

Interesting Facts Unearthed

Did you know that in 1856, what was known as Camas Prairie, in western Douglas County once belonged to Coos County?

This was one of the interesting facts unearthed by the League of Women Voters in their latest project, a study of Douglas County characteristics. The year-long study appears likely to become one of the most comprehensive ever made.

The first report to chapter members showed that Douglas County was formed Jan. 6, 1852, and Winchester was selected as the county seat. Douglas County in 1856 took in the Camas Prairie area and part of Jackson county in order to bring all of the Umpqua River and its tributaries into the county boundaries.

Then, an act was passed Dec. 18, 1862, by the territorial legislature, combining Douglas and Umpqua counties. This was brought about because the county government of Umpqua County was finding it difficult to meet current costs.

The county seat was moved to Deer Creek in March of 1854, and Deer Creek was renamed Roseburg in 1855, in honor of Aaron Rose, one of the area's first inhabitants.

These tidbits of interesting information lead off the study, but there's a lot more to come. The League is going into much more complex areas as the year of study progresses. Included are studies of structure and functions of the county government and all the integral departments involved.

Mr. Education Honored Again

Mr. Education of Douglas County has been honored again. He is Eugene Fisher of Elkton.

This week, he was named chairman of the state Board of Higher Education. Probably no one in the history of the county has garnered more honors in the field of education nor done more in the heady atmosphere of educational policy than has Fisher.

He has been active in the field of edu-

cation for almost two decades, and during that time, he has established firmly that it doesn't necessarily take a person from the big town to do something about the destinies of education on a state, and even a national, level.

The Elkton man has proved that one man can do something about something as vast as the field of education. And we salute him.

Sisters Cities List Is Growing

Roseburg will be joining a growing list of Oregon towns which have joined the "Sister City" movement when it selects its sister city. The League of Oregon Cities reports the following cities have affiliated: Coos Bay with Larvik, Norway; Corvallis with Antofagasta, Chile; Eugene with Chinyu, Korea; Forest

Grove with Bornova, Turkey; Klamath Falls with Rotorua, New Zealand; Lake Oswego with Pucio, Chile; Medford with Waimate, N. Z.; Milwaukie with Nago, Okinawa; and Portland with Sapporo, Japan.

All of these have programs actually under way.

Opinions From Readers

Foreign Spending Lashed As Ridiculous, Repulsive

To the Editor:

A billion is a thousand million. I see in the paper where Congress wishes to give India another billion dollars. Just what the United States will get in return for this has not been clearly delineated by the purported givers. Is the purpose to buy friendship? If so, how much friendship do we have for the billions of dollars we gave to both Russia and China in World War II? What did we get from those countries for the money spent, the blood spilled, the lives lost to bail the hides of those countries out of mortal heck? Did the money spent prevent the Chinese from becoming Communist?

Some will pay more and some will pay less depending upon their earnings, yet everybody who works will pay something just to keep the interest paid on an increasing public debt. Think of what it would mean if each of us could get about a hundred dollars of that interest money to put away for his own old age each year for the 45 years from age 20 to age 65. That money would give one \$4,500 without interest. You would have considerable more with the interest paid on it, which I have not attempted to calculate; but you pay in your spare time or use your banker's interest table.

Expertness Lashed

The senators and representatives who believe that we should send all this foreign aid are very expert in talking out of both sides of their mouths. On the one hand we are an "affluent society" that has more than it needs, and on the other hand our individuals and communities are so poor (not as poor as Uncle Sam with a \$204,000,000,000 deficit) that we must have federal aid for education, health, housing, and just about anything that you can imagine.

The best way for each reader to determine how "affluent a society" we really have is to count how much he has left over when he finished paying for his family's food, clothing, shelter, and educational expenses.

Inasmuch as the federal government is already broke, the only way that they can get the money for India is from the sweat and toil of those in this country who work by increasing taxes or spending that which they have not (deficit spending); which through inflation comes out of everybody's pocket anyway. It is because we don't say much about these things that congress gets the idea that we don't care. We have been giving this money to these countries for about eighteen years, since the

Loans Needed

One may not make true friends by continually giving. If we are to help India or any other nation, let us, under the auspices of the American Red Cross, send them a few boat loads of the agriculture surplus we have accumulated and cannot use.

Service Improves

I note, too, that improvement in bus service has made an enormously profitable operation out of the Greyhound people's land-liners, and folk who once scored buses as a genteel means of travel now ride them out of preference in certain

sections of the land. Greyhound is burgeoning, while the trains speak low with a very poor mouth.

There is a parallel here, too, in the fact that mail service has been threatened to be cut off or not even started to new buildings in New York City. Deliveries in many areas have been curtailed. It sometimes takes a week to receive a letter in Manhattan from Washington and Boston, routes serviced by six airlines.

The shuttle run, if you don't know about it, is a walk-on, buy-your-ticket-aboard service which offers no food, drink, or fancy facility. It merely runs every hour, and if one plane fills up, they lay on another. About 2 1/2-million people have ridden Eastern's shuttles alone in the past two years, and about the same number will travel the shuttles in 1963 alone.

Did somebody say 1926 or 1936? I was talking about 1976.

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"What Makes You Think I'm Interested?"



Mails Deteriorate Steadily In U. S.



By ROBERT RUARK

I presume the trains are still running, although I have not met anyone recently who has ridden one for any considerable distance. But I do note that Eastern Airlines, which is in stark trouble with its longer services, is doing a thriving, 70-per cent-of-total air trade with its old piston aircraft on the shuttle runs between New York, Washington and Boston, routes serviced by six airlines.

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English as a race write compulsively. You can't buy a bloke a beer without receiving a thank-you note, and people habitually use the mails for short communications rather than employing the phone.

But in England you get this afternoon's letter tomorrow morning, and you average, in my digs there, three or four deliveries a day. Somebody, in England, knows how to run a post office.

The plight of the train, the success of the airline shuttles and the buses, and the slack-lipped inefficiency of the Post Office in America point a moral, it seems to me. There has been a general weakening of efficiency in most of the services, and perhaps people who are interested in the future of said services better pause for thought and then shape up.

Chores Done

For instance, the unbelievably high prices charged by such craftsmen, as plumbers, carpenters, and bricklayers, have produced an entirely new breed of do-it-yourself Americans. Perhaps they don't lay a brick or fix a roof or unplug a drain as well as the pros, but they do the chores passably well.

While the overpriced craftsmen have dealt themselves out, in a great many small-bore jobs, an entire new industry in simple power tools has flowered and prospered. Plywood has largely replaced the plank in home tinkering. Copper tubing has rendered elbows in pipe-joining practically obsolete. Any adult can bend a copper tube.

I think the railroads, apart from slow freights and slower commuter trains, have lost the ball game. Nobody is going to build his own railroad to overcome the old-fashioned smugness and malfunction that drove the trains to the shunting yards and the passengers to the air, but the warning is clear. The airlines were forced to reform themselves to heed the customer's cries of pain over cumbersome ticketing and baggage-handling procedures, of arrogant passenger handling and sloppy scheduling. Compare with the damn-the-customer attitude in the postwar, today's airline operations are miracles of competence and courtesy.

Opposition Needed

One of these days we may even see a demonstration of practical home repair on TV sets and do-it-yourself dentistry. We are already en route to the moon, we have recently kicked off another Telstar, so I wonder if it would be asking too much for the Post Office Department to get the lead out of its pants? It is a monopoly, you know, against all tenets of good government as defined by our attorney general, and there is no real reason why some bright young people can't set up an opposition service, based on the profit system. Who says the government has to handle the mail?

It merely involves putting a lining into a threaded hole to reinforce the threads. This doubles the strength of the threads, so that only half as many bolts or screws are needed. Or you can use the same number but make them twice as small.

In rocketry and other fields where weight is vital, the Baruch screw hole is a blessing indeed. His company now does an \$11 million annual business and has plants in six countries.

Unaware Of Importance

To the average layman, who has only a limited acquaintance with nuts and bolts, screw holes may not seem very important. I was unaware of how vital they are, and some of my best friends are nuts.

But after talking with Eduard Baruch, president of the Heli-Coil Corp. of Danbury, Conn., who was here this week on business, I will never take screw holes lightly again.

It would perhaps be going too far to say that Cooper couldn't have orbited at all without Baruch's screw holes. However, there is no gainsaying that they represent a major contribution to the space program.

They have made possible advances in the use of so-called light materials—aluminum, magnesium, plastics, fiberglass, etc.—that would not otherwise have been possible.

These materials had one common limitation, Baruch explained. "The strength of the threads in the material was less than the strength of the screw or bolt used to assemble it to something."

"Under heavy stress, the

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
June 8, 1923

Five shots were fired by three highwaymen who last night attempted to halt a traveling salesman who was on the road between Canyonville and Glendale. The auto driver, sensing a holdup, stepped on the gas and drove his car by the trio at a high rate of speed and the outlaws, in firing on the machine, failed to do any damage.

The man whose name was not ascertained, was traveling toward Glendale at about 9 o'clock in the evening when the three men stepped into the road and flashed menacing revolvers.

The salesman later stopped at the J. B. Hart Store near the Jones ranch and word was telephoned from there to Deputy Sheriff Branham who got in touch with "Two-Gun Hopkins" at Canyonville. The two men closed in on the holdup spot but the men had taken to the brush and were not found.

25 YEARS AGO
June 8, 1938

Ten Democratic senators proposed today that a three-man senatorial committee be appointed to investigate charges of politics in relief which might arise during the 1938 political campaign. The resolution was introduced by Sen. Tydings (D-Md.) just about the time Harry Hopkins was telling reporters that Sen. Gillette's renomination in the Iowa Democratic primary showed that the WPA was not playing politics.

10 YEARS AGO
June 8, 1953

The last big stumbling block to a Korean truce was swept aside today with the signing of a prisoner exchange agreement, but South Korean opposition shot to the boiling point as their leaders vowed to continue fighting.

COWS LIKE POLKA

FORT ATKINSON, Wis. (UPI)—Mrs. Carl Lange said she and her husband noticed a milk production slump during the two months their barn radio was broken.

Mrs. Lange said production rose after it was fixed and added the cows seem to like a "good lively polka."

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— In The Day's News —

By FRANK JENKINS

The news today? HOLD YOUR HAT!

In Washington, the Defense Department wants to drill a MILE-DEEP hole in the ground and bury at its base a "post-attack" command control headquarters for emergency use in any nuclear holocaust.

Presumably, after a nuclear attack with 100-megaton bombs, everything would be destroyed. From the bottom of the mile-deep hole, experts would then emerge to direct the job of reconstruction.

The cost of the hole and the headquarters at the bottom of it is estimated at more than \$100 million. Opinion as to the project is divided. The chairman of the House Armed Services committee is against it. So is General Thomas Power, commander in chief of the Pacific Air Command.

Defense Secretary McNamara is presumed to be for it.

It sounds weird. But at it makes more sense than some of the other Washington proposals to spend a hundred million dollars.

For example:

The United States is planning a double-header space shot to the neighborhood of the planet Mars in the autumn of 1964. It would be the pioneer effort for a MANNED shot about a decade later.

Details of the planned double-header came on the eve of a two-day symposium on the exploration of Mars, for which many of the nation's top space scientists are gathering at Denver.

Mars is supposed to have an atmosphere—much less dense than that of the earth, but still an atmosphere. Many straight, dark lines can be seen on it through the telescopes.

Decades ago, Percival Lowell of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., believed these lines were stripes of vegetation along the banks of canals, and that they proved the existence of a very developed form of life. He believed that the regularity of the lines showed they were planned by intelligent beings.

The purpose of this proposed space flight to Mars would be to FIND OUT.

Probing question: Do you reckon modern man is just might be getting too big for his britches?

More about Mars.

The planet was named for the god of war in Roman Mythology. Soldiers of the Roman legions, going to war, carried chickens that were sacred to Mars. They fed corn to these birds just before an impending battle.

If the chickens ate hungrily, it was a sign that the God of Battles was on their side and they would be sure to win. If the chickens refused to eat, the Roman soldiers believed they would CERTAINLY LOSE.

Fortunately for the military campaigns of early Rome, chickens seldom fail to eat when feed is spread before them.

WANT TATTOOS OUTLAWED

BARROW, England (UPI)—Schoolmasters have asked the government to make it illegal to tattoo a child under 18 without parental consent.

H. Cunliffe, headmaster of Risedale secondary school, said he was shocked to find seven boys in a physical training class had tattoos, including one with "a naked woman along his forearm."

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OFFERS POOR EXCUSE

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI) — The Highway Department said Thursday a pedestrian charged with ignoring a "don't walk" sign told the judge he thought it was an advertisement for a taxi company.



UNCLE AL'S STORY CORNER

by Alan Knudtson of KNUDTSONS' JEWELERS

You won't ever hear a conversation like the following in OUR store:

Customer: "Is this watch waterproof?"
Salesman: "Oh, yes, it says so right on the back of the watch... right there, printed on the metal."

Customer: "Can I wear it in swimming?"
Salesman: "Well, it's waterproof, but I don't think you ought to wear it in swimming."

Customer: "How about if I wear it in the shower? Is it guaranteed waterproof if I wear it in the shower?"
Salesman: "Well, actually, I wouldn't recommend that you wear it in the shower... but it probably wouldn't cause the watch any damage at all."

Customer: "Well, what I mean is, if I wore the watch in the shower and... let's say it leaked and wrecked the watch... what happens then?"
Salesman: "Well, I suppose we'd just have to repair it for you if it leaked and it was damaged."

Customer: "Does the guarantee cover that?"
Salesman: "What do you mean?"

Customer: "I mean, if the watch was damaged and had to be repaired... will you repair it for me; Uh... what?"
Salesman: "Uh... no... we couldn't do that. Now the company might repair it, I don't know."

Customer: "This tag on the watch says this watch has been tested by the U.S. Testing Corp. and is certified to be waterproof and is guaranteed."
Salesman: "Yes, that's true. Each watch has been tested and is guaranteed waterproof."

Customer: "That's what I mean! What happens if it DOES leak?"
Salesman: "I don't think it will if you take reasonable care of it."

Customer: "Let's say it does, though! My watch that I'm wearing is always fogging up under the crystal and I can't seem to find anybody (watchmaker) who can keep it from fogging up. The last time it fogged up it cost me ten dollars to get it fixed! Now, if this watch that you're showing me fogs up and it rusts, who pays the bill?"

Salesman: "Under those circumstances I guess you'd have to pay for having it repaired."
Customer: "How come it's guaranteed then; I just don't get it! What do you mean by guaranteed?"

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