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Looking Ahead

Lane county established its Park and Recreation commission in May of 1953. The county court appointed to the commission 11 members from as many points within the county as practical.

FROM the point of view of park locations, Lane county has a tremendous advantage over Benton county because of the many lakes and rivers in the region and its extension clear to the ocean.

Both the Douglas county park system . . . is three years older than Lane county's and there they have also made tremendous strides.

They have some 25 parks in addition to 17 state parks and 16 state forest camps. The county parks range in size from a half-acre to Britt Nicholas Park which contains 123 1/2 acres.

HERE again reaching to the sea, as does Lane county, they have many wonderful sites and a lot of water which can be utilized.

Both these counties are, with a minimum expenditure of money, making family recreation facilities available to their people. They have been wise in reserving excellent locations for parks, and setting them aside for the public before they are lost forever through a greater influx in people and cost.

We feel that the Benton county court will be looking ahead and providing a real service to the people of this county if they begin to act immediately in setting the machinery in motion to provide us with a county park system.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

"Later Than You Think"

The editorial quoted above expresses with clarity the ideas this page has been plugging — so far with a minimum of success — for a long, long time.

Twenty years ago there was no need for a park system. A family could picnic along the banks of the Rogue, or by one of our lakes, or in the Applegate valley, and nobody minded. But today, property owners take a dim view of the hordes of city-folk who traipse into the county for an outing — and with considerable justification.

AND try visiting TouVelle State Park, or Casey State Park, some summer week-end. Oftentimes it is difficult to get a table, let alone use of a fireplace and enough room to stretch out and get the feel of being outdoors.

The National Forest camps are increasingly becoming inadequate for the demands made upon them, despite the best efforts of the foresters to maintain and expand them.

If the people of this county, and its tourist visitors, are to be served, the county itself is going to have to do something more than has been done. This is the time for those who dislike "federal bureaucracy" to get busy and "keep government close to home" by assisting the county in doing a job it is specifically authorized to do by state law.

THIS year, for the first time in history, the county budget committee allocated \$3,000 for park purposes — largely at the prodding of County Judge Rodney Keating, who actually wanted to see a more realistic sum appropriated for the purpose.

Now we'll grant that \$3,000 is better than nothing, but it is the merest drop in the bucket when service to the 70-some thousand residents of the county, and the estimated half-million or more tourists who visit Southern Oregon each year, is considered.

The old saying, "It's later than you think," and another one, "Too little and too late," both apply to the almost complete lack of county parks in Jackson county.—E.A.

Logging Rails Vanishing

The Astorian Budget, one day recently, mourned the passing of the logging railroad. Then, a few days later, backtracked when it was pointed out that there are, indeed, a few left.

Alert readers pointed out to the editor that there still are logging railroads near Olympia, Longview, Klamath Falls and Shelton.

To which could be added the Medco railroad, running between the Medford mill, and Medco's woods operation above Butte Falls.

But the Budget's point is still valid — that the logging railroad is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, succumbing to the greater speed, mobility and economy of logging trucks.—E.A.



Consumer's Role in Economy is Discussed

By ROGER W. BABSON Babson Park, Mass.—During most of this year business has shown basic stability, despite the readjustments which many industries have encountered.

Conclusion All in all, coming months should show a modest improvement over the lows of the summer months. But the degree of improvement is dependent of a revival of consumer expenditures, which in turn are affected by capital outlays and by changes in Government spending, which could be increased as a result of the Russian satellite surprise. It may well be that all these factors have been merely hesitating in order to consolidate the gains of the past long boom.

However, the improvement depends also upon basic consumer attitudes, which can change from day to day. Recent surveys on consumer behavior and attitudes indicate that buyers are becoming more price-conscious and more selective.

The Auto Outlook The automobile industry is a bellwether of forthcoming trends. Dealers' stocks are currently near 600,000 — most of them 1957 cars, with only a sprinkling of 1958 models.

The slight degree of optimism among automobile makers is helping to buoy the steel industry, which continues to hope for a strengthening of orders. Though such orders have been coming in gradually, nearby weeks may see a greater rush as the remainder of the plants change over to the production of 1958 cars.

Another major steel user, the construction industry, appears to have been taking a breather, although the latest month's figures show a more-than-seasonal rise after the disappointing earlier weeks.

Beyond the conundrum of what the consumer is going to do with his income, some consumer-expenditure plans are already being affected by lower expenditures by the Defense Department. Military cutbacks are beginning to affect whole communities which are largely dependent upon government contracts, such as aircraft workers and others employed in these towns dependent upon military payrolls.

Those who are laid off will be less eager to spend and will hesitate to go further into debt; while those who remain on the payroll may become more cautious about spending. On the other hand, due to the long period of boom, the average consumer has become accustomed to an increasingly higher standard of living.

Very interesting editorial in Californian Hates Morse To the Editor: I read your very interesting editorial in Tuesday's Mail Tribune in which you criticized Mr. Lucke's talk about Senators Morse and Neuberger.

I don't know who Mr. Lucke is, nor am I an industrialist or representative of big business. I am a retired sea-captain having sailed the seven seas for nearly 50 years.

John S. Verse 7 To the Editor: Since the trouble in the South, we seem to have become North and South, instead of a nation. According to Matthew 12, verse 25, can we stand?

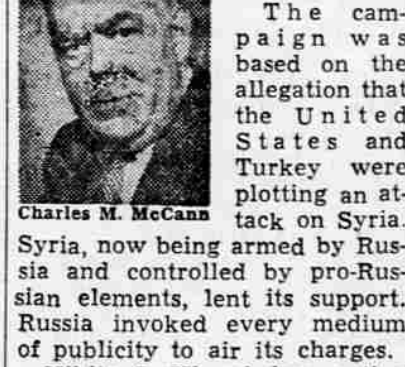
Story in Error To the Editor: We have taken your paper for a long time, and like it very much, or we wouldn't take it.

Joseph W. Burba, D.D.S. Wishes to Announce The Removal of His Office From the Medical Center Building to 836 East Main Street, Medford

Violent Red Propaganda Aimed At U.S., Turkey Tops Week's News

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Soviet Russia built up a violent and dangerous propaganda offensive this week against the United States and its ally Turkey.



Nikita S. Khrushchev, acting in his capacity of first secretary of the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party, addressed a letter to the socialist parties of seven West European countries asking them to help "prevent aggression and preserve peace in the Near and Middle East."

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warned in turn that if Russia attacked Turkey, the United States would retaliate against Russian territory.

The generally grim international picture was lightened by the arrival of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and her husband Prince Philip on a visit to Canada and the United States.

From Canada, the Queen and the prince flew to Virginia to attend a festival commemorating the 350th anniversary of the founding at Jamestown in 1607 of the first permanent English settlement in America.

They then flew to Washington, and a triumphal reception, to be guests of President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

France's cabinet crisis, still unsolved after nearly three weeks, was complicated by a surge of labor unrest.

Electricity and gas workers struck for 12 hours throughout the country and nearly paralyzed it. Homes, office buildings, factories were without light, heat or machine power.

President Tito of Yugoslavia shocked and angered the West German government by recognizing the East German Communist puppet regime.

West Germany had threatened to break relations with any country which recognized East Germany. It now was considering whether to make good the threat by breaking relations with Yugoslavia.

Editorial Comment

A REPUBLICAN EX-GOVERNOR BEGS TO DIFFER

When Meade Alcorn chairman of the Republican National Committee was in the state a week ago he put his foot in his mouth and kept it there.

Richard L. Neuberger whom he accused of playing politics with civil rights and national defense. This brought the justified and somewhat needling retort from the senator that if Mr. Neuberger were guilty of these things, so was the Republican President.

Mr. Neuberger's record on these matters is quite in line with the wishes of President Eisenhower. The senator is open to attack from Republicans, to be sure, but on quite different grounds.

Then, as if that were not enough, he told Young Republicans in Coos Bay, that the party's "most important task" was the defeat of Senator Neuberger in 1960.

This assessment of the job ahead brought a disclaimer from an unexpected source—Elmo Smith, the former governor who now publishes the Democrat-Herald in Albany.

Governor Smith was wise to remember what Mr. Alcorn apparently forgot—that Senator Neuberger's term runs until 1960 and that between now and that election, Oregon citizens will vote for a governor, five-sixths of a legislature, and four members of Congress.

That makes a LOT of difference. In fact, it seems UTTERLY improbable. LET'S look at the stock market first.

Back in the late 20's the public got so excited about speculation that it paid little attention to the earning power of American industry. What people were interested in was those tragic years was buying low and selling high and making a potful of money QUICK.

It's different now. Uncertainty as to whether American industry can maintain its earning power at the high level that has prevailed during the big years of the post-war boom seems to be largely responsible for the present stock market decline.

There's another big difference. In the late 20's and throughout the 30's, America's population was STATIONARY and it was anticipated that in the future it might even decline.

The belief was then prevalent that our American economy had reached the point of MATURITY—that is to say, it was getting old and could grow no more. According to this theory, the best our economy could do was to hold its own.

If population was to remain stationary, there would be no new generation to need new houses, new automobiles, new household gadgets, and so on.

Now— With population growing explosively, the situation has changed completely. The new tens of millions of population will need new millions of houses, new millions of automobiles, new millions of new gadgets.

Back in the 30's, we had practically accepted the idea that we were living in a mature economy. Now we are certain we are living in a DYNAMIC economy.

It seems probable that the present slow-down in industrial activity is merely a pause while we catch up with ourselves and get our second wind.

the find, he then concluded he was "lost" through excitement. But their two day search was not in vain, as the "King" of prospectors picked up a trace of a different character of gold that made a small pocket, about paid expenses. The moral to this story is, never fail to take bearings when in a strange territory alone.

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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 Oct. 18, 1947 (Sunday) Final tabulation of students registering this term at Southern Oregon college shows total of 601, according to registrar's figures.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Stockmen with barns bulging with hay have started wondering what they will feed their cows, and fear \$30 hay."

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 18, 1937 (Monday) Old Orth building in Jacksonville leased for storage of gladioli bulbs.

Company 468, a fourth corps area CCC company from Muncie, Ala., arrives in Medford by special train to occupy Camp Prescott on Roxy Anne.

30 YEARS AGO The short-lived infantile paralysis epidemic becomes thing of the past, according to health authorities.

Part of Medford police station to be converted into a garage to house new patrol car, city council decides.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 18, 1917 (Thursday) A patriotic meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church at Central Point Sunday devoted to the Hoover drive campaign.

Public spirited business and professional men initiate campaign following informal city council meeting last night, to collect delinquent paving assessments.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Mother's day is celebrated the first, second, or third Sunday in May?

2. Which of the Guianas is named Surinam?

3. Bible: Asshur is the eponym of what country?

4. Is baseball a popular game in Japan?

5. Is the governor of Alaska elected by the people of Alaska?

6. What word means the opposite of "windward"?

7. Belmont Park race track is in N—u county?

8. "Cotton-tail" and "snowshoe" are names for which rodent?

9. In U. S. "depot" often means a railroad station: what is its proper meaning?

10. June 17, 1882: Which President's "last words" were: "Tortured for the Republic"?

Answers: 1. Second Sunday in May. 2. Dutch New Guiana. 3. Assyria. 4. Yes. 5. No, appointed by the President. 6. Leeward. 7. Nassau county. 8. The rabbit. 9. Storehouse (as a freight depot). 10. James A. Garfield.

Nixon's European Tour Rescheduled Next Year Washington — The White House has announced that a projected European tour by Vice President Richard M. Nixon has been deferred until next year.