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May Be Vital Need

Education is among the most dynamic fields in American life today.

Roseburg is getting a strong taste of some of the new concepts through its participation in the Oregon Program — such things as team teaching and new teaching devices.

But one of the most startling revelations to come up recently is reported in a national magazine. It reports that children are willing to and can learn to read as early as 2 years of age.

The revelation was made by a team of scientists exploring the learning processes. They said the young child is eager to begin the art of reading almost as soon as he is able to talk.

The key, they say, is to make reading a game, even a reward.

This revelation will shatter a lot of illusions among those who think kinder-

garten is useless because 5 years old is too early to start a youngster in the schooling process. The report indicates this may even be a little too late to start reading, since the child is more susceptible at an earlier age.

The kindergarten movement is growing rapidly in the country, but its progress is slow in Douglas County. The only school district kindergarten is operated by Reedsport.

Perhaps we are doing our children a disservice by not allowing them to enter the more formal phases of learning earlier than we do. Certainly patrons of school districts should begin pressing for further study into the subject of establishing more kindergartens.

In this day when formal learning is such a vital part of everyday life, we can't start our youngsters too soon.

Ridicule Can Boomerang

(Albany Democrat-Herald)

It may seem strange that fun poked at a proposed national aquarium should underlie danger that income of 18 Oregon counties may be curtailed, but it is a fact.

When Rep. Mike Kirwan, Ohio Democrat, proposed the aquarium to Congress last year, Oregon Sen. Wayne Morse ridiculed the idea. This made Kirwan mad and he has been gunning for Morse and Oregon ever since. He has opposed a number of Oregon projects in which federal funds were involved, and is now seeking further vengeance by demanding a review of the agreement between the 18 Oregon counties in which Oregon and California land grants are located, on the one hand, and the United States government on the other.

Under this agreement the 18 counties, of which Linn county is one, now receive three-fourth of the net proceeds from timber sales conducted from time to time by the Bureau of Land Management, which administers these lands for the Department of the Interior. The remaining 25 per cent goes to the government.

Representative Kirwan influenced the House Appropriations Committee Thursday to cut the Bureau of Land Management's budget and to call for a review of the formula under which these Oregon counties share in the Bureau's revenues. Representative Kirwan contended that the counties are getting too big a share of the Bureau's timber sale revenues.

If a review is ordered, it may take some hard fighting to convince the House that Kirwan is wrong. And in that battle Senator Morse can do us little good.

Our best hope lies in the fact that Rep. Robert Duncan of the Fourth Congressional district, is a member of the House

Interior Committee, which must clear any bill changing the aforesaid formula. Kirwan is not on that committee.

Ironically, the appropriations committee, while slashing both the Bureau of Land Management and National Forest Service budgets, granted Representative Kirwan's request for \$260,000 for planning Kirwan's proposed aquarium and in effect increased it by adding \$50,000 to the Bureau of Sports Fisheries budget.

To a greater or less degree the reduction of the budgets requested by the two forest administering agencies will hurt Oregon, which will not displease Kirwan. So Senator Morse didn't succeed in laughing Kirwan's aquarium down and can't do us any good in the House. What he can do in the Senate remains to be seen, but inasmuch as this legislation originated in the House he will be at a disadvantage in trying to patch it up. Morse may have been right in opposing the aquarium proposal but he didn't use much tact in doing so.

One would think from the attitude of midwestern and eastern federal lawmakers that these O&C counties have their hands in Uncle Sam's pork barrel. This is not true, for the revenues they receive from the Bureau are merely in lieu of taxes they would have collected had these grants remained in the hands of railroads, and therefore on the counties' tax rolls, instead of reverting to the government.

Furthermore the fact that the counties actually keep only 50 per cent of the O&C income assigned to them should be stressed. The other 25 per cent is given back to the Bureau of Land Management for use in constructing access roads.—wec.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, a dispatch has just come over the wires from Washington "revealing" that Owyhee, the name given to Idaho's southwest county, to a range of mountains and to a river that flows out of Idaho into Oregon, where it furnishes irrigation water for a rich agricultural area in Oregon's Malheur county, is derived from the earliest spelling of Hawaii, our nation's youngest state.

The dispatch goes on to say that the story was "disclosed" in Washington the other day in a report from the office of H. Max Hanson, Idaho administrator for the Farmers Home Administration, to Idaho's Sen. Frank Church, who relayed it on to Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, who is a good Democrat from Hawaii.

According to Hanson's report, the name of the natives of the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands was originally rendered from phonetics into English as Owyhee—that being the nearest anyone could come to the sounds made by the natives when they pronounced it.

Since the Sandwich Islands were an early, though rather out of the way, stop-over point for food and water for English vessels headed for the Northwest Coast of North America, it was natural for some of these Hawaiian natives to be picked up and brought along.

Many of these "Owyhees" joined trapping parties into the interior, and in the early 1800's three of them were lost in what the Hanson report describes as the watersheds of a large unnamed river and were presumed to have been killed by the Indians. The river where this occurred, the report says, was named, in their memory, the Owyhee River.

The Hanson report concludes by noting that island missionaries later changed Owyhee to HAWAII and adds that "nowhere else does the old spelling survive except to designate the mountains and the river in Southwest Idaho and Malheur county, Oregon."

Well, it's interesting. But Mr. Hanson is a little previous in assuming that his report is the first to bring all these facts into the focus of history. Oregon's Lewis (Tam) McArthur beat him to it by nearly half a century. In

his Oregon Geographic Names, he says:

"On Saturday, February 18, 1826, Peter Skene Ogden, then on his second expedition into the Snake River country, reached Sandwich Island River, so called, owing to two of them murdered by Snake Indians in 1819." There seems to be no doubt that the Owyhee River was named for these Hawaiians, for on June 15 of the same year Ogden uses the word Owyhee. The name Owyhee was generally used a century ago for Hawaii.

"The first sailing vessel that came into the Columbia River after the Astor venture was the American bark Owyhee. Owyhee River drains a large area in Oregon and Western Idaho, and there are other geographic features bearing the name, derived from the name of the river. There is also a community of Owyhee near the mouth of the Owyhee river, and also in Owyhee Ridge in Malheur county."

One can't help wondering how much news was conveyed to Sen. Church of Idaho and Sen. Inouye of Hawaii by these researches of Farmers Home Administration researcher Hanson.

Sen. Church is a graduate of Stanford. He served during the war with Military Intelligence in China, Burma and India. He undoubtedly knows his way around. Sen. Inouye was born in Hawaii; he has an AB degree from the University of Hawaii and a J.D. degree from George Washington University. He is a retired captain in the U.S. Army. It is rather probable that he won't be much surprised to learn of the origin of the name Hawaii.

And, by the way, this whole story of the origin of the name Hawaii is carried in detail by the World Book Encyclopedia. But, at any rate, it seems to have been news to Bureaucrat Hanson.

By the way—

When came the name Sandwich Islands? They were so named by Captain James Cook for his friend Lord Montagu, Earl of Sandwich—who is presumed to have been the first to put a slice of meat between two slices of bread and eat it from his fingers.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Tuesday, April 23, the 113th day of 1963 with 252 more to follow.

The moon is now. The morning stars are Venus and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury and Mars.

Those born on this date include James Buchanan, the 15th President of the United States, in 1791.

On this day in history:

In 1860, the Democratic National Convention opened in Charleston, S.C., but no candidates were nominated because of an inter-party dispute.

In 1898, the United States asked for 125,000 volunteers to fight against Spain.

In 1941, famed U.S. aviator Charles Lindbergh, who opposed entry into World War II, told an American First Committee in New York City—"It is obvious that Britain is losing the war."

A thought for the day—American statesman John Adams said: "Where annual elections end, there slavery begins."

40 YEARS AGO
April 23, 1923

William Hiney, well-known local resident, has been appointed securities agent for Douglas County for the Rickenbacker auto company.

If the electorate votes in November the way it is signing the referendum on the state income tax, that proposed law has been knocked into a cocked hat.

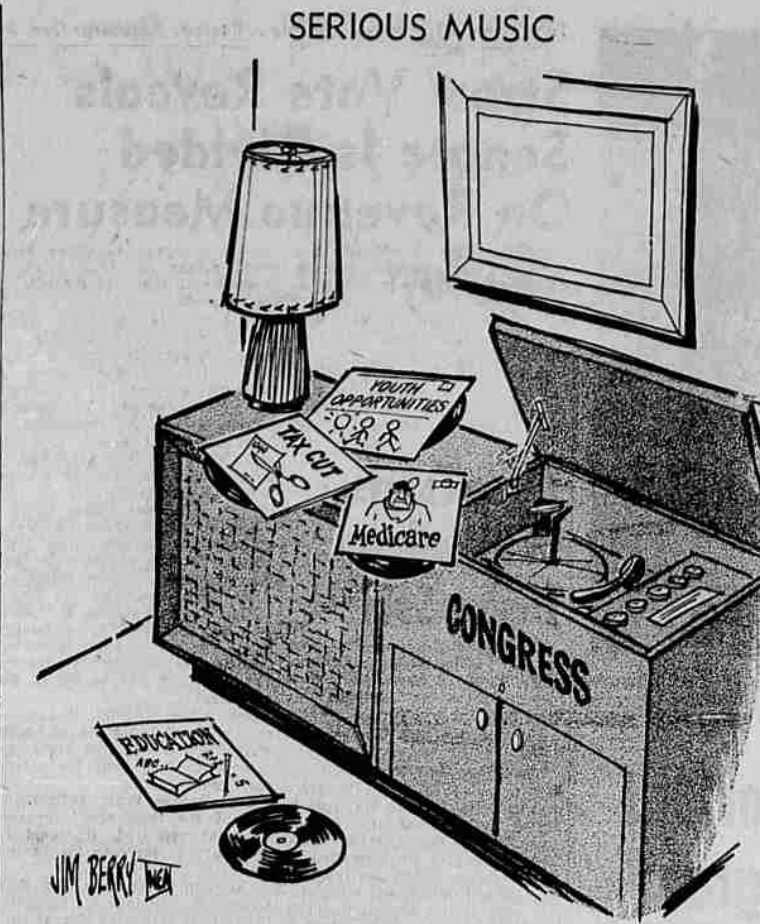
25 YEARS AGO
April 23, 1938

Manager Sweeney of Portland connected with his bat when it counted and, as a result, the Beavers were back at the top of the Coast League standings in a tie with Los Angeles today.

The entire Antarctic continent, including the South pole, was claimed today for the United States by right of discovery in a report before the American Philosophical Society by Dr. William H. Hobbs of the University of Michigan.

10 YEARS AGO
April 23, 1953

The Douglas County Grand Jury failed to return a bill in the death



Opinions From Readers

No Benefits Indicated For Dunes, Says Writer

To The Editor:
With reference to the letter by Elizabeth C. Ducey in The News-Review recently, the writer seems unaware of the fact that Oregon's total 400 miles of beach, all lakes and rivers, are now and have been preserved (by law) since 1911 for posterity and for free use and enjoyment by the public. Neither can these resources ever be commercialized.

The writer is in error in the park propaganda seemingly repeated of the survey team report and the dates. The reports were completed in March 1958, not 1959. No mention was made of Point Reyes, nor was the pet park word "unique" used.

On page 87 of the transcript of the Senate committee hearing held in Oregon, is a witnessed and certified statement by the legally authorized survey team of four men, headed by Ben Thompson and George Collins, national park experts and directors. The statement of Ben Thompson, March 15, 1958, was "We find this area not suitable as national park calibre. Only sheltered areas suitable for tourists."

A representative of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, a team member, said, "We will cease to support a national park idea and will continue our support to the soil conservation program."

No mention of Point Reyes, nor was the word "unique" used.

As to the so-called "uniqueness" of this area, I would not insult the intelligence of Oregon coast residents, citizens and tourists who know this state, its beauty and its developed assets. In saying that this bit of it is superior in "uniqueness" to any other bit of the coast, from the mouth of the Columbia River to the California border.

I know my state, its beauty, its developed resources and the sovereign laws protecting it.

I fall to see the protection the writer says Mrs. Neuberger guarantees.

Secretary Udall said in a public statement to the press that the land should be preserved in a primitive state. Is this what Mrs. Neuberger wants for the children of the future? A mass of rank vegetation with a national park (Berlin Wall) guarded by park guards in Yogi Berra hats, with hands outstretched for the usual fee to enter on a beautiful scenic highway that we did own once but now is a

corridor for Madam Neuberger to parade up and down to satisfy her own ego?

Udall really will protect it for her! It will be locked up to rot with the other 29 million acres now under guard of his protegee and holding company, the National Park Service!

A diligent search by business leaders, chambers of commerce, better business groups, local Granges, state Grange, and others, has failed to find the great benefits, improvements, economy and happiness the writer mentions. These searches, in fact, have turned up quite the reverse, such as business failures, loss of homes, ghost towns, bitterness, apathy and the stark realization that a national park is a quadruple tax burden.

So, if anyone can show where these stated benefits are hidden it will be helpful. But we want facts, not opinions. Madam Neuberger has opinions aplenty, but no answers. Neither do park agents. The writer wants control of lake access.

We citizens of Oregon do not want access to our lakes, rivers and beaches controlled by bureaucracy. We want them free to all at any time; to be enjoyed by tourists as they are now, preserved by state law for our posterity.

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Winston Reader Lashes Natural Resources Bill

To The Editor:
If the natural resources bill is passed in its present form by our state legislature, and signed by our governor, we need a new legislature and new governor.

While many people disagree with some of the policies of the state Game Commission, just wait until the Fish Commission gets control of our sports fishery!

Starting with an abundant natural resource, the Fish Commission, through its policies, let that resource shrink until today the public, through taxes, is forced to furnish money to support the small amount of commercial fishing remaining.

Regardless of what one may think of the Game Department's policies relating to deer, one is forced to believe that the efforts of the Game Department are responsible for saving our anadromous fish from extinction.

If the policies of the Fish Commission had been allowed to continue until today, our streams would now be as barren of salmon and steelhead as the sands of the desert.

Joseph B. Hulse
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Major Change Necessary For Saving Marriages

To The Editor:
In the May issue of True, is an article about divorce as practiced in this country today. The revelations are not new nor are they exceptions to the normal divorce court practice.

There are more than 15 million divorced people in this nation. That figure is increasing at the rate of 2,000 per day. There is no other group or classification of people in America today increasing as rapidly as our divorced population. This alone testifies to the inability of our divorce courts to cope with the problem.

In Oregon alone during 1961 there were 10,744 marriages and 6,017 divorces.

More than 50 per cent of juvenile delinquents come from broken homes, while 75 per cent of prison inmates were juvenile delinquents. One of the fastest growing organizations today is U. S. Divorce Reform, Inc., organized in late 1961. It has chapters in half the United States, including Oregon. This organization is dedicated to the cause

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



'Boneless Liver' Expensive Item

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — House committee hearings on the defense budget are published in installments, something like a magazine serial or, if you prefer, a soap opera.

I eagerly look forward to each new chapter so that I can follow the latest adventures of Rep. Daniel J. Flood, D-Pa., who is my personal hero of the hearings.

In the last chapter, you may recall, "Silent Dan" unveiled an ingenious plan for the conquest of Red China.

All we need to do, he suggested, is persuade the Chinese army to turn against its leaders and then persuade Russia to cooperate with an invasion by the Chinese Nationalists. Nothing to it, really.

In today's chapter, the master strategist demonstrates his versatility by coming to grips with military problems of a radically different sort.

As we look in on the hearing, "Silent Dan" is interrogating an Air Force officer about "boneless liver."

His questions are being directed at Lt. Col. D. J. Perkins, who carries the title of "General Support and Services Division, Directorate of Supply and Services, Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems and Logistics."

How Perkins gets all of that in his brief case is a mystery to me. At any rate, Flood wants to know why a "food packet, abandoned aircraft, individual" costs

\$4.85 whereas a "food packet, in-flight, individual" costs only \$1.

Some More Expensive
Perkins replies that some types of prefabricated meat are more expensive than other types of prefabricated meat.

Flood: "What in the world is prefabricated meat?"

Perkins: "Prefabricated meat is boneless..."

Flood: "Before you go any further, I had a type in here from the Army who read off a list of meats he was buying using boneless liver. I said 'boneless what?'"

"Boneless liver." Is there any other kind of liver?"

Perkins: "No sir. I believe what they meant, sir, as is frozen and portion-cut liver. All these meats we refer to as prefabricated, they are boneless, excluding liver, boneless, frozen and portion-cut."

"Silent Dan" parted company with prefabricated liver at this point to explore the question of why the Air Force finds it easier to recruit nurses than the Army does.

"Do you pick them with blue eyes and they look better in a blue uniform?" he asked. "What do you have—keep this decent—that the Army does not have?"

The answer was flight pay. Flood moved on to servicemen's underwear. He told Col. Elizabeth Hay, head of the WAFS, that he was responsible for eliminating khaki lingerie.

"I wore them, sir," said Col. Ray. "I am glad you did."

Solons Vote To Reconsider Worker's Compensation Bill

SALEM (UPI) — The Senate beat down a move to send a controversial workmen's compensation measure back to committee in a 20-7 vote Monday, they voted to make consideration of the bill a special order of business Wednesday.

In another action, the Senate defeated a bill to allow smoking on air conditioned buses. However, after the vote was announced, Sen. Anthony Yturri, R-Ore., announced he may move to have the bill brought up again.

The move to send the workmen's compensation measure back to committee for specific amendments was spearheaded by Sen. Don Willner, D-Portland.

Willner charged "this three-way bill is bad for the public, bad for the working man, and bad for the small businessman."

"It is a \$14 million a year treasure chest for the insurance companies and most of their profits will be spent out of Oregon," he said.

Pearson Opposes Move
Opposing the move was Sen. Walter Pearson, D-Portland, chairman of the Senate Labor and Industries Committee which has been working on the new workmen's compensation law for the past 14 weeks.

Democrats Name New Treasurer
SALEM (UPI) — Robert Welty, The Dalles, was elected treasurer of the Oregon Democratic Central Committee recently.

He fills a vacancy created by the death of Peter Kirk of St. Paul.

Three ballots were required. The other nominees were Mrs. Paul Skinner and Dr. Max Friedman, both of Portland.

Welty, a consulting engineer, is past president of the Consulting Engineers of Oregon, chairman of the board of directors of the Mid-Columbia Development Corp., commissioner of the Port of The Dalles Docks, a member of the Bonneville Advisory Council and the governor's advisory council on a California intertie.

The committee approved resolutions to support legislation for an Oregon Dunes national park, for an anti-strikebreakers law and urging that the legislature adopt a tax program based on the ability of the people to pay.

PLANS MILITARY TOUR
LONDON (UPI) — Sir Richard Hull, chief of the British Imperial Staff, left for the United States Monday to tour U.S. Army installations.

Hull will make the trip as guest of Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, U.S. Army chief of staff.

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