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More About Parks

We're sort of a bug about parks. We are fond of Hawthorne park, and the old city park next to the Library. We approve the planning commission's recommendation that the 22 acres next to the new east side fire station be dedicated for park purposes.

FOR THE man or family with time and money and physical fortitude, the wide open spaces of the Cascade wilderness are available. But for the average family, about the only ready chance at pleasant, outdoor recreation lies with the parks—city, state and federal.

WITH THIS background, then, it is obviously welcome news that Crater Lake National park is due for extensive improvement—to the tune of more than \$4 million—under the "Mission 66" project of park development.

Conrad Wirth, director of the park service, told the Senate interior committee the other day that this sum is planned for Crater lake over and above the ordinary operating and maintenance costs.

THE national parks belong to the people of the United States, and are dedicated to their enjoyment, recreation and relaxation forever. They are designed to preserve great natural wonders, such as Crater lake, the Yosemite valley and the Grand Canyon, from exploitation and commercialism.

In recent years, however, because of the depression, the war and other circumstances, the parks have not been given the attention they need. Too often their facilities have been allowed to deteriorate.

THE initial appropriation for Crater lake, being sought for the coming fiscal year, totals \$381,000. The total planned for the 10-year program by the park service is \$4,328,000, with \$1,493,000 for buildings, utilities and other facilities, and \$2,835,000 for roads and trails.

IT IS A pleasure, now, to visit Crater lake, whose attractions and beauties are too considerable and numerous to describe adequately.

The Saving of Lives

Tom Turpin and Bruce Blachly are alive and getting better. It was a week ago when the two young Boy Scouts plunged over a steep embankment on the lower Illinois river. If it had been a few years ago, chances are they could have died.

BOY SCOUT training was a big item in their survival. We understand that there was little or no confusion or hesitancy about what to do after the boys were hurt. Two other Scouts, Mike Roberts and Roger Johnson, immediately set out for help, hiking all night along a dim trail.

THERE WAS coordination all the way along the line. And at the end there was Mercy Flights to whisk them back to Medford for immediate and skilled medical care. People didn't stop to think much about the dangers: the dangers of trail and forest and river and air. They did the job, and the boys are OK.

That they are OK is because of forethought and training and organization—as well as courage, coordination and helpfulness. It was a demonstration that makes a person proud to belong to the human race.—E.A.

United Press Writers Predict Headline-Making Future Events

United Press correspondents around the world take a look ahead at the news that will make the headlines. Cyprus Peace Move. Look for an important British pronouncement on Cyprus policy any day now.

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

THE HARRIMAN STRATEGY. Washington — When New York's Gov. W. Averell Harriman and his shrewd manager, Tammy Hall Chief Carmine DeSapio, daydream about the future, they undoubtedly visualize some such scene as this: The third or fourth ballot is being taken in the sweaty Chicago convention hall.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

For several days, this column has been serious and solemn and thoughtful—concerned with the SIGNIFICANT side of life. Let's try for a change of pace today. There are so many kinds of news.

THERE'S the case, for example, of Mr. and Mrs. John Christmas of Louisville, Ky. A daughter has just been born to them—a lovely, charming, WONDERFUL little girl. They've named her Merry Gay Christmas.

IT'S A beautiful thought. But it calls to mind a similar case back where I grew up. A rather sentimental couple bearing the surname of Rose became the parents of a pink and ravishing little daughter upon whom they bestowed the name of Wild—Wild Rose.

CALIFORNIA state and local officers have seized a still a BLOCK OR SO FROM SAN FRANCISCO'S COW PALACE. They say that for goodness knows how long it has been regularly turning out 50-gallon lots of corn moonshine.

THE Harriman strategy rests squarely on two bases. Base one is Harriman's all-out advocacy of civil rights. Harriman's stand on the issue is strongly indorsed by the intellectual liberal groups which still influence Democratic conventions.

MOREOVER, a battle over the civil rights plank in the platform could well have two effects. It could force Stevenson into a position where he could hardly avoid alienating either the Northern liberal-labor bloc or his Southern supporters.

AS the Harriman strategists frankly admit, this two-pronged strategy has its weaknesses. For one thing, Stevenson is very far out ahead. And his civil rights program is being fashioned by Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Sen. Herbert Lehman of New York and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

MOREOVER, although Truman has been exceedingly friendly towards the Harriman candidacy, he has made no firm commitments. It remains to be seen whether the ex-President will go all out for Harriman, if it becomes clear that a Harriman nomination would split the party in two.

Major Commitments On Foreign Policies By U.S. French Aim

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent. France is going to ask the United States to make some important commitments in foreign policy this week.

French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau starts in three days of talks with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today. First he intends to ask that the United States come out fully in support of French policy in Algeria.

Secondly, he will ask Dulles to accept the view of France—and of some of America's most important other allies—that a historic change is under way in Russia.

Thirdly, he will urge that the United States put less emphasis on Allied defense and more on seeking peace, with disarmament the first goal.

To France, Pineau's mission is one of prime importance. Its success or failure may have considerable effect on French cooperation with the United States.

Dispatches from Paris indicate Pineau's mission will not be considered successful unless he gets some positive declarations from Dulles.

Editorial Comment

HOW ABOUT IT? An Oakland judge suggests that perhaps it's time we changed our ways of thinking about traffic accidents and the major cause of accidents—namely people. Addressing a traffic safety conference in California, Judge William J. McGuinness told rural area representatives of 11 Western states that America might soon have to think in terms of "driver selectivity."

The time may come, he warned, when there is not room on the highways for everybody who might want to drive a car. "Rather than ask highway engineers to accommodate an increasingly greater number of cars," he said, "I think we would be better off if we thought in terms of making our highways available only to competent drivers."

The principle is already established. Driving a car is not a natural right like breathing, expressing an opinion or going to the church of your choice. It's a privilege, licensed by authority. We license drivers, just as we license deer hunters, surgeons, airplane pilots and others who practice skills which, in unskilled hands, would be deadly.

How many of America's millions of automobile drivers are competent? How many are driving on licenses that were awarded them in the Harding administration? How many are driving despite their own records which plainly show them to be "auto accident prone."—Eugene Register-Guard.

the \$113 million Congress has voted for the U.S. Information Agency. How much the Soviets have allocated for producing "USSR" is unknown, but the quality of the first issue may offer clues. The December agreement to permit resumption of publication and distribution of the two periodicals was the lone specific result of the Geneva Foreign Ministers' discussion in October about ways and means of easing East-West barriers to the exchange of information. (Copyright 1956, Congressional Quarterly)

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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO June 18, 1946 (It was Tuesday) About 1,500 tourists visited Crater Lake National park Saturday, opening day, according to Superintendent E. P. Leavitt.

20 YEARS AGO June 18, 1936 (It was Thursday) Delegates began arriving here today for the informal opening tonight of the 12th annual Active International convention.

30 YEARS AGO June 18, 1926 (It was Friday) The annual Flag Day exercises by the Medford Elks lodge will be held Sunday, June 20, in the city park at 2 p.m.

40 YEARS AGO June 18, 1916 (It was Sunday) Hundreds of people Friday saw their friends and neighbors in action in the first moving picture comedy ever acted in Medford.

What's the Answer? 1. Commerce Secretary Weeks predicts that 1956 business will be down somewhat from record-breaking 1955, will be about the same, or even better than last year.

2. There are (a) 100,000, (b) 1,000,000, (c) 5,000,000 or (d) 10,000,000 PTA members all over the U.S.? 3. Whitehall is the official residence of the British foreign minister, country residence of the British foreign minister, country residence of the prime minister, or a London street?

4. The small intestine in man is (a) 1-3 feet, (b) 5-10 feet, or (c) 20-25 feet long. 5. The Egyptian government plans to extend the century-old concession of the Suez Canal Company, or take over the canal when the concession expires in 1968?

6. Zim, Zis, and Pobeda are the names of Russian wildflowers, candies, or automobiles? 7. Lombardy is a district of France, Greece, Italy, or Spain? The answers: 1. "Every reason to hope" for even better business year. 2. 3. London street. 4. 20-25 feet long. 5. Take over the canal "at midnight on Nov. 18, 1968." 6. Automobiles. 7. Italy.

AILING POET IMPROVED London — (U.P.)—American-born poet T. S. Eliot is "getting better" following his recent mild heart attack aboard the Queen Mary, his doctors said today.

ALGERIA is France's No. 1 problem. Added to the determination of the Algerian nationalists in combatting a formidable French army is the fact that Egypt and other Arab countries are openly supporting the rebels.

Reappraisal Urged. The Arabs will be watching the Pineau-Dulles talks closely. The Syrian ambassador in Washington warned the State Department Friday, in the name of the nine-nation Arab League, not to support France.

Pineau has been urging ever since he became foreign minister, on the formation of Premier Guy Mollet's government Feb. 1, that the Allies reappraise their policy toward Russia. Pineau dates a basic change in Russian policy from the period immediately following Josef Stalin's debunking at the Communist party congress in February.