

Independence Is Still Being Won

If the weather remains good, the 4th of July in Douglas County will be a day of picnics, outings and fireworks shows. But at least a moment of the day should be devoted to remembering what the day means.

It was 187 years ago that the Declaration of Independence was signed. In terms of the human life span that's a long time — so long in fact that the importance of the event which occurred then is easy to forget.

Perhaps that's why it is easy to think of the 4th of July as just a nice, restful day away from the daily grind.

We tend to forget that July 4, 1776, was more than one self-contained day in history. It was the source of a great, ever-broadening river of freedom which continues to roll into our own time.

We are wrong if we think of July 4th as marking the day when freedom was established by decree and handed as a legacy to each succeeding generation. Independence, even after the end of the Revolutionary War was not a completed event. It was only the start of a continuing process which we must all work — and often sacrifice — to retain.

Over the years, many people have given their lives to nurture the growth of freedom. But this is perhaps the easiest form of patriotism. In war, there's no question. We know who the enemy is and

our course of duty is clear.

It's far more difficult to recognize the enemies of freedom which try to corrode it in the course of everyday life. They may be such enemies as prejudice, failure to vote, lack of interest and hundreds of others.

At one time, freedom in America was for those who owned enough property to qualify them for the right to vote. Throughout our history, too often freedom has been abridged or denied to certain classes and minorities because of ethnic background, religion, economic status, political beliefs. Eventually, however, these groups attained full acceptance into citizenship.

They did it generally not by riot and revolution but by steady evolution within the framework of the Constitution. This was the true test which Americans met, to their everlasting glory. But it's an eternal test. No one generation can expect to float easily on that river of freedom which sprang from that 4th of July 187 years ago. There are treacherous cataracts and dangerous rapids and, above all, often unseen forces which would divert or dam it.

But if America — which means you and me — continues to shoulder its responsibilities and continues to fight those forces which threaten that current of freedom, it can lead to a sea of freedom encompassing the whole world.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Comedians Join Lobbyist Ranks

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—"I stuck my head into the office of House Clerk Ralph Roberts and asked 'do you have a couple of comedians in here?'"

"The place is full of them," the receptionist said. "Which two are you looking for?"

I was looking for Marty Allen and Steve Rossi, who showed up a couple of minutes later and requested information on how to register as lobbyists.

It gets a bit complicated trying to explain why a night club and television comedy team was interested in lobbying. But I'll do

the best I can.

It is the practice of big name comics these days to associate themselves with "causes," usually one that is identified with health.

As to whether this has anything to do with the outbreak of sick jokes I am not prepared to say. At any rate, Allen and Rossi have reached the upper stratum of clowning owing in part to a boost they got from astronaut Gordon Cooper.

During his recent orbital flight, Cooper paid them the honor of borrowing a line from one of their routines. In case you missed it, it was "hello down here."

So now they have taken the next logical step by linking themselves with a "cause," in this case the Epilepsy Foundation.

They came to the Capitol this week to confer with Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., about a bill he has introduced to provide federal assistance for improving methods of educating students with epilepsy.

But first they took the precaution of obtaining lobbying registration forms. All clear?

I asked Allen if there was anything else he planned to do while he was in the Capitol.

"Yes," he said, "I want to see Senator Goldwater. I want to return some cuff links I bought at his store."

Reedsport Man Named To Planning Commission

Kenneth Kent of Reedsport has been appointed to the Douglas County Planning Commission. Kent officially replaced Vic Pomeroy, also of Reedsport, on the commission Monday.

Pomeroy had resigned because he was moving from the county. Kent is a native of Roseburg and a graduate of Roseburg High School, class of 1940. Following his graduation, he worked for a large construction firm on foreign projects for several years, then moved to Reedsport in 1945.

He purchased Paradise Cove at Lake Tahkemech, which he recently sold to International Paper Co. He is presently a contractor in Reedsport.

WALL STREET CHATTER

NEW YORK (UPI)—Investment advisors Thomson & McKinnon say "the market's action during the next few weeks should be interesting indeed."

"Rail shares have gained a new stature in the market but this strike-threatened group has been going it alone and can't be expected to hold the trend intact if the blue chips comprising the averages fail to rise to the occasion," it notes.

Value Line Survey said meat packers are headed for a major resurgence in 1963. Cattle and hog supplies should remain above 1962 offerings and prevailing livestock costs will enable the packers to operate plants at profitable, near capacity levels.

Arthur Milton & Co says that "well established companies with small capitalization, rather than companies with multitudinous shares outstanding, offer the investor the greater opportunity for enhancement."

The Almanac

Today is Wednesday, July 3, the 184th day of 1963 with 181 to follow.

The moon is approaching its full phase. The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars. On this day in history: In 1863, the tide of the Civil War was turned at Gettysburg, as Union forces crushed the charge of Confederate Gen. George Pickett.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state to enter the Union. In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago, Cuba, in the Spanish-American War.

In 1950, U.S. soldiers met the North Koreans in battle for the first time. A thought for the day—Greek philosopher Plato said: "Of all the animals, the boy is the most unmanageable."

Farm Plan Draws Blast By Bircher

PORTLAND (UPI)—The government's farm program was called a fantastic fraud which has cost taxpayers \$50 billion by a member of the national council of the John Birch Society in a recent talk.

Thomas J. Anderson, Nashville, Tenn., spoke to about 500 persons. He is editor and publisher of Farm and Ranch Magazine.

"The farm program hasn't helped the little farmer," Anderson said. "It has helped big business—the doctor, the dentist and Billie Sol Estes."

His hour-long speech ranged over a variety of issues from farm policies to politics to integration.

In a news conference earlier, he emphasized that the John Birch Society does not endorse political candidates, but he said he felt Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., was the Republican with the best chance of beating President Kennedy in 1964.

He said Goldwater would have a difficult time winning the nomination because the Eastern Republican leaders were against him, however.

George Turned Down Crown Offer

By FREDERICK M. WINSHIP
NEW WINDSOR, N.Y. (UPI)—American independence was declared in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, but it was in this Continental Army encampment—now under restoration—that Gen. George Washington stood fast against making the new nation a monarchy.

Washington and the bulk of his army camped at the New Windsor cantonment, in the Hudson Highlands near West Point, for eight months in 1782-83 while the Treaty of Paris was being written and the British continued to occupy New York. Cornwallis had surrendered in 1781 and Washington's men were chafing to get back to their farms and businesses, but not without some pay in their pockets.

Dissatisfaction with the near-bankrupt Continental Congress, sitting in Philadelphia, was rampant, especially among Washington's officers. They complained of pay arrears, unsettled food and clothing accounts and failure of the Congress to grant them promised life pensions at half pay.

This led to the suggestion that Washington take over by assuming the crown with the aid of his army.

Washington brushed aside the suggestion, expressed in a letter from Col. Lewis Nicola, with annoyance and scorn, but soon he was faced with a more serious rebellion against the Congress led by Maj. John Armstrong. The major circulated anonymous broadsides at the cantonment, urging the officers to openly defy Congress. Washington countered by calling a grievance meeting on March 15, 1783.

At the meeting, the father of his country shamed the rebels by pleading for the same loyalty and patience with their government that he had given his officers during the dark days of the Revolution. Washington vowed the Congress would treat its army officers justly, and the officers backed him by adopting a resolution affirming their confidence in the government and their disdain of Armstrong's "infamous propositions."

The huge log building in which this historic meeting took place, the Temple of Virtue, stands again on its hilltop site. The original disappeared long ago, but a replica has been painstakingly built by the National Temple Hill Association, Inc., and it will be rededicated as a museum later this year.

The association also owns the



By ROBERT C. RUARK

I don't know how you feel about it, but it seems to me that there are more bugs around than there used to be when I was a boy. In my case I got more, and am quivering in the expectation of a fresh batch any day now. The trouble is, as my grandpa used to say, people don't stay home enough, but are always off gallivanting.

Grandpa's definition of "gallivanting" was any trip that encompassed more than the two blocks to Cox's store. Grandpa was against all mechanized travel, and most foot plod. Grandpa's feet deviled him. He wore those elastic-sided boots with holes cut in the toes to ease his bunions, and, even so, a short trip to the corner store to replenish his supply of eating tobacco summoned up a power of grumble.

Stay At Home
If you stayed home, Grandpa said, apt as not you didn't get exposed to other people's germs. What small bacilli you might encounter at home could be stayed off by corn whisky, keeping the windows nailed shut, and refraining from hot baths. Grandpa was very strong on the point of hot baths. He said they weakened a fellow—opened the pores and bugs flew in.

It is quite likely that Grandpa's generation suffered varieties of Asian flu; the various coccis, such as strep and staph; sinus troubles, hepatitis, plebitis, and gingivitis—not to mention St. Vitus, an ancient variation on the twist. But these exotic maladies were neither known nor diagnosed as such.

What you died of was the galloping consumption, the heart disease, acute appendicitis, and gunshot wounds. I doubt if cancer was often proscribed. You just took sick, enfeebled, and croaked. They said two things: "What a pity he died so young," and "My, don't he look natural!"

It Was Natural
Everybody had malaria, of course, and the yaller jaunders, but those were portion to everyday living in the same sense that "caught a cold" once in the spring and once in the fall. Now and again you would contract a "summer" cold, which everybody said was the worst kind. If you

Spry as Ever



OUR COUNTRY'S
187th BIRTHDAY

Bug-Transmission Blamed On Travel

It is indeed a dismal future we face — nuclear destruction, the population explosion, galloping boredom with television, and odd exotic germs that pounce in the oddest ways, in the oddest places.

The only cure, as I see it, is bunions. If you got bunions, your feet hurt, and if your feet hurt, you stay home. A man that ain't always gallivanting all over the place, and who shuns hot baths, keeps his windows closed, and takes a steady sip of corn whisky is a cinch to live to a ripe old age.

But the simple truth is that Grandpa had a pretty good point about bug-transmission. People who used to stay home now jump all over the world in a matter of minutes, subjecting themselves to all sorts of odd organisms which may be perfectly tractable in their native health, but which assume tigerish vehemence when loosed on innocent cell-structure.

The death- and illness toll was staggering, for instance, on the survivors of the blowup in Tristan da Cunha. The Tristans were evacuated to England and damn near

extinguished themselves on the bugs the British accept as fair-weather friends. A common Yankee cold was murderous to Polynesians, and now we girdle the globe at nearly the speed of sound, spraying odd germs on our fellows.

Commonion Enormous
If Grandpa's ghost knew that a recent case of cholera was reported on a U.S.-bound plane, the case originating in Bombay and being clipped off in Tokyo, the astral commonion would be enormous. Also, if he happens to be aware that a sizable outbreak of smallpox was nailed in Britain not so long ago — the disease also originating in Pakistan, as I recall — his spectral loathing for gallivanting would account for the miserable weather we've been having lately.

Disagree Over Laos
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The State Department does not believe a new 14-nation conference on Laos is needed despite a British report Monday that talks with Russia on Laos have broken down.

A State Department spokesman declared after the British announcement that the United States does not concede that the peace-keeping machinery on Laos has collapsed.

Boeing Picked To Study Housing For Moon Base

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Space Agency said Monday it has picked the Boeing Co. of Seattle to make the first of several studies for a moon base housing two to 18 persons.

The base, if authorized, would be established after completion of the Apollo program to land two men on the moon before 1970.

Work on the lunar base, designed to handle a variety of scientific missions, would begin no earlier than 1970.

The Boeing study will last four months and cost about \$196,000. It will be followed by many more in the next 18 months.

During the late afternoon, General Hancock arrived with heavy Union reinforcements, and his appearance restored order in the Union ranks and inspired confidence in the Union troops.

Toward midnight, General Meade appeared in person on the scene and proceeded to post his whole army on a hill south of the town. This changed the situation. But throughout the North, 100 years ago today was a grim and terrible time. Throughout the South, there was rejoicing and eager anticipation.

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— In The Day's News —

By FRANK JENKINS

The news as this is written? It isn't particularly thrilling.

President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Macmillan, meeting all day at Birch Grove, Premier Macmillan's country residence near the village of Chelwood Gate, some 20-odd miles south of London, agreed on the urgency of a nuclear test ban pact with the Soviet Union, but remained divided on the need for a nuclear fleet manned, commanded and maintained by the North Atlantic allies.

They would be surface ships capable of firing nuclear missiles. President Kennedy thinks it would be a good idea. Premier Macmillan has his doubts. He thinks such ships would be too easily located by the Communists in the event of a war.

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By the way—

Quite a bit of news got its start at the little town of Chelwood Gate, where President Kennedy and Premier Macmillan held their meeting yesterday.

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Local Pastor Gives Convention Speech

The Rev. D. W. Hinrichs, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, represented the local church at the recent 45rd convention of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, held on the campus of Concordia College in Portland.

Hinrichs also delivered the inspirational address for the devotion opening at the first business session of the convention. Some 300 lay, teacher and pastor delegates, representing 214 Lutheran congregations, were in attendance at the sessions. The district includes the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

The Rev. Roland Wiederanders, D.D., first vice president of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, was the keynote speaker for the convention, developing the theme "Forward in Faith."

According to the Rev. Mr. Hinrichs, it was reported at the conference that some 842 lay trainees in the Northwest District had received an eight-week course in Bible class leadership under the district's "Bible Study Advance" program.

Other reports listed 12 new congregations, 22 new pastors and five new parochial school teachers for the district, Hinrichs said.

A century ago today, there was

PREDICTS HOT JULY

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Weather Bureau predicts higher than normal temperatures in the eastern two-thirds of the nation in the next 30 days.

The Far West can expect below normal temperatures during July, the bureau said Monday, while normal to below normal temperatures were forecast for the North Atlantic and South Atlantic coast regions.

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LET FREEDOM RING! In observance of this great day in American history let us as individuals remember to guard the precious gift of freedom by being alert and responsible citizens. Have a careful 4th.



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