

I shouldn't wonder

Late summer reading

by PATRICIA CURL

I have read five books lately that are great late summer reading.

Gary Cooper by Hector Arce is filled with many interesting facts about one of the Hollywood greats. Coop has always been one my favorite actors.

Cooper had an affair with Clara Bow, the "It" girl of silent films. I didn't know this. I didn't know either that 1926 was the year of Cooper's first film. Coop's last film, the "The Naked Edge," was in 1961, that's a career of 35 years. For most of those years Cooper was hot at the box office.

This book will delight Cooper fans, and fans of the glamour that was Hollywood.

A couple of years ago, Christina Crawford, Joan Crawford's daughter, wrote "Mommie Dearest," a book about her life as a Hollywood child.

"Mommie Dearest" portrayed Joan Crawford as a ruthless woman intent on stardom at any cost. According to Christina, Joan was not adverse to using her children as props to further her career. Joan, according to her daughter, was also a strict disciplinarian whose methods often became child abuse.

The other day I was searching the Sandy Library shelves when I came across "My Way of Life" by Joan Crawford. I decided I had to read it since I had read "Mommie Dearest."

In "My Way of Life" Joan Crawford gives hints on everything from decorating to hair dressing. One thing that came through loud and clear was the perfection and

discipline Joan Crawford craved. The very things stressed by Christina in "Mommie Dearest."

Read it yourself and if you have read "Mommie Dearest" you'll see what I mean. It is good insight into the life of a great but troubled star.

English royalty and aristocracy are fascinating to me. I read as much about both as I can find. Recently I read a very good biography of Queen Alexandra by Georgina Battiscombe. Queen Alexandra was the wife of King Edward VII of England.

Alix, as she was called, was a Danish princess, the daughter of King Christian of Denmark.

Alix was married to Edward, Prince of Wales, in March, 1863. Although the young couple did not know each other well, their marriage was a love match, as it would remain throughout their life together. Edward VII had many mistresses, among them Lillie Langtry. Queen Alexandra was tolerant. She is quoted as saying, "Bertie always loved me best."

As he did. The English people, commoner and royalty alike, loved Queen Alexandra too. After a serious bout with typhoid fever, Alix was left with a limp. The ladies of society affected the limp; it was known as the "Alexandra limp" and became quite the rage.

Can you imagine anyone doing that today for a politician or monarch? Times have changed. If you enjoy biographies, "Queen Alexandra" is for you.

This last weekend I read a good thriller. "The Glow" by Brooks Stanwood is a good blend of suspense and the supernatural. If you liked "Rosemary's Baby" by Ira Levin you will like "The Glow."

Local horse clubs win at horse fair

Several local youngsters earned a trip to the Oregon State Fair to compete in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show after performing well at the Clackamas County 4-H Horse Fair held recently.

Performing in the Intermediate division for grades 7-9 at the state fair will be Julie Breshears of Boring, Reins and Riders horse club, in the English Equitation category; Marilyn Styskel of Boring, Boring Trailblazers club, in the Hunt Seat category; Tracie Ruple of Sandy, Sandy Easy Riders, in the Showmanship category.

Other local state fair participants include Kim Swanson and Amy Cardoza, both of Boring and the Boring Trailblazers, who will both perform in the Western Equitation category; and Kay Brown of Boring, Sandy Easy Riders, who will also perform in the Western Equitation category.

Heather Horst of Boring is an alternate for the horse show.

Christopher name selected for Hoard baby

Christopher Todd is the name selected by Barry and Sara Hoard for their first child born July 13 at Woodland Park Hospital.

Christopher weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 in. long at birth.

Grandparents are Arlene and Clifford Hoard of Lincoln City and Rudell and Kathleen Kane of Bloomington, Calif.

Jernstedt says he's pleased with legislature

State Sen. Ken Jernstedt, R-Hood River, said he is pleased with actions taken by the legislature special session to defuse the largest budget deficit in state history.

The Legislature erased the potential deficit of more than \$200 million by cutting some \$130 million from current budgets and by speeding state tax collections by nearly \$100 million.

Jernstedt, who served on three of the four committees which crafted the legislature's response, said no program will be hampered or hamstrung by the budget cuts, which averaged some 13 percent of the state budget.

"I'm proud that I successfully opposed suggestions that cuts be made in tax relief programs or in state aid to local schools," the local legislator said.

"I believed, as did the governor, that cuts should come from the state bureaucracy, rather than from local governments, tax relief programs or services to the truly needy," Jernstedt said.

"The most innocent and least fortunate among us will not be required to shoulder the burden or bear the brunt of the budget cuts," he added. "The major cuts were made in administration, not in essential services to people. We cut into the fat, not the muscle, of state administrative services."

Heavy cuts in Human Resources programs, including child care, MIC, 4-C Councils and programs for the handicapped were averted.

The Legislature also established a \$4.2 million emergency fund for programs which might have difficulties between now and the next legislative session in January.

"We really faced only two options, cutting budgets or increasing taxes," he said. "We felt it would be grossly irresponsible to increase taxes or to decimate tax relief at a time when Oregonians are facing economic dislocation and distress."

"State government must be an equal partner in the painful process of belt tightening. The action of the Legislature guarantees that the state will keep this commitment."

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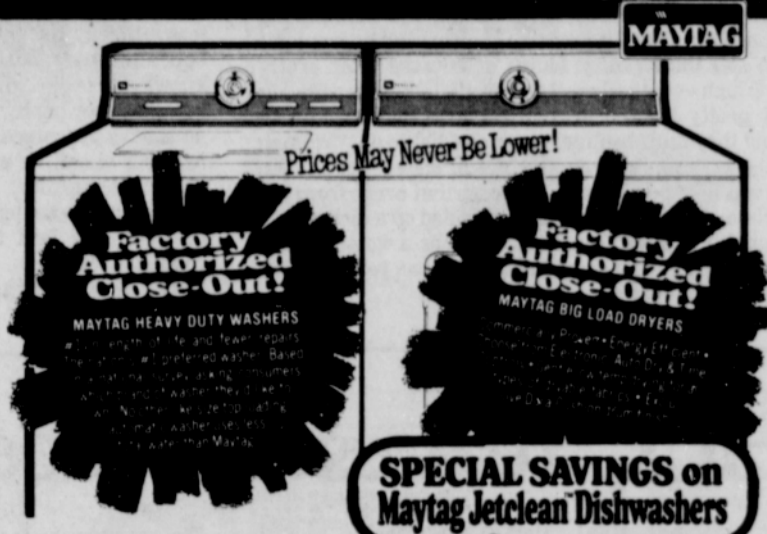
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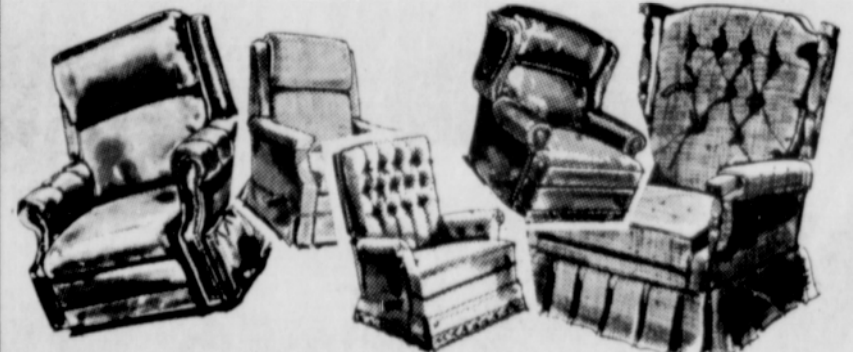
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