



Oregon's 1959 Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair will look like this when the four month exposition opens June 10, 1959, in Portland. Aerial photo shows Pacific International Exposition building along Columbia river estuary in foreground. Conception of additional exhibit areas outside the P.I. building have been sketched in over photograph by centennial production designer Mel Melvyn. Fifteen thousand seat capacity aqua center is shown along water, while Lewis and Clark village, frontier town, Indian village and logging camp and other area exhibits are seen in upper left. Additional buildings will be added for industry exhibits adjacent to P.I. building. A total attendance of several million persons is anticipated. New access roads and parking areas are planned to handle large crowds. Exposition is one of major events planned in celebration of Oregon's 100th anniversary of admission into the Union.

National Pun Week Is Noted By Quigg

By DOC QUIGG

United Press Correspondent

New York — This, once again, fellow sufferers, is National Pun Week, and before you begin moaning it might be well to recall that some of our greatest citizens have been punsters.

Foremost in the ranks is one of our most revered founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin. His most magnificent effort, and surely the most celebrated pun in American history, was uttered after the signing of the Declaration of Independence:

"We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

And of course, in the jungle, there was this tribal native gentleman who did everything backwards. Once each year the tribe would meet on the left bank of the river and exchange wives, an old tribal custom.

But this gentleman showed up on the right bank of the river. Why? Because he didn't know which side his bride was barded on.

And they're off. The above was authored and uttered on the radio by Henry Morgan, a man who takes his humor seriously — so seriously that he will tell you he believes the most famous pun is the one involving the Russian composer Shostakovich.

Which one is that, Henry? "Shostakovich small by a waterfall," he says.

When Clifton Fadiman was master of ceremonies on the radio's "Information Please" program he participated in many a spontaneous outburst, including one with John Gunther, who was discoursing on a Middle Eastern subject. Fadiman wanted to know whether Gunther was positive.

Q. "Are you shah?" A. "Sultanly."

Franklin Was Tops

Asked by this column to name the most famous American pun, Fadiman said it

was either Franklin's "hang" quip or his remark at the end of the Constitution convention. Looking at the speaker's chair, where there was depicted a sun with outspreading rays, Franklin said he often had wondered whether it was a rising or setting sun but that now he was sure it was a rising sun.

There may be some doubt whether there is a pun involved in that last one, but it was the remark proper at that historic moment.

Bennett Cerf, a punster of repute, is proud of his effort concerning the small boy who said he had stopped saving stamps because a neighbor boy copied every stamp-saving thing he did. His father comforted him: "Remember, imitation is the sincerest form of philately."

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many studies into the fundamental nature of cancer which are in progress, this attitude is "logically defensible and is the most satisfying to the intellect," he said.

Nevertheless, "We are in a very real sense submerged in carcinogens, few of which we can recognize." Therefore, cancer research scientists should sort out the techniques "best qualified to give us some speedy evaluation of possible carcinogens."

With these minimum standards, "laboratories concerned with determining the safety of products of modern commerce can routinely observe carcinogenesis just as they do other symptoms of toxicity," he said.

"If we face the fact that the findings, like any other preliminary results, only indicate definitive work to be done, this screening will not be a source of complacent false security."

Corman addressed his colleagues through the technical organ of the American Association for Cancer Research His research base is the Hazleton laboratories, Falls Church, Va.

Articles Filed For Medford Company

Salem—Articles of incorporation were filed here Friday for the Crater Glass and Seat Cover company, 214 East Fourth st., Medford.

The company was formerly known as the Medford Auto Cover company, 214 East Fourth st. The articles were signed by Elwin L. Jackson, Robert G. Smith and Henry H. Dorig.

He granted this would be only a beginning toward dealing with a question whose "enormity" is staggering.

He said some of his colleagues assert: "Let us wait until we understand cancer, and we can then discover everything likely to cause cancer." Because of the

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Death Ray Machine Demonstrated Once In Days of W. W. I

By ROBERT MUSEL

United Press Correspondent

London — The mysterious inventor twisted the dials of his "Death Ray Machine." Forty feet away a rat in a cage fell dead, a tiny wisp of smoke curling above its body.

Three times the dials were turned and three times rats in their cages died in a most curious way, collapsing into shrivelled heaps. Then the inventor crumpled up a pile of newspapers and placed it across the rented room in Oxford street.

Again he switched on his machine and the paper puffed instantly into ash.

Believes It Was Real

M. E. Ricketts recalled the scene today, one of the strangest stories of World War I, because of a news item that the U.S. Defense Department was "in the market" for a death ray. What he and a group of witnesses say in that room in 1915 was certainly, he believes, a working "death ray."

Ricketts is a high official of the big Chappell's publishing and manufacturing combine. He was one of the pioneers who introduced the phonograph to Britain and in this phase of his career helped an inventive genius named Ernest Clifton.

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said, "that we insisted it be shown to the war office. But that was before the first World War really got going and perhaps the inventor did not meet with much encouragement.

Where does he think the plan might be now?

"I don't like to think," said Ricketts. "The H-bomb and the intercontinental missile are quite enough to worry about for the moment, thank you."

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

London—A spokesman for the General Post Office Engineering Union, commenting on the questioning of two British telephone repairmen at gunpoint by American Air Force personnel at Sculthorpe airbase:

"I think some of the guards think they are back in Chicago. They go around with their guns cocked all the time."

Chicago—Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, urging American business men to work harder to maintain economic supremacy:

"We are in a grim, prolonged contest for world economic leadership. We have good lead, but we have to put on additional steam to keep it."

London—Prof. A. C. B. Lovell, Britain's leading expert on Sputniks, commenting on the report that the Soviets have launched a manned missile:

"It's quite fantastic; so fantastic that it is almost unbelievable."

Norfolk, Va.—Nick Copeland, a witness of the crash of a four-engined Navy patrol bomber into a residential area here, commenting on the pilot's attempt to land on a deserted beach:

"He must have overshot. It seemed like one engine was revved up more than the others, pulling it aside. He seemed like he was trying to pull up. I took off running because I knew he wouldn't make it."

Washington—Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, chief of army research, in explaining to Senate investigators Monday why he wanted to retire:

"I was told I was no longer being considered for promotion . . . to a more responsible position."

PAINTER DIES

London—Barnett Freedman, 36, one of Britain's leading painters and illustrators, died here Saturday. Freedman was official artist to the British expeditionary force in the British Admiralty. He illustrated many of the classics and designed the George V silver jubilee stamp.

Ira Gershwin Said Improving

Hollywood — Songwriter Ira Gershwin, brother of the late composer George Gershwin, was reported in "satisfactory" condition today at Cedars of Lebanon hospital where he underwent surgery for "gangrenous appendicitis."

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Man Admits Part in Portland Bank Holdup

Portland — Police said Monday that Edward Joseph Dillon, 28, had admitted his part in the \$5001 armed robbery of the Foster - Powell branch of the First National Bank of Portland here last month.

The other man accused of complicity in the crime is Robert Newell Lovelace, 36, Portland taxi-cab driver.

Plane Wreckage Found in River

Nevada City, Calif. — The bodies of seven persons killed three weeks ago in the crash of a chartered plane awaited positive identification today at a funeral home.

Searchers recovered the bodies of the six men and a woman from the demolished plane Sunday, three weeks after it crashed on the Middle Fork of Yuba river, 25 miles northeast of here.

Three miners, Sam Newport, Bob Bance and Tim Timblin, sighted the wreckage while on their way to visit Edward Bergin, 58, owner of the German bar gold mine nearby.

Victims of the crash were Edward A. Rost, 38, Castro Valley, Calif., the pilot; Arthur Giesler, 38, Hayward, the copilot; Donald J. Conway and Jerry Cunningham, 21, Alameda; Mrs. Glen Lalzell, 65, Ukiah; and George Trinidad and Orlando Artinzo, Oakland.

EX-ARMY MAN DIES

St. Petersburg, Fla. — Maj. Gen. Arthur W. Brown, 84, judge advocate general of the United States Army from 1933 to 1937, died Friday in a hospital here.

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Resolution Given For All Taxpayers

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press Correspondent

Washington — The Internal Revenue service recommends the following resolution for taxpayers:

"During 1958, I will keep a detailed and accurate record of my business expense accounts."

Taking that pledge now, an Internal Revenue official said today, may spare you a lot of grief next year when the time comes to make out your income tax return for 1958.

Like most New Year's resolutions, this one covers some thing you should be doing already. Since 1921, a rule requires taxpayers to maintain records of all reimbursed business and professional expenses and to account for them on income tax returns.

Internal Revenue has never enforced the rule in the past, and most taxpayers have simply ignored it.

Tempting Tax Dodge

Several months ago, the long dormant 1921 rule attracted the attention of officials who were looking for a way to crack down on taxpayers who use liberal expense accounts as a tax-free source of income.

The temptation to use this tax dodge is particularly strong, officials said, among owners of small and medium-sized business firms, and among top executives of big corporations whose expense accounts are beyond challenge by their companies' auditing departments.

Internal Revenue officials said it is none of their business whether a man swindles his company out of a few or many dollars by padding his expense accounts.

"But any sum of expense money that you receive, over and above what you have actually spent on legitimate business expenses, is taxable income which must be reported, just like your salary," a spokesman explained.

Relented for This Year

Internal Revenue threw a scare into a lot of taxpayers by hinting last fall that the rule might be enforced on 1957 tax returns—the ones you must file by April 15 this year. In fact, you will find on your Form 1040 tax returns, now in the mail, a line numbered 6-A which calls for an accounting for your reimbursed expenses

during 1957.

But you don't have to fill out that line this time.

Heeding anguished protests that the change caught millions of taxpayers unprepared, the Internal Revenue service recently issued an official statement saying that taxpayers on their 1957 returns may "treat expenses as they have in the past"—that is, ignore them.

Now Internal Revenue is giving everyone a full year's fair warning so nobody can complain in early 1959 that he wasn't told that he would need a complete record of how much he spent, and how much he was reimbursed, on expense accounts.

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