

FARM FOREST FACTS

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How often have you heard someone say, "If I had known 20 years ago what I know today, I would have done things differently?" In other words, we learn some things too late to make use of them.

For this reason, we try to teach our children some of the more important things at an early age, so that they will have this knowledge to use whenever they need it.

In Oregon, one of these more important things is our forests. In fact, it heads the list as our greatest source of income. In addition, our forests contribute indirectly to our second highest source of income, agriculture, by holding and gradually releasing water. Recreation, another major source of income, is directly dependent upon our forests, for the most part.

Many Attend
In 1962, a total 686 sixth grade students, representing 16 schools in nine school districts took part in five forestry tours. At these tours they learned about such things as forest products, forest soils, tree identification and reforestation, pruning and thinning, fire control and wildlife in a giant outdoor classroom. They could actually see and touch the things they were learning about, for their text books had suddenly come to life in this fir-scented natural setting.

Originally, the tours in this county were on the Bert Melius tree farm between Tenmile and Reston. Last fall, a second area located on the Mona Rydell tree farm west

of Drain was added to serve the schools of the north end of the county. This spring, a third area located on the South Umpqua Road and Gun Club property, west of Canyonville, has been added for the schools of southern Douglas County.

On April 24, some 300 students will converge on the new south Douglas area. The following morning 160 more sixth graders will tour the Melius or Central Douglas site. In the afternoon, on the same site, nearly 50 vocational agriculture students will take part in a special advanced tour, designed to supplement their studies in forestry.

Foresters Teach
And who teaches these students? Mainly they are foresters from the various federal, state and county forestry agencies and the lumber and plywood industry. Others present specially trained persons in the fields of soils, game management and 4-H.

From letters and other both written and oral reports we receive, this experience is a lasting one. Information learned is the subject of many classroom discussions and themes throughout the school year and gives greater meaning to classroom studies in forestry and conservation. We of the Douglas County School Forestry Tour Committee believe that what is learned from these tours will aid these students in many later-life decisions.

World's Most Elastic Spaceship May Be Claimed By United States

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) — Concede the Russians what you will, but to the United States must go the honor of having built what seems to be the world's most elastic spaceship.

The result could be the first endurance contest in space—a sort of flagpole sitting-in-the-sky, starting astronauts, if science is willing to take a backseat.

At the heart of the matter is America's famed Mercury space capsule and, more specifically, its remarkably stretchable abilities which appear to have no limit.

Two years ago, scientists placed what seemed a firm limit on a man-carrying Mercury capsule—three orbits, no more. The experts cited all sorts of reasons why anything more was entirely out of the question.

Capsule For Cooper
Today, the same scientists are getting the same type of capsule ready to take an astronaut, L.

College Students Visit In Winston

By PHEBE MCGUIRE

David McCord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCord of Dillard, spent the Easter weekend with his parents and brother, Pete. David has returned to his studies at Southern Oregon College in Ashland.

Others Visit
Gary Clendennen, a student at Oregon State University in Corvallis, spent the Easter weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Myers on Rice Creek. His mother, Mrs. Ruth Clendennen of Bakersfield, Calif., is currently visiting the Myers.

Mrs. Bill Cooper of Winston entered a hospital in Roseburg recently due to a heart attack. She is reported to be in serious condition and is unable to receive visitors, although her condition is reported as slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McGuire drove to Eugene recently to attend to business pertaining to the Woodmen Circle, of which they are field representatives. They remained overnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rudzik and family of Sacramento, Calif., were visitors in Winston during the Easter holiday. They visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rudzik in Lookingglass and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sheppard of Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Laurance of Dillard spent the recent holiday with their son, Barry Laurance and family in Redmond.

C. C. Fosback, Postmaster at the Dillard Post Office, has been released from a hospital and is now recuperating at his home in Dillard. His condition is reported as much improved and he is able to be up and receive visitors.

Gordon Cooper Jr., 22 times around the world sometime in May.

And still the end isn't fully in view. Plans already are underway for a possible Mercury capsule manned flight of perhaps 70 orbits this year—and the experts say it is entirely feasible.

Somewhere along the line, a fair degree of elasticity has set in. From three to 70 orbits is a long stretch.

It is now apparent that Project Mercury, America's first man-in-space program, was on the ultra side of conservative when it started estimating the capabilities of the space capsule two years ago.

Open Throttle
Only after the three-orbit trips of astronauts John H. Glenn Jr. and J. Scott Carpenter last year did Mercury's scientists begin to open the throttle. Additions to the vital oxygen, food and fuel supplies quickly made it possible for astronaut Walter M. Schirra Jr. to double the capsule's original performance estimate with a six-orbit trip in October.

But physically, the Mercury capsule is the same rigid item that it was two years ago—shaped roughly like an old-time television picture tube with barely enough room for an astronaut to breathe and push buttons and switches.

Price to Pay
There is a price to pay for these extra orbits. The added ounces of fuel, food and water must come from somewhere. Since the maximum weight of the capsule is inflexible, the subtraction generally starts in the scientific experiments carried aboard.

Which is another way of saying the longer the flight of a manned Mercury capsule, the less it can do on a scientific level—which contradicts the idea of Project Mercury in the first place.

There is a breaking-off point where a Mercury capsule flight, from a coldly mathematical viewpoint, ceases to be a thing of science and becomes instead an orbiting platform suitable for little more than an endurance contest on the part of the astronaut.

The question is, where is that point? Even the scientists don't seem certain.

BURIED ALIVE
WOLKERSDORF, Austria (UPI) — Johann Schleifer, 25, was rescued Sunday after spending 13 days without food and water in a tomb in the local cemetery.

A passerby heard his moans. He told police he had slipped into the tomb for a nap and pulled the stone slab almost completely back into place. When he awoke he was unable to move the stone.

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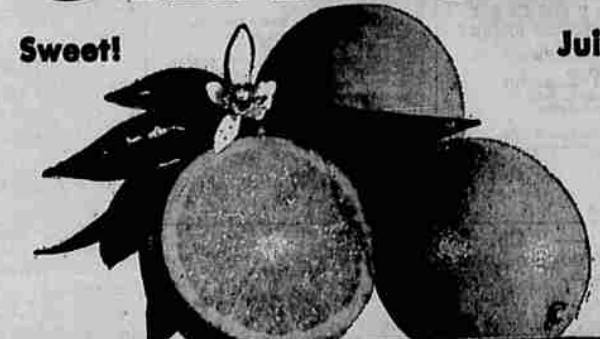
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