



DAIRY MONTH INAUGURATED—Dairy Princess Cathy Cerutti kicks off "June Is Dairy Month" by dispensing milk in the plaza across from San Francisco's city hall. Every one gets into the act, even her horse "Mayday," who gets his share. (UPI Telephoto)

Portland Schools Don't Like Aid Distribution

Roseburg—UPI—A representative of Portland public schools made it clear to the Legislative Interim Committee on Education Thursday that Portland doesn't like the system used by the state in distributing aid to education.

Dr. Victor Dohergy, research director for the Portland system, recommended complete elimination of the present state aid formula as "invalid." Instead, he proposed a program using relative property values as a basis for distributing school funds.

Asked To Prepare Bill

He asked the committee to prepare a bill providing that not more than 50 per cent of the total operating cost of public schools, including transportation and special education, be assumed by the state.

He further suggested that once a percentage figure had been decided upon, it should not fluctuate from year to year.

Dr. Dohergy said he realized that home owners were paying high taxes, but he said this was not basically the fault of increasing educational costs and needs.

He said that the Legislature has been shifting the burden of taxation from utilities to home owners over the past few years by decreasing utility taxes.

Back Stairs: White House Visitors

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Washington—UPI—Back stairs at the White House:

This is the time of year when the young people of America descend on the White House. Thousands of junior and senior high school students arrived in the capital daily and the public tour of the White House is at the top of their sight-seeing lists.

The kids for the most part are better behaved inside the public rooms of the executive mansion than some of their elders. When someone causes trouble, invariably it is a chronologically adult tourist who wants to go back to Willow Falls proudly bearing an object from the White House.

Over a period of years, the White House police have removed virtually everything portable from the range of the tourists, but occasionally some idiot tries to stretch over the velvet ropes guiding the visitors through the house and snatch at an ornament, a piece of curtain or movable parts of furniture.

They're Usually Calmer

The kids may come in wearing outrageous, candy-striped felt hats. They may be a little noisy at the entrance, but usually when they're walking through the red, the green and the blue rooms and peering in at the calm elegance of the east room, they're well-behaved and not interested in trying to take home genuine taste from a White House curtain.

Former President Truman was about as charitable about White House visitors as any

chief executive could be, but he was utterly sickened one day after the renovation of the mansion to discover that some dim-witted visitor had cut away a large hunk of the beautiful silk brocade from the tapestry wall of the red room.

The vandal was never caught, and a good thing, too, because there's no telling what H.S.T. might have done to him. Truman observed at the time, "suppose this had happened in a private home? The person who did it, at the very least, would have been thrown out bodily."

Thousands of visitors file through the White House every day between the hours of 10 in the morning and noon, with the exception of Sunday and Monday when the mansion is closed to the public. Naturally, the White House police cannot permit the visitors to smoke during the tour and this invariably leads to a few complaints from the taxpayers, mostly from gent who unthinkingly lighted fresh cigars just before entering the building. The police

As for the White House proper, visitors are not allowed on the ground floor or the second floor where the President's family has its private quarters. Thus, when the President is moving between the residence and the office, he never goes through the public rooms. He proceeds from the basement to his own quarters by elevator.

To hear some of the tourists complain about this, one might think that with free admission to the White House should go at least a personal appearance by the President.

TOURIST INCREASE SEEN

Vienna—UPI—W. M. Ankudinov, chief of the official Soviet state tourist office "Intourist," predicted Thursday night that about 20,000 American tourists will visit Russia this year—8,000 more than in 1959. At a news conference in the Soviet embassy, Ankudinov brushed off suggestions by Western newsmen that the summit conference collapse might cause a decline in U.S. tourist traffic to the Soviet Union.

No Consideration Given Dog Control

The city is not now giving any consideration to passing a dog control ordinance of its own to supplement the state dog control law, according to City Attorney Joel Redder.

Reeder said it is his opinion that, "the state law doesn't contemplate any further legislative enactments," as it appears to be a law complete in itself.

He had been asked if the city was intending to clarify or supplement the state law with an ordinance of its own, as there has been some confusion among city residents relative to the intent and meaning of the law.

The dog control measure which was approved by both city and county voters is provided for by state law. The wording of the measure on the ballot was also stipulated by state law.

The county is given the primary jurisdiction over enforcement of the law, and

Reeder said the city is taking a "wait and see" attitude to see what problems the county might have when the law goes into effect more than two months from now.

It is possible, he said, that the city might want to do something after the law is put into effect and it has had a chance to see how it operates.

TRAFFIC MANAGER DIES
Newtown, Conn.—UPI—Dot Z. Whitbeck, 77, former general traffic manager of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., Inc., died Wednesday.

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Pamphlet on Water System Available

What has been accomplished in the 75-year history of Medford's water system must now be duplicated within the next 15 years, according to a report on Medford's water system released this week by the water commission.

The system has 111.1 miles of distribution mains and 61 miles of transmission mains. It also owns and operates 733 fire hydrants.

The report is contained in a pamphlet entitled "75 Years of Progress," and is available to the general public upon request. It traces the development of the city's water systems and source of supply from 1885 to 1960.

In 1885, the pamphlet points out, Medford had its first water system which was in the form of an open ditch from Bear creek. The water was pumped into an elevated tank at the present site of the library and then distributed through small pipes to customers.

Changes Sources
From this early beginning the system has expanded and grown and changed its source several times so that the total investment in the city's water supply by the end of 1959 was \$7,423,857.

The system is now serving a population of nearly 35,000. The commission forecasts a population growth within the boundaries of the system of 4 to 5 per cent a year. On this basis, it concludes the 1975 population will be double the 1959 population, which means the system must be nearly twice as large.

The cost of doubling the water supply and distribution system would be approximately \$8,500,000, which is more than the cost of developing the city's supply in the last 75 years.

Outgrow Existing Supply
It is also pointed out in the pamphlet that the city and adjacent communities will outgrow the existing Big Butte Springs supply by 1967 and before that time an additional source of supply must be developed.

Other facts and figures contained in the pamphlet show that the system has more than 10,000 individual water users who used an average of 9.1 million gallons of water a day during 1959. Average water use went as high as 23.8 million gallons of water a day during the peak day in 1959 which is close to the systems maximum daily supply capacity of just over 26 million gallons a day.

Drug Available to Reduce Cholesterol

Indianapolis (Science Service)—A new drug, claimed to reduce high level blood cholesterol in eight out of ten patients, has been released to physicians for prescription use.

Availability of the drug, triparanol (brand name MER-29), was announced at the American College of Cardiology meeting here by the Wm. S. Merrell Company of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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