That is to say: These were the days when the West was in effect a COLONIAL DEPENDENCE. It sold raw materials at low prices and bought back finished products at high prices. Its selling prices were low and its buying prices were high because it had to PAY THE FREIGHT BOTH WAYS.

Those days are past. The West now has a balanced economy of its own.

San Francisco Bay is now ringed by factories that use the raw materials of the eleven Western states, and sell their products in the eleven Western states. The clustered millions that live around the bay provide markets for Southern Oregon and Far Northern California.

A new economic day is dawning in the Far West.

New Industrial Insurance Rates Said Confiscatory

Effective July 1, the base rate charged a logging contractor for State Industrial Accident Insurance is being raised to more than \$10 for each \$100 of payroll.

In other words, the new rate will be charged for new logging operations and those with no "experience rating." This means that if the "Work Hard & Sweat Blood Logging Co." pays a choker setter \$400 a month, it will pay the state over \$40 a month to insure him for accidents on the job. If it pays a faller \$800 a month, the insurance on him will cost over \$80 a month.

It is the opinion of many logging operators that such rates are confiscatory; that there is just not that much profit in the business, especially considering present log prices.

One wonders where the fault lies. Will the state of Oregon eventually starve out the newer operators, leaving all the logging to just those contractors lucky enough to have earned a favorable experience rating? Are juries too generous with the state's money on law suits?

In the industry the feeling prevails that the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission already has more money in reserve than it knows what to do with. If so, why increased rates? Can anyone answer these questions?

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Indonesians Say Shot-Down Pilot Is An American

JAKARTA (AP) — The Indonesian army said Tuesday night the pilot of a rebel Indonesian bomber shot down by government forces is an American. The Army identified him as Allan Lawrence Pope of Miami, Fla.

The Army said Pope was one of two airmen captured after their U.S. built B-26 bomber was shot down in flames near Amboi May 18 while attacking Indonesian government ships.

The chief army spokesman, Lt. Col. Pirngadie, said both captured airmen have been brought to Jakarta and were held at an undisclosed place. He said Pope is 30 years old and has a wife and two children.

He said documents found on him showed that Pope formerly was a U.S. Air Force lieutenant, and was now with the "Civil Air Transport," with headquarters in Taipei, Formosa. "CAT is the air line founded by Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault of Flying Tiger fame."

He said Pope admitted having been paid \$10,000 by Indonesian rebel leader Lt. Col. Ventje Sumual.

The other captured airman was identified as an Indonesian, Jan Harry Rantung.

U.S. Embassy officials here said they knew nothing about Pope and had not been told of his capture.

Road Buildings Allowed In Wilderness Area

WASHINGTON (AP) — Road building will be allowed in an area of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Oregon which has been set aside as a wilderness area.

The Department of the Interior said this week that the Warm Springs Tribal Council had asked that roads be allowed in order to combat fires and insects damaging trees.

In wilderness areas, roads and trails are prohibited. The Warm Springs wilderness area was set aside shortly before World War II. It covers about 165,000 acres near Mount Jefferson.

The department said that roads can be approved for such areas only for forest protection and to meet commercial needs of the Indians.

— Hal Boyle —

By JACK RUTLEDGE for HAL BOYLE

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Those little European cars are not hurting the sales of U.S. autos in Mexico.

You see lots of European models darting in and out of the increasingly heavy traffic, but the Fords, Chevrolets and Plymouths still dominate.

There are several reasons.

All car imports are on a quota basis, and American companies, which have long led Mexico's market, are holding to their percentages with government backing.

Mexicans like the flashy American car, the gaudier the better. Americans may complain of flair and fins, but Mexicans ask for more.

Power and driving range are important in a country where service stations are sometimes 100 miles apart and many major highways circle 10,000 foot mountains.

Also the larger car is preferred by many who like to pack a family of 10 into the machine for a picnic or a trip. "Thousands are converted into buses and taxis."

Mexico is one of Detroit's better foreign customers. In 1956 Mexico bought some 46,000 cars, trucks and buses.

For economic reasons the quota has been cut sharply. This year it stands at around 35,000 cars.

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler all have large assembly plants here. They get about three-fourths the quota. Studebaker, Rambler and Packard account for much of the balance.

European makes trail. Fiat, assembled here in its new plant, probably accounts for 5 per cent. Volkswagens are next.

Mexican dealers beg for more cars.

"We could sell nine times as many as the quota allows," said a Ford representative.

But the government, to save its

dollars, says no.
The duty amounts to around 110 per cent. Any of the lower-priced three cost almost as much as a small Cadillac in the United States.
The official import total actually is deceptive. Mexico really buys more than 35,000 cars. One newspaper recently estimated that 45,000 more are brought in annually by individuals — through special privileges or by smuggling.

Plagued Day And Night with Bladder Discomfort?

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