

Countdown For Orbital Shot Starts As Weather Improves

In The Day's News By Frank Jenkins

Hats off today to the little city of Damascus, Oregon. Its population is about 200. It is located about two whoops and a holler from downtown Portland.

Why cheer for Damascus?

It's UP-TO-DATE.

It's putting the final touches on its Century 19 World's Fair, which is due to be kicked off five days from now.

Attractions?

To compete with Seattle's Space Needle, it will have a horse-drawn merry-go-round, restaurant-guaranteed to make nobody dizzy.

There will be Can-Can girls on a boardwalk. The highlight will be the lighting of a tall Peace Candle. And so on.

Damascus, holding its tongue in its cheek and keeping a weather eye open for the headlines, pledges that when Century 19 World's Fair closes its gates there will have been nothing quite like it in history.

The Exposition business is old. One of the first is supposed to have been held some 2,000 years ago when European merchants landed on the coast of West Africa, unpacked their wares, spread them out on the shore and went back to their sailing vessels. Natives crept out from the forest, Oh'd and Ah'd about the new products, took what they wanted and left their own goods on the ground in payment.

Back in 1851, London held its Crystal Palace Exposition. It was planned and promoted by Prince Albert, Victoria's consort. Parliament objected to it, fearing that British trade might suffer if British inventions and scientific secrets were unveiled to possible competitors. Its big attraction was a fabulous greenhouse of glass and iron that still stands and is still quite a tourist attraction.

The Eiffel Tower was the big showpiece of the Paris Exposition of 1889. It was the Space Needle of its day. It still does a good business.

In our own U.S.A. the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago in 1893 on the shores of Lake Michigan, was one of the BIGS. Electricity was its Big Theme, and the Ferris Wheel was its Big Sight. New inventions shown included the Linotype and the Pullman sleeping car.

Its Big Success was its gateway, where people went from all over our nation to be shocked, and went home to tell about the shocking things that went on there—thus leading thousands of others to go to Chicago to be shocked, so that they too could come home and tell about it.

The song Ta-ra-ra-Boom-de-Ay was big stuff at the World's Columbian Exposition. People came home humming it—a little shamefacedly, for it was then regarded as QUITE WICKED.

And so on down through the long years in which World Fairs have been held. Why have they been so successful? Why do they go on and on and on?

Here's one reason:

They provide people with an excuse to PICK UP AND GO SOMEWHERE.

Anyway—

Here's hoping the people of Damascus much luck with their Century 19.

And many tourists.

Mathis Low Bidder On New Clubhouse

Jack Mathis Construction Co., Roseburg, is apparent low bidder on construction of the Roseburg Country Club clubhouse at \$90,448.

Reportedly, the bid is 10 per cent below the estimate of architects Stafford, Morin & Longwood, Eugene. The contract is expected to be awarded soon.

Other bidders were James & Stritzke Construction Co., Roseburg, \$103,148; Vik Construction Co., Eugene, \$108,923; Umpeo Construction Co., Roseburg, \$109,922; Murphy Construction Co., Roseburg, \$111,800; and Todd Building Co., Roseburg, \$112,067.

Heavy timber frame is called for in plans with concrete slab floor, vertical cedar siding and built-up and shingle roofing.

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A HALLOWED DAY

By Charles V. Stanton

Memorial Day, which we celebrate tomorrow, was once one of this country's most hallowed holidays. Our modern observance is far different. The day has become one of sport, relaxation, pleasure. The solemn aspect of the day has become somewhat perfunctory and is carried on more as a duty than as a privilege.

Memorial Day had its origin in the South. It came about as the result of the Civil War, the War Between the States.

The Confederacy engaged in that war with what was almost a religious fervor. The issues carried with them much more sentiment, it seems to me, than was evident in the more businesslike participation by the North.

After the war women of the South started decorating graves of Confederate soldiers who lost their lives in the struggle. But, though still rebellious against the North, accepting physical but not mental defeat, the women of the Southern states forgave the northern dead and decorated graves of the "damnyankees" intermingled in the cemeteries with their own loved ones.

Date Adopted

The idea travelled across the Mason-Dixon line, and observance began spreading.

In 1868, General John A. Logan issued "General Orders" to celebrate the date of May 30 in memory of former comrades. Logan was commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The G.A.R. was composed of veterans of the Union Army.

The G.A.R. continued to direct the observance for the next 50 years. After the Spanish-American War, the organized veterans of that military action joined with the G.A.R. After the First World War the observance became the responsibility of the American Legion. Today all groups of organized veterans cooperate in the formal celebration.

Memorial Day has been adopted as a general holiday to be celebrated on the 30th day of May in the northern states.

States of the South, however, still rebel against adopting the same holiday. Some have their own observance on the 26th, some on May 10, and a couple on June 3. Only Virginia of the southern group of states has its Memorial Day on May 30.

Memorial Day came about strictly as a ceremonial designed to honor those who gave their lives in the service of their country. The idea of remembrance of the civilian dead also became a general practice under the name "Decoration Day."

Gradually over the years the two forms of observance have merged until there remains little distinction.

Program Changed

Not too many years ago Memorial Day, the first holiday of the year to be celebrated out of doors was a widely observed event.

There was a parade of veterans and armed units, with bands, floats, and various marching groups. The parade led to a stand where a patriotic program, featuring some fine orator, was presented. The afternoon was spent with picnics, contests, visiting.

There were no automobiles in those early days. After a winter spent indoors, Memorial Day afforded a fine opportunity to get together with friends and enjoy a spring day.

The invention of automobiles and the construction of good roads brought about a marked change in our celebration.

Today we feature an automobile racing classic. We have local programs of racing and sports. Many people go on trips to the mountains or the seashore to enjoy family or limited picnics and outings, rather than the community events of yesteryear. The automobile has made possible visits to relatives hundreds of miles away. We still clean up our cemeteries, decorate graves, and pay limited respect to our military dead. But Memorial Day, as it first originated, has virtually disappeared in the change wrought by our modern life.

Methodist Pastor At Days Creek Has Two-Week Visit In California

The Rev. Alice May Woolley, pastor of the Days Creek Community Methodist Church, has returned to her home after spending two weeks at Paramount, Calif., where she was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Sherman and family.

While there she visited Disneyland, the San Diego Zoo, Descanso Gardens, Griffith Park, Marine Land, Knott's Berry Farm, and watched a baseball game at the Dodger Stadium.

Levi White of Roseburg filled in at the pulpit while the pastor was away.

Former Residents Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Christensen of Woodburn, former residents of Days Creek, visited recently in Days Creek with friends and relatives. The latter's mother, Mrs. L. Gale, accompanied them on their return home to spend a few weeks.

South Umpqua Grange 914 of Days Creek was presented a 50 star flag, which had flown over the nation's Capitol, at its May meeting. During the business meeting it was voted to furnish a 4-H scholarship. Mrs. Richard Williams was appointed to be in charge of the Douglas County Fair booth. Mrs. Clyde Schroeder was elected alternate for the state Grange convention to be held in Grants Pass. The next meeting of the Grange will be held June 1.

Mrs. James Moore and sons have returned home after spending some time at the home of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Slater of Olympia. They stopped off

in Jefferson and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Girt visited recently in Klamath Falls with the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bayne and family.

Shanks Move

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shanks and daughter, Margaret, have moved from the Nimsie place at Days Creek to the Malloy place.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Moore visited recently in Medford with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Payne of Prospect and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Peppel of Butte Falls. This was a reunion of the three couples.

Mrs. LeRoy Benson and her two sons, John and Ben, traveled to Salem recently and brought back two distant cousins who will spend some time with the Benson family.

Mrs. Ralph Duncan, accompanied by Mrs. Lee Ellefson and her father, Jess Smith, spent the day recently in Eugene. Smith received a "doing fine" report from his doctor while in Eugene.

New residents at the Meyers Trailer Court in Milo are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert "Bud" Hall and Lyle Page in trailers; and Edgar Lohmeyer in one of the cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and Gretchen, of Milo, have returned home after being called to Porterville, Calif., to attend the funeral of the former's brother, J. Howard Williams. Howard Williams, who was a California state senator, died suddenly recently in a California hospital.

HUMANS NEED HUMANE SOCIETY

BOSTON (AP) — Ever wonder why horses don't kill themselves in the falls they take in western movies?

They fall on mattresses, says Kenneth B. McGovern Jr., 37, Humane Society inspector in Hollywood.

He says the horses are first trained to fall at a walk and gradually learn to pick up speed and fall on concealed mattresses.

It's usually the rider that winds up in the cactus, McGovern says.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

He Wants A "Mrs.!"

DEAR ABBY: After we were married, my wife talked me into letting her retain her maiden name because she was a school teacher and wanted to be known as MISS. This has created some embarrassing situations over the years. After twenty years, I have had it. She positively refuses to use my name and call herself MRS. because, she says, it will confuse things in the school system where she has been known as MISS for so many years. What is your advice?

MR. WITHOUT A MRS. DEAR MISTER: Your school-teacher wife has a lot to learn. But you were the foolish one to have let her get away with it for so long. You can't teach an old horse new tricks. And you'll never teach a mule anything.

DEAR ABBY: We have a large family that includes many grandchildren. They are intelligent, active youngsters from 2 to 12. The minute they set foot in our home they start wrecking the place. My husband says, "Well, here comes the demolition crew!" Abby, they jump on the furniture with their shoes, tear up everything they see and in general act like wild animals. All the while their parents sit by and say nothing.

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Hat Boyle

Waiting For Doc Is Great Test Of Human Endurance

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the great tests of American endurance today is waiting to see the doctor.

You call his nurse, explain you believe you are suffering from walking pneumonia, and ask for an appointment.

"Doctor can see you at 2:30 p.m. a week from Tuesday," says his nurse. "Please be prompt."

Well, what happens? Worn out weak, you totter into his office on that day at 2:31, feeling guilty at being a full minute late.

But you find the place as thronged as a department store the week before Christmas.

"Is the doctor having a sale?" you inquire.

"Please take a seat," replies the nurse professionally. "Doctor has a terribly busy day."

A seat? Where? You sit down on the rug in a corner. You'd like to stretch out, but there isn't room.

At 3:02 the doctor comes in, places his golf bag next to you, looks around cheerfully, says "Well, well," and disappears into his inner office.

At 3:30 he starts seeing his patients. One by one they go in, spend a fast five minutes and come out holding a prescription blank in their paw.

You fret more and more as the time passes. The nurse seems to have forgotten you exist. But finally, about 5:48, she calls your name.

"Well, well," says the doctor when you enter. "What's wrong with you today?"

"Us had pneumonia when us came in," you answer. "But us seem to have got well out there waiting. Now all us needs is a bandage for our fingernails. Us has chewed them down to the knuckles."

Knuckle-gnawing today is the sign of the medical tyro, the impatient patient. It is an indication one hasn't learned to use constructively the time spent waiting in a doctor's office.

Actually these long hours need not be empty or fruitless. One can spend them pleasantly or even profitably.

For example: Break open a deck of cards. Start a poker game with some of the other patients. You may win more than enough to cover your visit to the doctor.

Bring along your briefcase. You can get more real work done wait-

Employment Expected For Welfare Recipients

In light of an improved economic picture in the Roseburg area, according to Jack Summerfield, county welfare administrator, seasonal work is expected to take the place of emergency general assistance in most cases.

Summerfield said his office is expecting able-bodied employable persons to work with the employment office to locate such work.

If persons can't find work through the Employment Service, Summerfield said, they are expected to find seasonal harvest work in Douglas county or nearby counties.

The welfare administrator said the Employment Service is cooperating in the fullest to find berry and bean-picking employment around the state.

Memorial Day Closing Set For Welfare Center

The Seventh-day Adventists' Dorcas Welfare Center at 1315 SE Mill St., will be closed Wednesday, Memorial Day, but will be open the following Wednesday as usual for those who are in need, without regard to race or creed.

In an emergency the leader can be contacted by calling OR 3-8718 or reached through the church pastor at OR 3-8315.

Peter Edson

Etch Political Lists, Gifts Deep In Electronic Brains

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Politics is modernizing to the extent of joining the electronic computer age, anyway.

Republican National Committee headquarters here has just inaugurated a service contract with the Radio Corporation of America data processing center to handle a mailing list.

The old mailing list consisted of some 700,000 cards and stencil plates. They contained names and addresses of people who have corresponded with GOP headquarters some time or other. But many of the people whose names are on the list have moved since last heard from and some may be dead. So the lists are being revised.

This is only a first step in feeding GOP political data into electronic brains. Ultimately it is expected to put donor accounting on tape. This will record every gift made to the party by every individual and how all the money is spent. Computers will then be able to provide data needed for filing reports on political contributions required by election laws.

This system probably won't be in full operation in time for use in this year's congressional elections, but it should be ready for the 1964 presidential campaign.

Up to now, political committees have found it practically impossible to keep accounts on contributions of less than \$10. By the magnetic tape method it is claimed that even \$1 gifts can be accounted for.

Electronic processing of mailing lists is also being used by individual political candidates. Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., and several other Congressmen have already contracted with RCA to handle their mailings.

Other computer centers like C-E-I-R, Sperry-Rand, Philco and Control Data Corp. offer similar equipment and services that can be useful to political organizations.

Democratic National Committee headquarters has an International Business Machines punch card accounting system in use and will probably stick with it for some time.

There are practically no limits on how far electronic political accounting can go. If a state organization or even a national party wanted to, it could keep records on every one of its registered voters.

If all this sounds like a lot of

unnecessary trouble and expense now, it may not seem so goofy in a few years, if the election laws should be changed.

President Kennedy now has under study the report from his Commission on Campaign Costs. One of its recommendations is that a \$10 tax credit or a \$1,000 tax deduction be granted for political contributions. The President will ask Congress for legislation on this and other political contribution practices, possibly government campaign financing.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Mercy Hospital

Admitted
Surgery: Jeff Graves, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. John Bingham, Riddle; Mrs. Lyle Seehawer, Sutherlin; Carol Lee, Oakland.

Discharged
Clark Dage, Ronald Jones, Jerry Wilkins, Mrs. Lyle Jensen and daughter Julie Ann, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Allen Sharer, Myrtle Creek; Lee Humburg, Coquille; Mrs. Melvin Martin, Oakland; Mrs. Walter Ruddick and daughter Vickie Louise, Dillard; Mrs. Harry DeVasier and daughter Susie Kay, Winston.

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