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Community Celebrations Healthy

The Douglas County Rodeo, which was tottering on the brink of financial failure this year, appears to have been pulled through to success.

The good crowds both Saturday night and Sunday, and the fine action provided by a bumper crop of cowboys will assure a 20th annual rodeo. The Douglas County Mounted, which deserves much of the credit, began immediately to work for an even better show next year.

The Mounted and other members of the Douglas County Rodeo Association deserve much credit for a job well done. Also deserving applause for contributing mightily to the fine weekend was the North Roseburg parade committee under the chairmanship of Frank Lowery.

Taking the parade over for the second straight year, the North Roseburg merchants showed they are intent on proving the parade belongs in their area rather than in downtown Roseburg. So far, there hasn't been a very strong argument against that contention.

The rodeo launched what will be a gala summer of special events. The rodeo lover will get a second show in early July with the annual Yoncalla 4th of July Rodeo. It will again be an amateur rodeo, but it's bound to draw a lot of people to the North Douglas County area.

Then, it's back to the northern end of the county for the annual North Douglas County Fair at Drain. It will take place in mid-August with a queen from the Yoncalla area reigning over it.

The two rodeos mentioned above are for the landlubbers. For the nautical buff, the lower Umpqua area's traditional Fleet Days will follow about two weeks later at Reedsport and Winchester Bay.

After one of the best deep sea fishing seasons in recent years last year, and the makings of a pretty fair one again this year, crowds should be flooding into the lower Umpqua area. The Junior Chamber of Commerce there is laying the groundwork for a three-day show to make it worth the visitors' while.

Then, early in August, the spotlight swings back to central Douglas County for the annual Douglas County Timber Days at Sutherlin. This is the annual event which shows what it takes to keep the county's economy pulsating. It includes high-climbing contests, tests of skill in log truck driving, power saw bucking and log rolling. Planning for this year's event started right after last year's action ended.

Finally, the southern end of the county will come into focus with the Myrtle Creek Fall Festival.

All these special community events of the summer are healthy indications of the pride of the communities which support them. They probably do something for the summer tourist trade also. Not only does the county have unlimited natural wonders to draw the tourists, but they offer some action, too.

"I'm a Pacifist!"

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Curlew Find Was Reason For Joy

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—In writing about a "protocol course" to be offered at Southeastern University here this summer, I noted that it would include a lecture on the use of "party props."

A party prop is an obscure news item that can be used to start a conversation at parties. As an example, I cited the fact that 1963 is the 15th anniversary of the discovery of the nesting place of the bristle-thighed curlew.

It occurred to me later that, because of the context in which it was mentioned, some readers may have gotten the impression that I was treating the anniversary frivolously.

If so, I want to clear that up at once.

I fully recognize that the discovery of the curlew's nest was an ornithological milestone. Perhaps it will make us all feel better if we pause for a moment and pay homage to this remarkable achievement.

Found In 1948

It was, as you may recall, on June 18, 1948, that word of the discovery reached the waiting world. The news was flashed by Dr. Arthur A. Allen, head of an expedition that the National Geographic Society had sent to Alaska to search for the nest.

"We have found the curlew's nest," Allen said simply.

It was a signal for rejoicing and dancing in the streets, for it cleared up a mystery that had baffled man for 163 years.

Ever since 1785, when man first realized that there was such a bird as the bristle-thighed curlew, man had wondered where the darn thing nested.

By 1948, the curlew was the only North American bird whose breeding grounds and summer home remain undetected.

Things like that are what drive man crazy.

The reader is perhaps wondering why the National Geographic expedition was sent to Alaska rather than say, Minnesota. Well, Allen had a hot tip that some of the birds had been sighted off the Alaskan coast.

Had he gone to Minnesota he might be searching yet.

Describes Curlew

For the benefit of those who have never seen a bristle-thighed curlew, I shall attempt to describe one, even though I may be accused of trying to pull your leg.

It is between 16 and 18 inches long and has brown feathers, some of which stick out from its sides like bristles. It spends most of the year in the South Pacific, but goes to Alaska each spring.

"Why these curlews should want to leave the warm, luxurious shores of Tahiti and other South Sea islands, fly 5,500 miles over the open sea, and arrive at one of the most forlorn stretches of Tundra in North America, deserted by all other birds and still largely covered with snow, just to lay four eggs, is hard to understand," Allen once commented.

My guess is that they do it for publicity.

Labor Board Hearing Set For Sutherlin Firm

PORTLAND (UPI) — A National Labor Relations Board hearing is scheduled here June 26 concerning union representation for employes of Sutherlin Machine Works.

Robert J. Wiener, local NLRB representative, said purpose of the hearing was to enable the NLRB to determine whether a vote on representation by the Building and Construction Trades Council should be taken among the employes.

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The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Wednesday, June 19, the 170th day of 1963 with 195 to follow.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars.

Those born today include Lou Gehrig, one of the greatest players in American baseball history, in 1903.

On this day in history:

In 1846, the first baseball game between organized teams took place in Hoboken, N.J.

In 1912, the U.S. government adopted the eight-hour work day for all its employes.

In 1936, the German boxer Max Schmeling knocked out Joe Louis in the 12th round at Yankee Stadium in New York City.

In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed at Sing Sing Prison for giving secret information to the Soviet Union.

A thought for the day—The English dramatist, William Shakespeare said: "If love be blind, love cannot hit the mark."

REPLACEMENT READIED

MOBILE, Ala. (UPI) — A vessel now being converted at a shipbuilding yard here is scheduled to replace the Marine Sulphur Queen, which disappeared in the Gulf of Mexico last February with 39 men aboard.

The replacement, Marine Texan, is expected to be ready for service Nov. 20. It will be able to carry 23,000 tons of liquid sulphur and is to be operated by Marine Transport Lines of New York.

Editorial

Community Question: Who Should Control Schools?

By BRUCE BIOSSAT

General federal aid to primary and secondary education seems an unlikely prospect for some time to come.

Congress will not consider it this year. Yet it is still high in the realm of public debate.

A principal argument against it, of course, is that such assistance inevitably means U. S. control of education.

With countless opponents this fear is obviously genuine, though others evidently use the argument to cloak other objections.

Often the problem is expressed in this kind of question:

"Do you want to turn control of your schools over to federal bureaucrats in Washington?"

There are perhaps few educators who do not share concern that the federal government might become too assertive, once established in the field.

Nevertheless there is an opposite side to this coin. It can be stated in the question:

"What kind of control are you getting at the state and local level? And who asserts it?"

The query is pertinent because in recent years, in many places, a whole host of people of dubious qualification have attempted to dictate to school boards, administrators and teachers what should and should not be taught in our schools.

A university like Stanford can, as it recently did, refuse such "guidance" in the form of strings attached to money gifts. Public schools, dependent on public funds, are unhappily less able to resist often serious pressures from militant outsiders.

The question any community should ask with regard to such complainants is this:

"What are their true credentials? What do they know of the subjects they want taught in their particular way? Is there any support, in the objective evidence, for such teachings?"

The classroom is not the courtroom. There are no strict rules of evidence. But a school must offer its students as much solid, verifiable fact as can be brought to bear on any topic under study.

It also must be a place given over to the free interplay of ideas and opinions. It ceases to be a school when outsiders can intervene to limit it to only those ideas and opinions they approve. The natural response then must be:

"Who are they to say?"

The Moon Is Made Of Peanut Butter

By ROBERT C. RUARK

While I am the first to admit to the charge of fogeyism as regards space race and achievement, and to a decided apathy about whether we ever put a man on the moon, I am pleased to find that I am not entirely alone. There seems to be a rising gorge about devoting $40 billion on what could be basically a gag shot in terms of real value—beating the Russians to the moon.

The vast expenditure is already being referred to as "moon-doggle," or reflection to the old Depression-days, make-work projects of dubious worth. Responsible reporting has pretty well shown that the decision to spend enormous sums in moon-chasing was the decision of a tiny handful of men, including the President, made more or less in backroom conclave.

Tax Economy Hit

Certainly the blastoff of forty billion bucks—even today's denatured dollars—will make a dent in the tax economy of fantastic proportion. The spending has been, is and will be largely political in its allocation. Congress may yell its head off at such piddling waste as was recently recorded in the U.S. Travel Service, but a quiet word that Congressional districts will receive their cuts of the moon-money is enough to blanket opposition in the legislative halls.

The pure scientists, according to what I read, don't generally hold that the moon-race is vitally important. A recent poll has shown that some 58 per cent of the American public is averse to spending all this tax money to cast a new shadow from the moon. But Washington—that means the executive office—is all for the prestige quotient, and be damned to the actual value.

Mr. Kennedy, it seems to me, has shown himself from the barest beginnings to be starved for prestige, with special emphasis on cocking a snook at the Russians. But the prestige-hunger does not extend only to the Russians.

JFK Takes Bait

No soon had Pan American Airlines ordered six Concord double-the-speed-of-sound jetliners, which are being built jointly by Britain and France for delivery in 1968, than the President leaped into the action with a statement that America was immediately embarking on its supersonic airliner program. The goal is a 2,000-mile-an-hour ship, or about 500 miles an hour faster than the Anglo-French number.

Our little toy would be built of plutonium, or moonbeams, or something, and will be so expensive to develop that the $1 billion cost of development would be shared between government and industry, with industry getting its own back in profit of experimentation and construction.

It seems silly not to allow other countries their own toys, especially if they are ahead in research and construction, and it seems even sillier to dignify such a tiny operation as the U.S. Travel Service with a secret hearing, involving 1,500 pages of testimony to allow old John Rooney, the Cheeseparer from New York, to discover that most government bureaus abroad waste money.

Rooney Upset

With billions spilling down diverse drains, Rooney, the watchdog of the crumbs in a powerful House Appropriations subcommittee, is terribly upset because the USTS blew $10,109 dollars for a service manual, $14,773 for an insigne, and spent $46,330 of its annual $53,000 budget for Paris in the last two years of the fiscal year. We used to spend 10 times that much each year to keep Ramfis Trujillo in yachts and fur coats for girl friends, but the excessive drain on the economy seems to bother Rep. Rooney, who is agin booze for diplomats as well.

How Rooney stands on peanut butter, I cannot say, but there is a scandal developing in that area which might well topple the government's loose-leaf system of triple-entry accounting. The House Appropriations Committee, frowning terribly, has suggested a severe cutback in the amount of free peanut butter the government is parceling out to the needy.

Trust Squalls

Eligible families for free food are now getting a half-pound of peanut butter, per person, per month, and the peanut-butter trust is squalling that this appalling outlay is wrecking their business at the supermarkets. It was suggested by the Peanut Butter Manufacturers Associations that some unscrupulous sorts who are receiving free peanut butter are "trading it or selling it" to their neighbors and friends.

It is going to be a horrible shock to learn, $40 billion and 10 years later, as the U.S. Travel Service lies in rubble alongside the bomb-shelter system, that the moon is not made of green cheese, after all. Obviously, it is made of peanut butter, which is what has got the association so worried.

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WASHINGTON WINDOW

President's Tax Reform Program Is Foundering

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International

When President Kennedy has a chance to take his mind off the race relations crisis he will discover that he has another domestic crisis in his lap.

The Kennedy tax reform program is foundering in the House Ways & Means Committee. The committee has rejected many of his reform proposals outright. It has re-shaped others into wholly new patterns. His proposal for revision of the oil and gas depletion tax allowance was sunk by the committee without a trace.

The President has not made a hard nosed, consistent fight for his tax reform proposals. The word got around, true or not, that Kennedy would accept tax reduction without tax reform. As his reform proposals began going down the drain, the President delivered an early spring speech to a group representing the American Bankers Association.

Explained As Warning

When this speech was interpreted as another reform retreat, administration spokesmen passed the word that the intent was otherwise. The President was trying to warn the bankers, these spokesmen explained, that business and the well-to-do among Americans would be compelled to pay the cost of a $10 billion tax cut if tax reform were junked. They would be compelled to pay through continued high individual and corporate income tax rates.

Tax reform continued to lose ground, however, and the President has been too busy with civil rights to reverse the trend. Much time remains, of course, before the House itself will act on the tax bill. Thereafter the Senate will begin committee hearings.

Kennedy may hope to recoup some of his reform losses in the Senate. To do so will require an all-out effort by all hands of the Kennedy administration. The Senate as a whole probably is nearer to the new frontier than is the House of Representatives.

Byrd Substantial Roadblock

But, barring the Senate door to the Kennedy tax bill is the formidable figure of Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) Byrd is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He considers the whole concept of the Kennedy tax reduction-reform bill to be daft. Kennedy's concept is that taxes may be reduced substantially without an accompanying reduction of government spending. More simply: that the U. S. government shall reduce taxes, continue a high rate of spending and borrow more money to pay the deficit difference between income and outgo.

The President told the Advertising Council in March that a balanced budget in the current fiscal year would adversely affect the national economy. This is the theory of Walter W. Heller, chairman of President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers. Others in the administration estimate that a balanced budget might be achieved in fiscal 1967.

This chills Byrd. If the Kennedy tax proposals are having trouble in the House Ways & Means Committee, they may expect catastrophe in the Senate committee presided over by Harry Byrd.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1923

Announcement was made this morning that the Umpqua Valley Canning Co. would reopen the cannery this week. This will be highly interesting news for the fruit growers of the valley as they have been wondering how the present crop of cherries and loganberries was to be marketed.

The uncertainty of the market last year made disposing of canned goods difficult, and stockholders of the local cannery have been busy for some time planning a line of procedure that would enable the financing of the work and permit the business to be carried on successfully. It will be remembered that last year the cannery was established following the failure of the Rupert people to continue operations, and while the outlook was not encouraging, the Umpqua Valley Canning Co. undertook the building up of an institution which would be of material help in promoting the fruit industry of the valley and put the small grower within reach of a market.

25 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1938

Oregon's modernistic 2½ million capitol, which rose out of the ashes of the 59-year-old structure destroyed by fire three years ago, will be turned over to the state tomorrow by the contractors, who finished their job six months early.

After the Capitol Reconstruction Commission accepts the building, it will go across the street and lay the cornerstone for the million dollar library office building which will be completed by next January.

10 YEARS AGO
June 19, 1938

Stacy Adams, fire marshal at Yoncalla, tendered his resignation in an open letter to citizens of the city after voters turned down measures to provide the city with a new fire hall and new fire engine.

Adams said that the refusal of the voters to pass the measure will have reverberations in the formation of a rural fire district in Yoncalla.

With the advent of drier weather, seven forest lookout stations in the county were manned this week, according to Fred Southwick, district warden of the Douglas Forest Protective Assen.

Seven more are to be manned, he pointed out, practically all by July 1.

— In The Day's News —

By FRANK JENKINS

The big news this week?
IT'S A WOMAN.

Who is she?

Her name is Valentina Tereshkova. Her age is 26. In the best communist tradition, she is a former factory worker. Her favorite sport was parachute jumping. That qualified her for cosmonaut training.

When it occurred to the by no means dumb Russians that it would be a fabulous publicity stunt to send a woman into orbit, her choice was a natural.

What is she like?

She has dimples. She wore lipstick into space. She has a small spit curl—as well as a yen for high adventure. She is aware that at this particular moment in history she has a bigger audience than Liz Taylor. She smiles frequently and thinks it will excite world opinion.

She's a BLONDE.

What do the women in her vast audience think of her?

Oregon's Senator Maurine Neuberger thinks Russia's orbiting of a woman in space amounts to "a kind of a show. ." She says she thinks it will excite world opinion, but adds: "Just for the sake of putting a woman in space I wouldn't urge it right now. I don't think we should try to emulate the Russians right away."

She adds that "the venture will have a favorable effect on President Kennedy's space budget requests. We have a lot of people who can't stand to see the Russians get ahead of us." (So, maybe they'll be willing to spend money more freely.)

At Cape Canaveral, the MEN joked about her exploit, with variations on the usual wheezes about women drivers. (As a matter of fact, women are GOOD drivers. Few of them, for example, are at the wheels of the cars that do the wrong things and thus get a lot of people needlessly killed.)

In Frankfurt, Germany, seamstress Emma Groth, age 62, says: Valentina has shown that woman can do anything a man can do. She has proved that we women also have the stuff that courage is made of."

HMMMMMMMMM.

How about our Annie Oakley, in "Annie, Get Your Gun?" Her war cry, aimed at Frank Butler, was: "Anything he can do, I can do better!"

Do you reckon that's the way Valentina Tereshkova feels about it? If so, Russian women are coming to the front in a hurry.

Interesting question:

What's Valentina really like?

Helen of Troy—"the face that launched a thousand ships?"

The Amazons—who burned off their right breasts in order to be better able to aim a bow?

No-o-o-o-o.

I think she's maybe a part of this newer world of ours. . .the business world. . .in which women are indispensable.

Ask any business tycoon—or just the boss of any modern, fairly big business office. He'll tell you that business in these days just couldn't be run without women.

Maybe this fantastic world of outer space that intrigues us so greatly that we're spending ourselves poor to find out about it, can't be run without women.

Disagreement Noted In Ban

By United Press International

Youngsters, like their parents, were in disagreement today over whether they approved of the Supreme Court ruling against required Bible reading and prayer in schools.

"I don't think it really makes that much difference," Bob Jewett, 15, a sophomore from Concord, N.H., said. "Most of the kids don't think it's too important. It's just a tradition."

Two Texas youngsters said they liked the scripture readings.

"The Bible stories in the morning make me feel pretty good," said 10-year-old Elizbeth MacNabb, of Austin. "If the students don't want to read them they don't have to."

"I think you should be allowed to read the Bible in school," said 9-year-old Tim Logan, also of Austin. "I like to read the Bible."

A couple of youngsters warned of the consequences of eliminating the Bible readings.

David Sakamato, 13, Chicago, said the ruling was "not a bad idea, but some of the children might go wrong at the end, such as committing crimes."

"Students should say some prayers or they'd all turn Communist," David Jelley, 10, Concord, N.H., said.

Nine-year-old Anna Lyon of Atlanta said, "I think we should be able to read from the Bible and say the Lord's Prayer in school. They help me to learn more."

A Pittsburgh student, Belinda Harris, 13, said "they should have some sort of Bible reading in the morning. It's good for everybody."

Californians Favor Link

WASHINGTON (UPI) - California officials have put their state squarely behind a proposal for federal construction of high voltage transmission lines to link power resources of the Pacific Northwest and California.

The action was taken by Ralph M. Brody, chairman of the California Water Commission, and William E. Warne, director of the State Water Resources Department, during a closed session of the House Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee.

The Californians said they supported President Kennedy's budget request for $4 million for work on the California portion of the West Coast power intertie during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Deputy Finance Director Irvine H. Sprague told the committee that the intertie had the full endorsement of Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Construction "Overdue"

"The construction of such a federal intertie is long overdue and should be initiated without further delay," Warne said.

He said studies made in cooperation with Washington and Oregon had shown that the intertie would more than pay for itself and provide a market for power now going to waste in the Pacific Northwest.

Warne said the state also supported a budget request by the Bonneville Power Administration for work on the intertie.

Warne and Brody headed a group of some 30 Californians who appeared before the committee in support of various flood control and reclamation projects.

Brody said about $49.6 million in federal funds was needed for the Central Valley Project and an additional $15 million in reclamation funds for the intertie, the loan program and the Tule Lake Division of the Klamath Project.

Now You Know

By United Press International

Paper money is a Chinese invention and notes printed from woodblocks appeared in several denominations as early as 650 A.D., according to Collier's Encyclopedia.

A FISHY TALE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—The evidence was fishy, but Elmer E. Cravens was fined $25 recently for peace disturbance.

Cravens of Paola, Kan., had argued with a tenant at an apartment he owns about her eviction. Mrs. Helen Wilson charged that he hit her over the head with a fish bowl. Cravens denied it.

Officers said they arrived at the apartment and found a broken fish bowl, dead fish and a wet Mrs. Wilson.

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