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Service On Park Board Appreciated

H. J. (Hi) Hash has been forced by ill health to resign as a member of the Douglas County Park Board of Directors. Hash was one of the original members named to this organization. He served continuously since Douglas County organized the first county park department in the Pacific Northwest in 1950.

The County Court in accepting his resignation thanked Hash for a "job well done." To this expression from the County Court should be added the appreciation of all residents of the county.

The work accomplished by the retiring park board member started long before the county launched its program.

He was one of the very active members of the South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club at Canyonville, where he has made his home throughout most of his active life. The South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club was, and still is, one of Oregon's most active sports organizations.

It was organized in an area which earlier had a high rate of poaching, forest incendiarism, and violation of game laws. Through its fine program of activities and education, the club promoted the southern part of Douglas County as an outstanding recreational section. It is noted for participating in forest fire safety and in game and fish management. In all these activities "Hi" was one of the leaders. His contribution to general recreation and conservation in the county was impressive at the time he was selected, because of his outstanding work, to serve on the park board.

As one of the directors he was a participant in the county's park program until he suffered an illness impairing attendance and activity at meetings. Because of this condition he has retired with deserved thanks from the County Court and, we are sure, the gratitude of all residents of Douglas County.

Holiday Joy Can Be Replaced By Tragedy

The next week and a half will be a time of joy and happiness — for most.

For some, it will be a time of high tragedy — tragedy taking its terrible course on the highway.

Ironically, the season when happiness should reign supreme is the season the grim toll on the highway is at its worst.

Here are some facts to remember for these next 10 days:

1. The holiday death toll averages higher than non-holiday weekends.
2. Half the fatal accidents happen within 10 miles of home; two-thirds within 25 miles.
3. Three of five fatal holiday accidents involve only one vehicle.
4. In a recent study, 42 per cent of those who died in holiday accidents would have been saved by seat

belts. Another 2 per cent might have.

5. Seventy-five per cent of fatal Christmas accidents involve driving too fast for conditions or in excess of stated speed limits.

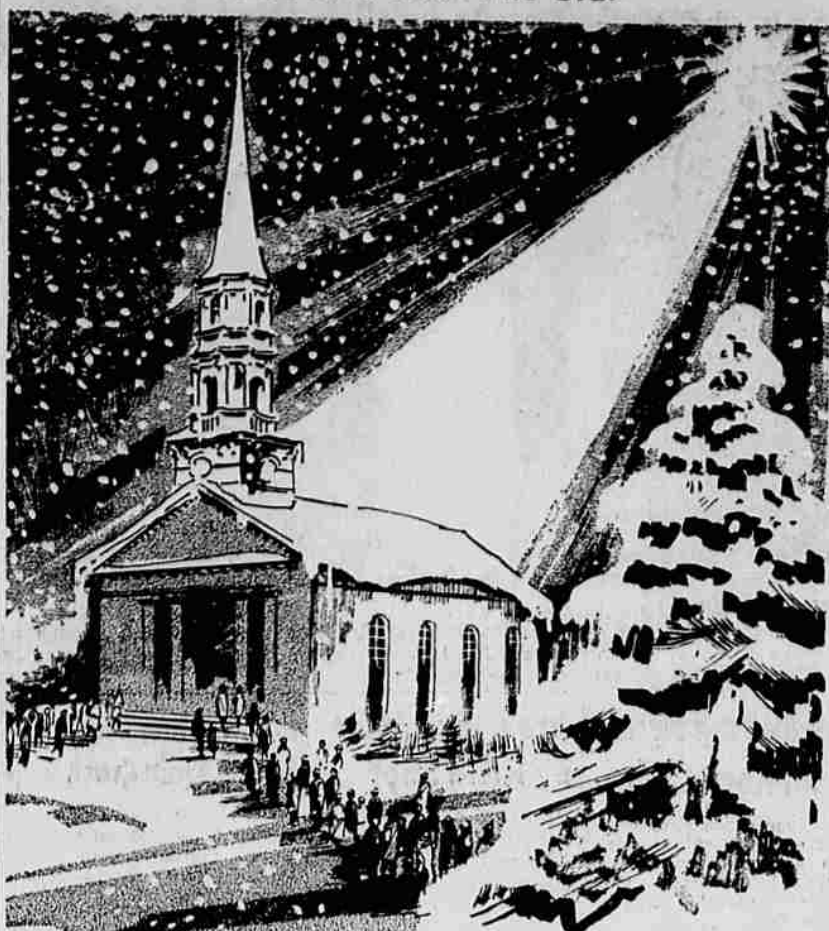
6. Drinking drivers are involved in more than half the fatal Christmas-time accidents.

7. Fatal accidents occur early in the holiday period. During the last six hours of Christmas Eve, the hourly rate for fatal accidents is approximately five times greater than it is for the remainder of the holiday.

8. One out of four Christmas accidents involve pedestrians. Forty per cent of these occur between 4 p.m. and midnight Christmas Eve.

9. A driver's chances of getting into an accident are three to 10 times greater after more than one cocktail or one bottle of beer.

"We Have Seen His Star"



Time To Review Peace, Good Will



By ROBERT C. RUARK

If ever there was an apt opportunity for reinspection of the words, "peace on earth, good will to men," it seems to me that this is both the time and the season for it. We have been fed on various forms of hatred for too long, until the feeding has nurtured a fresh form of psychopathic aberration which might almost be termed an occupational disease.

As Ralph McGill, the respected publisher of the Atlanta Constitution pointed out a few days after President Kennedy's assassination, it seems necessary that the nation comprehend that hate, whether fueled by the extreme right or the extreme left, cannot only destroy the chief of state, but the state itself.

Factories Of Hate

There has never been a better example of what Mr. McGill called "the factories of hate" than this miserable psychopath, Oswald, who temporarily extinguished the light of the world with a secondhand Italian carbine.

The creature was successful at nothing, although he was born free and raised in a time of prosperity, with nothing racially or religiously in his disfavor to give him an excuse of self-righteousness. He joined the Marines, where he was a conspicuous exception to that crack body's esprit. He bugged out on a technicality, and promptly deserted to Russia.

So far as anybody knows, he was rejected for Russian citizenship, promptly sought sanctuary (and received it) from his own country, repaid the mercy and the restoration of civil rights by an unsuccessful attempt to become important in the American Communist party, and wound up agitating (again unsuccessfully) for one of those many-bearded pro-Castro outfits.

Leads Crooked Brain

I don't know what fuels the kind of hate which leads a crooked brain to seek relief in calculated murder of an image, whether the image is the President of the United States.

OSU Lists 1,250 As Graduate Students

CORVALLIS (UPI) — Registration figures at Oregon State University show a record 1,250 graduate students representing every state in the union enrolled.

A report by Dr. Henry P. Hansen, dean of the graduate school, showed half the students majoring in some field of science.

More than 500 of the graduate students received their bachelor's or master's degrees, or both, from an Oregon college or university.

California schools supply most of the out-of-state post graduates with 138. There are 124 from Washington, 42 from Utah, 33 from Iowa, 32 from Illinois and 29 from Colorado colleges and universities.

Now You Know

By United Press International
The National Academy of Sciences, a private non-profit organization of leading U.S. scientists, was established by an act of Congress on March 3, 1863, to further science and advise the federal government, according to the World Almanac.

ident of the United States or some innocent child or some policeman doing his duty. But the hatred is there, and it seems to have grown, and it even pays off in the absolutely incredible assassination of the assassin by this Ruby species before a nationwide television audience.

God knows there was enough hate loosed against President Roosevelt, and Mrs. Roosevelt, and I suspect that World War II, with its supersuccession of pressing problems, likely saved Mr. Roosevelt from an assassin's rifle. They had an almost successful go at President Truman, as well. In every instance these things seem to be based on unreasoning, self-poisoning, distilled hate.

Along For The Ride
In recent years there has been an open advocacy and even challenge of Federal authority, with all the devices, subtle and outrightly violent, being pulled into play. Again as Mr. McGill notes, this includes evangelists preaching politics instead of God's word, violent racists on both sides of the color line, religious bigots, recalcitrant generals, and heaven only knows how many sheep-minded

dolts who come along for the ride and the noise. Our stories of bombings, or riots, of senseless picketings, of snipings, of vandalism, have become as commonplace as the pictures of housewives hissing hatred at children trying to go to school, of students rioting, of beer-hall bums stomping people on the floor, of dogs loosed at the throats of the citizenry, of slack-jawed yokels laughing idiotically at the tragic transgressions of mobs.

The scrawled signs on public walls; the filth that comes through the mail to any newspaper office or individual writer; the tasteless jokes, all the sickening sidebars of hatred have become as commonplace as the torrents of lies and slanders and baseless rumors and accusations of evil.

Face Now A Snarl
The face of the nation has become a snarl. The home-cooked bomb replaces the apple pie, and you can't go to school or take a stroll in a park without wondering if you'll make it alive to the nearest police station.

It is the right time of year for re-evaluation. Christ said: "Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do." I think in our time they do know what they do. They just don't know why they're doing it, and an absence of basic morality and the recognition of human dignity can as surely slay the nation as the assassin's bullet killed Mr. Kennedy. But it is possible that Mr. Kennedy, like Jesus Christ, did not die in vain if the most recent tragedy forces the nation to a reappraisal of the sickness which daily cankers in its heart and soul. (Copyright, 1963 by United Press, Inc.)

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 23, 1923
Mayor N. Rice urges the city council to guard the city's expenditures during the year in his annual message last night. Opposition to the expense of constructing a bridge to Umpqua Park addition, while more important projects are pending, was expressed last night by the mayor.

25 YEARS AGO
Dec. 23, 1938
More than 100 Elks were present last night at the annual Christmas dinner held by the Roseburg Lodge of Elks.

Following the dinner, initiation was held at which the following became members of the lodge: Guy Hickman, Dave Ellis, Val E. Strong, Dave Taylor and Peyton Oederkirk. During the course of the meeting plans were made for the annual New Year's Eve dancing party. The dance is to be for Elks and their guests only with tickets to be limited to 115 couples, so that everyone attending will be assured of table accommodations.

10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 23, 1953
Santa Claus made an unscheduled flight to the North Umpqua area to bring the first television set in Glendale to Mrs. James T. Welch, a gift from her husband, according to Mrs. Arthur Selby, correspondent. Programs are brought in through KOIN TV in Portland. Words and music are clear and distinct but figures are "snowy" as though seen in a snowstorm.

The Almanac

Today is Monday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1963 with eight to follow.

The moon is at its first quarter.

The evening stars are Saturn, Jupiter and Venus.

On this day in history:
In 1928, a permanent coast-to-coast radio network (NBC) was established.

In 1948, ex-Prime Minister Tojo of Japan and six other war leaders were executed in Tokyo by an Allied War Crimes Commission.

In 1953, the former head of Russia's secret police, Lavrenti Beria was executed.

A thought for the day—it is written in the New Testament according to the Gospel of St. Matthew, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you."

Boeing Co. Selected To Build Space Craft

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Boeing Co., Seattle, has been selected for a multi-million dollar contract to build a space craft to photograph the moon in preparation for man's landings, it was announced today.

The announcement of the contract, expected to exceed \$60 million, was made jointly by Sens. Henry M. Jackson and Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash.

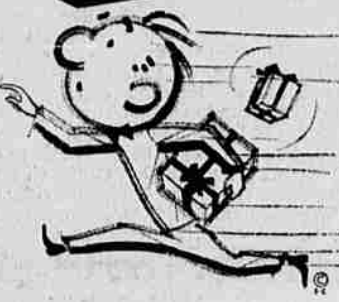
The lunar orbiter spacecraft was designed as intended to pave the way for the Apollo manned lunar landing mission.

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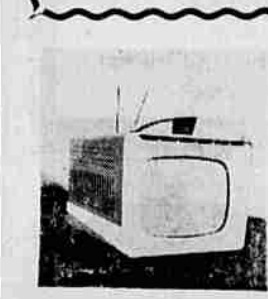
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Opinions From Readers

Mental Health Problem Treatable At Home

To The Editor:
I recently attended a meeting in Salem where some 70 representatives of 22 counties spent the day planning a community approach to mental health problems.

Dr. Joseph H. Treleven, administrator of the Oregon Mental Health Division, spoke to the group. I would like to pass on to Douglas County residents a few of his statements.

He said that persons with mental problems can be treated more successfully in the communities than in state hospitals.

He called this new concept a revolution in mental health and urged that local clinics be expanded quickly. In most cases early diagnosis and treatment can prevent serious mental illness.

He said the community services are more successful because they have contact with the patient's family and can coordinate all social and psychiatric services.

"Will your community take advantage of this, or will you continue to rely on state programs that are being squeezed by the shortage of tax dollars?" he asked.

K. C. Lyster, President Mental Health Assn. of Douglas County, P. O. Box 1111.

Reader Is Astonished By Editor's Viewpoint

To The Editor:
To put it mildly I was astonished by Mr. Stanton's columns of the 11 and 14th in which he favored a beach park in the vicinity of Astoria rather than one near the mouth of the Umpqua river. I can readily understand that people in the northern part of the state would favor such a site for a park, but why the Editor of the principal newspaper in Douglas County should do so is a mystery to me.

The fact that there is disagreement regarding giving the Dunes Park Authority the right to condemn privately owned property in the proposed site is not an adequate explanation for the abandonment of the whole plan. It would seem to me that some adjustment could be arrived at whereby the owners of homes in the proposed park would be allowed to retain their homes, provided their ownership was of such a small area that it would not in any way hamper the use of the park by the public. In fact, it would be to the advantage of the public to have some private owners who might provide services which would otherwise be unattainable.

The Dunes Park near the mouth of the Umpqua River, to-

Russians Again Want Red Seat

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union called Saturday night for "new consultations" to expand the United Nations Security Council and admit Communist China to the United Nations in place of Nationalist China.

A foreign ministry statement urged all Afro-Asian countries to join a "common front" of U.N. members in demanding that Peking take its "rightful seat" in the world body.

The statement said both the Security Council and the U.N. Economic and Social Council should be enlarged.

But at the same time Premier Nikita Khrushchev launched an apparent new attack on Communist Chinese policies toward the underdeveloped nations.

In an interview published here tonight and coinciding with Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's arrival in Algeria, Khrushchev reminded the Algerians that Moscow had sent "large quantities of weapons... free of charge" to them during their independence war against France.

Roquefort cheese, manufactured in the southeastern part of France near the city of Roquefort since the early 18th century, is made from sheep's milk. Its striking characteristic is the marbled appearance of the interior. During the cheese-making process, mouldy bread crumbs are sifted between layers of curd to bring about the desired ripening.

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Daily Bible Reading

By Roseburg

Ministerial Association

Scripture: Luke 24-28

"Fear not" — Three times in connection with this wonderful narrative the voice of God's messenger is heard commanding man "Fear not." In Luke 1:13, "Fear not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard." Luke 1:30, "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favour with God."

The design of the revelation of God in the Bible, particularly in the New Testament, is to remove fear from the human ownership was of such a small area that it would not in any way hamper the use of the park by the public. In fact, it would be to the advantage of the public to have some private owners who might provide services which would otherwise be unattainable.

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structed by God's messenger not to be afraid was that she was to become the mother of a son called Jesus. "He will be great and will be known as the son of the most high" — "and he will be King over the people of Jacob forever" — both God and man. A God who can help us, and a man who can from his own experience feel for us. Thus power and sympathy are united. What a wonderful combination. What a wonderful King.

"Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." Luke 2:19. Is here not also a message for us? Need we not to compare and consider all these things both during this Christmas season and after, lest we forget?

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