



BLASTING INTO NEW ERA in combat aviation, jet fighter becomes first piloted plane to become airborne from "zero length" launcher, at Edwards Air Force Base, Cal. Platform is mounted on truck which can launch jets without need of conventional air strips. (International)

Construction Here In December Rises

New construction in Medford last month amounted to \$94,935, an increase of 39 per cent over December, 1953, according to figures reported in Equitable Savings and Loan association's 47-city survey.

Last month's total was down 23 per cent from November, 1954, when the dollar volume was \$123,948. The dollar volume in December, 1953, was \$68,486.

The amount of new construction in Grants Pass fell off 27 per cent from December, 1953, to December, 1954, the survey shows. In Klamath Falls, new construction increased 362 per cent, from only \$9,000 in December, 1953, to \$126,458 last month.

Throughout the Pacific northwest, the dollar volume of new construction was the highest in history. A new \$24,861,465 construction volume in December brought the area's new all-time high to \$336,422,587, compared to the previous record of \$334,001,668 set in 1950.

4-H Club

Sewing Birds Club The Sewing Birds 4-H club met at Mrs. Newland's house.

President Lyndell Mundy called the meeting to order. Present were Mae Brown, Lynda Nauman, Lyndell Mundy, Pamela Bell, Betty Lou Brown, Jan Newland, Jennie Lou Thompson, Mrs. Newland, Jennie Lou Thompson, Reporter.

Grange

Phoenix Grange met Jan. 11 with all newly elected officers present. Interesting reports were given by agricultural chairman Charles Hockersmith; horticulture, Dee Hendrickson; dairy, Mervin Hixon; juvenile, Maude House; and education, Dollie Lattie.

Literary program by Olive Floyd consisted of group singing; New Year resolutions by officers; readings by Dorothy Groshock and Edith Poe. Plans were also announced for programs for the next six months. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Force, who have recently moved to our community were welcome visitors. HEC will meet Jan. 19 for a covered dish dinner at the home of Dollie Lattie with Florence Drake and Carol Schroeder co-hostesses. Refreshments were served by the Loffers and Fay and Al Lewis.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Do	31 Others	61 Religious
2 Reach	32 Up	62 Promise
3 Watch	33 About	63 Powerful
4 Watch	34 And	64 Go
5 Top	35 You	65 So
6 Your	36 The	66 Personal
7 Agreements	37 Make	67 Project
8 Mix	38 Formed	68 Between
9 Don't	39 Inclination	69 You'll
10 With	40 To	70 Your
11 Clearing	41 Conduc	71 Forth
12 In	42 Against	72 You
13 Friends	43 Talk	73 Opposition
14 Privacy	44 Mental	74 Observance
15 Things	45 Good	75 Relax
16 Step	46 New	76 Risks
17 Should	47 Resources	77 Is
18 Bonds	48 New	78 Indicated
19 Then	49 Fine	79 With
20 Background	50 Sociability	80 Is
21 Do	51 Travel	81 And
22 Aspects	52 Show	82 Negative
23 For	53 And	83 Heart's
24 Reckless	54 Too	84 Be
25 Your	55 And	85 Surprised
26 With	56 Enjoy	86 Desires
27 Buy	57 Friends	87 Surround
28 Are	58 And	88 Friends
29 Rather	59 Excitement	89 Strong
30 You	60 Promised	90 Courage

Good Adverse Neutral

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

What war veteran of your acquaintance has the most decorations? Do you know any having the French "Medaille Militaire"? Possessor of that has special privileges in France. Said Mr. Churchill, "Now if I am ever arrested for being drunk and disorderly in Paris the police cannot take me to jail. As a holder of the French Medaille Militaire they will have to put me in a taxicab and take me to my hotel and send the bill to the President of the Republic."

Weight
"Dead weight" is that carried by the horse in excess of jockey's weight. If a 106-pound rider is on a horse weighted at 122 pounds, the animal is carrying sixteen pounds of "dead weight." That slows the horse down. Ideal situation is when the rider weighs nearly as much as a horse is scheduled to carry. That is carrying "live weight." The weights of jockeys should be printed on racing programs next to total weight carried.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. I maintain the family name of Britain's Lord Mountbatten was changed during World War I. Right? A.—Quite right, Sir. It was changed from Battenberg to Mountbatten in 1917 about the same time the British royal family's name was changed to Windsor.

Beauty
Many women considered great beauties are not really beautiful. They are clever at concealing their bad points and emphasizing their good points. Do you think Jean Harlow was a beautiful woman? So do I. However, Jean herself was not so sure about it. So she made a study of the achievement of an appearance of beauty. Jean once said: "My nose doesn't belong to my face at all. When noses were shuffled and dealt out I drew somebody's else's. My eyes are set too deep in their sockets. My legs are all right as legs go, but you may have observed I never wear short skirts."

Sidelights
Do you consider yourself a well informed fellow as to popular songs? All right, tell us quick as fifth of a flash who wrote that smash hit titled "California, Here I Come" . . . At a soccer game in Rio de Janeiro between

teams representing Brazil and Yugoslavia, there were 175,000 paid admissions. If that isn't the paid admission record for a sports event, what is?

Passing By
"Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons. Veteran horse trainer from the Sheepshead Bay section of the beautiful Borough of Brooklyn. A successful trainer for fifty-four years. However, he has made a couple of mistakes. He was bidding on Man O'War and stopped at \$4,000, letting him go to Sam Riddle. Mr. Fitzsimmons also sold Seabiscuit to Charles S. Howard for \$8,000.

Husband Hunting
"The Psychology of Young Men for the Instruction of Young Women." That is the title of a book by Edward Montier, which is reported to include some very helpful hints on husband hunting. Monsieur Montier says, "A young woman supposes a young man is complicated like herself—the young man supposes the young woman is simple like himself." The psychologist further says that when a young woman realizes the average young man is a simple trusting soul, who is no match for the wiles of the average young female, she will have no difficulty in handling the male of the species.

Test
How is your enunciation? Do you think it is good enough for you to be an airwave announcer or broadcaster of sports events? If so, repeat the following sentences three times, very rapidly: "Old Oily Ollie oils old oily autos." Also, this one: "The short sort shoot straight through." If you can rapidly repeat each of these sentences, three times without making an error, your enunciation is good.

Record
What is the world's record for changing a diaper by a father? Such is the query put to me by a young papa of Pittsburgh.

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