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LIFE EXPECTANCY JUMPS

It is beginning to look like it won't be many years until folks in their sixties will be classified as being in the middle age group while folks under 50 will still qualify as young people. The rapid increase in life expectancy—the length of time a new born child may be expected to live based on the national averages—has been so great during the last 50 years that a complete re-examination of the classification of age groups may become necessary. Already, many institutions are giving serious study to revision of involuntary retirement ages because of the growing number of citizens of advanced years who retain good health, vigor and ability.

Figures recently released show that since 1950 life expectancy in the United States has increased nearly 50 percent. The normal expectancy of a male child born in 1900 was 46.3 years (by which statistic this writer should now be under the sod) while the expectancy for a female baby born in the same year was 48.3 years. By 1950, the life expectancy of a male child had increased to 65.8 years and that of a female child to 71.5 years. (The gals may not want to admit those extra years, but we're sure they'll love living them.) The average for both sexes climbed from 48.3 in 1900 to 68.4 in 1950.

Figures compiled at 10-year intervals by

the United States office of vital statistics show that the increase in life expectancy has been a steadily continuing one. Advances in medicine, the sciences and general health and nutrition practices all have contributed to this great increase in life expectancy. That these advances will continue, there is no doubt. They not only are contributing to longer life expectancy for the new born, but they also are contributing mightily to lengthening the life span of those in middle ages and advanced years.

Speculation as to how far these contributions can go or as to how long they can continue makes interesting conversation but offers no basis for positive conclusions. However, the consistency of the gains made in each of the 10-year periods charted by the office of vital statistics shows no signs of any slow down in the accomplishments to date. Rather, it indicates that, barring the wiping out of civilization through atomic warfare, the time will come when pictures of 5-generation families will be so commonplace that they will be supplanted in newspapers by those of families of 6, 7 or 8 generations. What's more, you may live to see that day.

We haven't seen any great publicity about it, but it is a fact that the federal government accounting office in the first months of this year recovered \$56,700,000 which federal agencies under the Truman administration had paid out "illegally or erroneously." Since November, 1940, a total of \$845,300,000 has been recovered in funds that were spent "illegally or erroneously" by federal agencies under the new deal-fair deal regimes.

Folks who are working with atomic energy can't understand the reason for all the fuss about Hell's Canyon dam. They are convinced that atomically created power will be in practical use before such a high dam could get into production and that the atomic power will display hydro-electric facilities in course of time.

Enthusiasm for the job at hand is often a more important factor in accomplishing it than is able but uninspired know-how.

A Sandy Farmer's Wife

By DOROTHY ELERATH

DAD! MOM! IT'S SNOWING! was the happy cry of small fry Saturday evening. Not so happy were the motorists stalled on Loop highway from Wesselink's front gate up toward the mountain as far as one could see. Parents were not so happy either. Demings, for instance, have new baby chicks and are keeping their fingers crossed lest the electricity go gefunk again. A few snowmen got built, here and there around town, before the rains came Sunday nite.

DIFFICULT DECISION: To get out the skis, or to get out the chains. Skis won and skiing it was on the back forty Sunday afternoon.

TWELFTH NIGHT, January 6, ended the Christmas holiday season. Sandy housewives are busy dismantling Christmas trees and putting cards, ornaments, tinsel and decorations away for another year, with perhaps a last look at the cards. Christmas cards this year were unusually beautiful. The most unique one I received was from Mrs. George Gerlinger, one of Oregon's most loved citizens. It was a card, featuring Queen Elizabeth, that Mrs. Gerlinger acquired on her trip to Europe this past summer. The queen's lavaliers and crown jewels really sparkle! Guess I will keep that one out where I can see it. Too pretty to tuck away.

"GUESS WHEN I got this horse blanket?" Ralph De Shazer musingly asked as he was showing the blanket to an interested spectator.

The spectator, knowing Mr. De Shazer said, "Oh, about 1890 or so?"

"Summer of '95", Ralph replies. We were married in June that year and were going huckleberrying in October so we bought this blanket and another one to keep the horses dry and warm."

The blanket was in excellent condition. Looked better than

some bought five years ago that I have seen.

"WANT TO KNOW how to make others notice your clothes or hair?" I overheard a farmer ask his wife as I was sipping a coke and they were having ice-cream sundaes.

"Well, . . . How?" she rather reluctantly asked. "Just go around wearing your oldest clothes for a quite a spell, then when you put on a nice new dress, people will comment. Or wear your hair straight when you fix it up, attention will be paid to it."

It was plain to see that the farmer's wife did not think much of the idea.

For a clincher he triumphantly added, "The other day, when I finally got around to having my hair cut after three or four months, I stopped in at your folks place. Before they even said 'Hello', they exclaimed, 'Oh, you got a hair cut, didn't you!'"

PLAYED A GAME during the holidays where names were spelled upside down. May I modestly point out the "Mom" spelled down spells "WOW! ! ! ?"

ALL'S QUIET on the home front. Small fry back to school.

Plea Is Made For More Christmas Seal Funds

A plea to Clackamas county residents to send in "forgotten" Christmas Seal sale contributions at once in an effort to bring receipts of the sale up to the \$15,000 needed for Ted L. Huff, Oregon City, president of the Clackamas county Tuberculosis and Health Association, sponsors of the sale.

Mr. Huff pointed out that contributions to date have totaled only \$8,755.50, which is \$1,626 short of returns from the sale at this time a year ago.

Supplementing Mr. Huff's plea reminder cards have been mailed to persons whose failure to respond to their Christmas Seal sale letter indicates they may have forgotten to do so, or have put the seals aside in the rush of holiday activities and failed to uncover them since that date. Mr. Huff stressed that the need for continuing work in fighting T.B. is imperative and that the budget of \$15,000 for the year is a most conservative one for carrying on the free x-ray and other activities of the county health association.

Scales Store Remains High in Sandy League

Sandy Bowling league results in last week's play with Scales store still leading are:

Frederickson Appliance 3, R. S. Smith Motors 1, Richardson Chevrolet 4, Bowman-Hoffman 0, Sandy Food Market 4, Lumber Haulers 0, Walnut Lane Ranch 3, Tom Scales Store 1.

Team	W	L
Scales Store	43	25
Frederickson Appl.	38	30
Walnut Lane Ranch	36	32
Lumber Haulers	32	36
Smith Motors	32	32
Richardson Chev.	32	32
Sandy Food Market	31	37
Bowman-Hoffman	26	41

(High series: Ken Lewis - 614)

Barker Drug Leads in Intercity League Play

Women's Intercity bowling results in last week's play with Barker Drug still leading are:

Barker Drug 3, Trail Cafe 1, Harris Logging 3, Betsy Joy 1, Buster Brown 3, Gordon Swan 1, Rodgers' Market 0, Carroll's 4.

Team	W	L
Barker Drug	53	19
Carroll's	41½	31½
Harris Logging	38½	33½
Betsy Joy	37	35
Buster Brown	35½	36½
Trail Cafe	35	37
Gordon Swan	30	41
Rodgers' Market	21½	50½

(High series: M. Miller - 488)

SOUND OFF

Sgt. Lester Buystedt, who is stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base in California, spent the New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Buystedt and daughters.

Richard L. Snow ETSN, USS, Lowry, DD-770, an operative address in care of PFO, New York, N. Y., has returned to his ship at Norfolk, Va., after spending his leave with his brother Roy R. and family at Long Beach, Calif., and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Snow of Rt. 1, Sandy. He will soon leave for his second tour of duty in Japan.

The lady rushed into the living room, panting for breath cried to her husband "Oh John, I dropped my diamond ring off my finger and I can't find it anywhere."

"It's all right dear, I found it in my pocket."

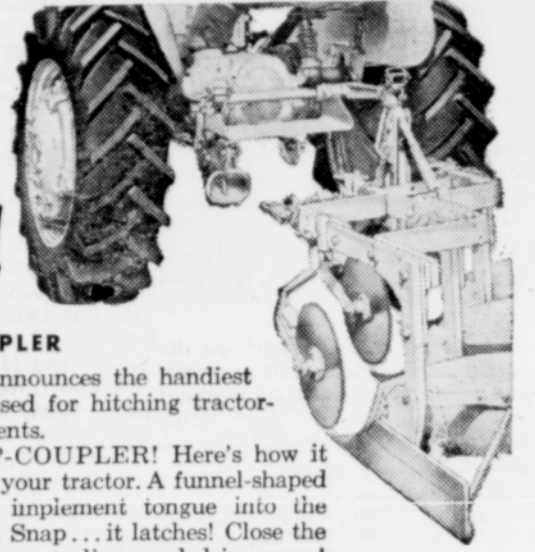
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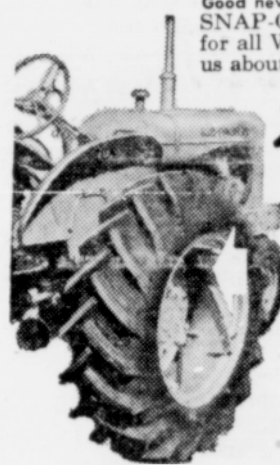


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Jay says the cheapest plastic surgery is obtained by sticking your nose in someone else's business.

A woman is just like a worm—she wiggles a bit as she walks and right away some wise old bird is after her.

Cousin Elmer says after Uncle Homer got to bringing little things home they had to get an exterminator to get rid of them.

Then there is the one about the guy who brought the flowers into the telephone office and said they were for the girls. "Thanks very much", said the clerk, "I'll tell the girls."

"But", gasped the flower bringer, "I thought they were all dead."

Aunt Sophie said Uncle Sug sure disgraced her at the opera the other night. The lady next to them leaned over and said, "That soprano has a large repertoire."

And Uncle Sug replied, "Yes, she sure has and that tight dress makes it look worse."

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