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Prosperity May Well Begin At Home

Roseburg's Payroll Development Committee has fashioned its initial efforts of improving the industrial climate of the county to assisting industry already established.

This committee is part of a state pilot project designed to determine how effective such an approach is to increasing payrolls. The approach apparently has already been adopted by Michigan.

While some cities, states and regions of the U. S. are vying with each other for the rich prizes of new industrial development, heavily industrialized Michigan is taking the tack that prosperity could well begin at home.

Right now Michigan is riding high with one of the most prosperous automobile production years in its history. Last year also was good. But the state has had its lean periods, and it no longer gets anything like the major share of the defense business it once had.

The state's specialists in economic development would like to recapture some of that business. But they do not wish to have too great dependence on it.

Nor do they want particularly to lure a flock of new concerns to Michigan, though plainly they will not bar the doors to solid enterprises seeking a base in the state.

What they want to do most is encourage the economic health of businesses already in Michigan.

The experts believe that 90 per cent of Michigan's economic growth in the decades just ahead will come from either Michigan-based companies or concerns with major Michigan branches.

The notion is that if these firms' needs are properly gauged and attended to, they will stay in the state and supply the expanding economic foundation it needs to care for its steadily rising population.

There would seem to be immense good sense in this. Efforts to attract new plants are thoroughly understandable, especially in those places that are today deeply mired. But the concessions and other luring services represent, in some ways, discrimination against already established companies.

A Michigan development specialist notes that 1,000 major firms have moved in the United States in the past five years. Another 1,000 plan to move in the current five years. Any alert area should be busy seeing what it can do to provide a setting and economic climate which will encourage employers to stay around.

Often the old industrial site constricts development. Transportation alignments are outdated, community facilities are inadequate, tax structure is bad.

Michigan has no patent on this approach. It is obviously a good one and it deserves to be widely copied.

'Tis the Season to Be Jolly



The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Klamath Area Points Up Chance To Plan Future

Because the Oregon Game Commission in its appeal to the last legislature failed to secure enough money to maintain efficiently all the operations it has planned, it is being forced to sell some land it had obtained for use as wildlife reserves or for recreation. Much of the land, it is true, has little value for other than recreation. However, the commission pays taxes on land it holds, thus this otherwise useless land is costly. Without enough funds to carry out a complete program, the commission must sacrifice those operations deemed most strictly essential.

One of the areas being prepared for sale is a part of the Eagle Ridge property in Klamath County. The state of Oregon, through the Game Commission, holds title to more than 1,200 acres, but is preparing to sell off about one-half.

The state will retain a portion particularly valuable for water fowl nesting, together with boat launching facilities. It is possible that the remaining acreage will not be a complete loss to the recreational program, provided the Klamath County Court follows the urging of the Herald and News, the Klamath Falls daily newspaper.

The newspaper is urging the county to buy the land and to add it to the county park system.

The tract is located on upper Klamath Lake. The county, the Herald and News says, needn't retain the entire piece. In fact, some of it is suitable only for growing timber. But around 400 acres could be retained for park purposes, and there would be an opportunity to form a number of small parcels to be sold at public auction for summer home sites from a part of the remainder.

"We have explored the lake all the way up to the north end and have been amazed at the lack of use," says the Klamath Falls editorial writer.

He need not be amazed by the current lack of recreational usage, in my opinion. However, I predict he'll have good reason to be "amazed" at the lack of foresight and vision some years hence if his advice isn't heeded. Soon we will have not nearly enough recreational resource to accommodate both the natives and visitors unless something is done without delay to preserve areas suitable for recreation.

Already Oregon's developed recreational facilities are overtaxed.

Our overnight camps, for example, aren't nearly sufficient to meet demand. This particularly is true in our coastal area. We're turning away hundreds of people every night during the height of the tourist season. Some of the finest undeveloped recreational potential to be found in all Oregon lies in the southern and central parts of the state. The resource

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THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Right Little Finger Is Very Important

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — On Thanksgiving Day I went out to thanksgiving football games to perform a ritual, familiar to all suburbanites, that is known as "putting the lawnmower away for the winter."

While I had the thing upended, trying to remove the blade, the wrench slipped and mashed the end of the little finger on my right hand. It was excruciating. Besides that, it hurt. I ran into the house where I encountered my wife coming up from the basement with a load of laundry. She could sense from the way I was screaming that something was wrong. My wife is very perceptive that way.

"What's the matter?" she asked. "I hurt my pinkie," I said. "You poor kid," she crooned. "Come here and I'll kiss it and make it all well."

Sarcasm Unappreciated I didn't appreciate the sarcasm one bit. Besides that, she lied to me. This happened more than two weeks ago and my finger is still sore.

Mashing one's finger is not, I'll admit, a mortal wound. But for someone who earns his livelihood playing the typewriter, it is just about the worst thing that can happen.

The Almanac

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 17, the 251st day of 1963 with 14 to follow.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The evening stars are Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:

In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful airplane flight in history when they soared over the sand dunes at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

In 1925, Gen. William (Billy) Mitchell was found guilty by a court martial and sentenced to suspension from the Army for five years. Twenty years later the Senate voted overwhelmingly to confer on him posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1939, the Nazi vessel Graf Spee was scuttled off the coast of Uruguay, following express orders to the crew from Adolf Hitler.

In 1957, the Air Force successfully launched the first Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A thought for the day — The Roman orator Cicero said: "The short period of life is long enough for living well and honorably."

FIRING SUCCESSFUL

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. (UPI) — A Titan-2, one of the nation's mightiest military rockets, was fired successfully Monday more than 5,000 miles down the Pacific missile range.

The shot was described as a routine test conducted by Strategic Air Command (SAC) personnel. No details of the firing of the 102-foot Titan-2 were released.

Outside of discovering that one's wife can't really heal a mashed finger by kissing it, I don't know of anything more traumatic than having to change one's typing technique.

Under the typing system I employ, the right little finger has jurisdiction not only over the colon-semicolons, its home key, but is also responsible for the letter P, both capital and lower case; the zero; the starboard parenthesis; the asterisk; the dash; the margin release; the 1/2 and 1/4 signs; the plus and equal signs; the question mark and slash mark; a shift key; the per cent mark and that little a with the circle around it.

Versatility Unmatched No other typing finger can match its versatility and none is more important, except possibly the left ring finger, which is assigned to the key used in X-ing out mistakes.

The loss of the right pinkie is particularly hard on someone like me because I have an inferiority complex and consequently use a lot of question marks.

During my incapacitation, I devised a left hand crossover method under which the left index finger substitutes for the injured digit. The result has been a steady erosion of my central nervous system.

After the first week I started stuttering, which is a common affliction among ambidextrous chess players and baseball switch hitters. At the end of 10 days, I found that my eyes were crossing.

Fortunately, however, the soreness is about gone now and I'll be all right as soon as my ears quit twitching.

Daily Bible Reading

By Roseburg

Ministerial Association

Scripture: 1 Thess. 1:1-10

The Thessalonian converts, having received the gospel of Christ so heartily and held it so firmly, having shown the influence which it exerted over their lives by their joy in the Holy Spirit, became examples to all who believed in Macedonia and Achaia.

The beauty of this church did not consist of a gorgeous, material building but of a people who believed in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

They were examples to all believers. As today, there was much external conflict and danger and they received the word of God in much affliction, realizing the message of the gospel as the good news from God, Himself.

Paul, Christ's ambassador, relied on his credentials from God. Self reliance is found only in relying on God. After disclaiming all wrong, the apostle proceeds to describe positively the nature and manner of his teaching.

He was put in trust with the

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1923

The Roseburg High School basketball team last night won its first game of the season by burying Myrtle Creek, 64-4. Dr. "Gib" Finlay refereed the game. In a preliminary game for girls of the two schools, Roseburg won, 18-9.

Edna Purviance is starring in "A Woman of Paris" written and directed by Charles Chaplin, now playing at the Liberty Theatre in Roseburg.

25 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1938

Chairman Martin Dies of the U. S. House Committee on Un-American Activities said today the political aim of the Communist Party is a peril to the U. S. He said proposed formation of a farmer-labor party by Communists was an "integral part of a world revolutionary movement for proletarian internationalism."

The Roseburg High School Indians added another victory for the year last night by topping Springfield, 28-25, in a basketball game.

10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1953

Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady are scheduled to die in the gas chamber in Jefferson City, Mo., tonight for the kidnap slaying of Bobby Greenlee, son of a Kansas City millionaire.

Ezzard Charles' hopes for recovering his heavyweight boxing championship soared today after he scored an impressive win last night over Coley Wallace.

News Analysis



By PHIL NEWSOM

Under the leadership of Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Union has had but one standard of comparison, the United States.

For the people of the 15 Soviet republics, living on broken promises, it has been a tragedy. For Khrushchev, first secretary of the Communist party since 1953 and premier since 1958, it has been an example of personal destructibility.

For example: On July 30, 1961, the Soviet Communist party announced its third program, a milestone in the history of communism.

The first program had been drawn up in 1903 and called for "the overthrow of the Czarist autocracy" and the "establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"Socialist Society" The second program, drawn up by Lenin in 1919, had for its goal the "building of a Socialist society."

The third, drawn up under

Russia's Failure Caused By Haste

Khrushchev, declared:

"In the current decade (1961-1970) the Soviet Union will surpass the strongest and richest capitalist country, the United States, in production per head of population; the people's standard of living and their cultural and technical standards will improve substantially. . . . hard physical work will disappear. . . ."

Last week before 6,000 members of the Soviet leadership in the Kremlin Hall of Congresses, Khrushchev gave his accounting of failure.

Typically, his accounting contained no note of personal failure nor of the fact that as he personally guided the destiny of Soviet agriculture he has seen first mechanization as the cure-all for the ills of Soviet production, then the opening of the virgin lands and now, finally, the massive use of fertilizer.

To bring this about he announced a crash program to more than triple the output of the Soviet chemical industry in the next seven years.

Two hundred new chemical plants are to be built and 500 existing ones rebuilt.

But, again typical of the twists and turns of various Soviet five, seven and 20-year programs, the announcement took no notice of past failure.

"Unprecedented" Plan The Khrushchev announcement called the new plan "unprecedented" and, among other things, called for the production by 1970 of 3.5 to 4 million tons of plastics and synthetic resins, a jump of six to seven times over the present level.

Ignored was the fact that the pie-in-the-sky program of 1961 called for more than 5 million tons of plastics and synthetic resins by 1970.

Khrushchev made a special note of the claim that since the death of Josef Stalin 10 years ago, Soviet production of meat and milk has more than doubled and the production of eggs tripled. But he omitted to note that most of this gain came from the small private plots allotted to Soviet peasants for their own use.

He also failed to note that while production was increasing, so was the Soviet population at the rate of 3.5 million per year.

With Soviet space accomplishments in mind, there is no disposition to discount Soviet technical ability. Rather, U.S. experts are inclined to attribute Soviet failures to too much haste and too little planning.

But it is easy to see why Khrushchev, beset by problems on every side, has need for haste.

Reader Opinions

Play Ball Spirit Needed In United Fund Drive

This is not the time for plaudits, rather it is the time of further and direct effort. The 1963-64 Central Douglas United Fund campaign has reached an important but critical level — just over 81 per cent of the total goal of \$29,936. How very close we are, but how we need that extra effort at this time.

Within our local campaign area there are approximately 1,200 accounts of individuals and businesses.

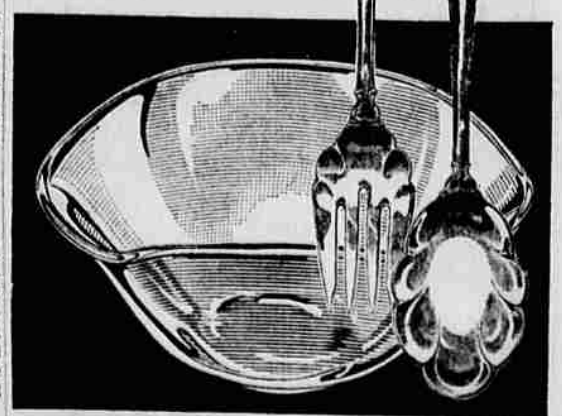
Because of the decided enthusiasm in Douglas County for our tremendous sports teams, a theme was used this year indicating "Play Ball With United Fund." A little of that ball spirit is needed now.

After all, remember the funds pledged and donated to the United effort are, in most part, re-invested immediately within this area — to support children, the unwed mothers, the YM-YWCA programs, Salvation Army, the transient relief, and all of the other member agencies of the United Fund.

To those who have already so generously contributed this year, remember your investment is well placed here at home.

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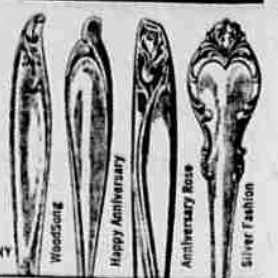
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