

OUR WILD AREA

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10 YEARS AGO Aug. 21, 1950 (Monday) A 2 1/2-acre forest fire in the Mud Springs rd. area yesterday destroyed a small sawmill.

20 YEARS AGO Aug. 21, 1940 (Wednesday) All pioneers of southern Oregon are invited to the annual Pioneer picnic to be held in the Eagle Point park Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO Aug. 21, 1930 (Thursday) A Northwest rum czar, who has had past dealings in this city, contributed \$250 to the WCTU, he testified at a federal trial for violation of the Volstead act.

40 YEARS AGO Aug. 21, 1920 (Saturday) Plans have been made to remodel the Page theater into a modern movie house and have it ready for business by Oct. 1.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 21, 1910 (Sunday) The entire state militia may be mobilized to fight numerous forest fires which are raging unchecked through Crater National forest timber.

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

1. From what physical infirmity did the composer Ludwig Beethoven suffer? 2. The Jewish Day of Atonement is known as...? 3. What is the motto of the U.S. Army?

4. Does the Zodiac contain eleven, twelve, or thirteen constellations? 5. Proverb: "The pen is mightier than the sword." 6. The aboriginal American Indian custom was to bury chiefs in a standing, sitting or prone posture?

7. Iron is an element or an alloy? 8. What university athletic teams are nicknamed "Tar Heels"? 9. The sun is about 40, 400, or 4,000 times larger than the moon? 10. In what profession was Clarence Darrow eminent?

Answers: 1. He became deaf. 2. Yom Kippur. 3. "Duty Honor, Country." 4. Twelve. 5. "The pen is mightier than the sword." 6. Sitting. 7. Element. 8. North Carolina. 9. About 400. 10. Lawyer.

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At the moment that this is being written, the most vivid reminder of a 35-mile horseback trip is the uneasy - not to say painful - contact between anatomy and chair.

There is little timber which is of commercial value in the entire area. Most of it is in the neighborhood of 6,000 feet in altitude, with points rising a thousand feet and more higher.

There is another very real benefit to be derived from preserving such natural areas. This is in the keeping of an area in its own, natural ecological state, keeping it for scientific studies of the natural relationships of living things with their environment.

USE OF the area is increasing sharply. Despite the physical difficulties of getting in and out of it, there are many more people today who are willing to undertake the long walk or long horseback ride involved, and who do so because of the great personal rewards to be derived from isolation and privacy in the midst of natural beauty.

ALL in all, it is our considered view that: The Seven Lakes Basin, the Sky lakes and Blue lakes, the ridge dominated by Devil's peak (from which can be seen a panorama stretching from Mt. Thielsen on the north to Mt. Shasta on the south, and from the smoke and haze filled valley where Medford lies, on the west, to the high desert country to the east of Klamath Lake) should be preserved - and with them enough area to serve as a buffer and protection from the roads, chainsaws, and the crowds who seem to find their greatest delight in chopping up tables and paving the countryside with beer cans.

More About Hyatt

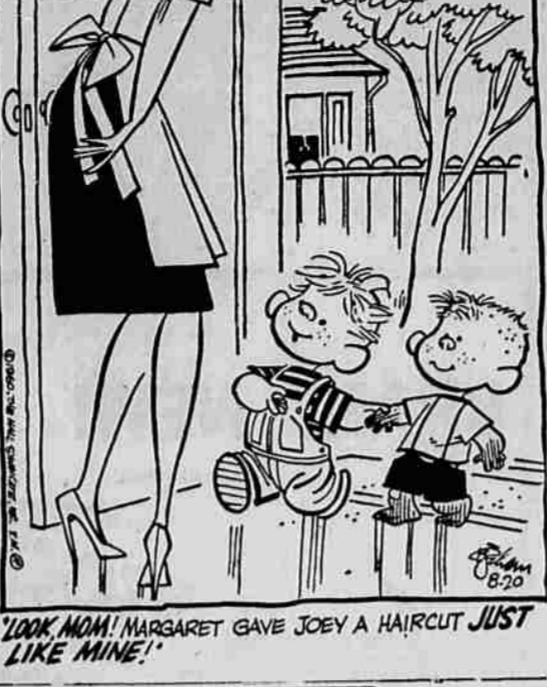
A lot of people are interested in Hyatt lake. This is evident from the surprising interest voiced in response to a piece which appeared here recently, where it was suggested that a unique combination of circumstances would make now the time to clear out many of the snags which now mar the beauty, utility and safety of the lake.

NO SUGGESTION was made that lawns and gardens be planted - only that unsightly, dangerous and hard-to-get-at snags be removed now that the lake is being drawn down to permit waterway repairs.

WETHER the lake will have to be poisoned to get rid of the croppies remains to be seen. It may not be necessary, since it is planned to empty the lake completely, if this can be done. Restocking plans call for bass and bluegill, which are ideally suited for this warm water lake, and would furnish a great deal of sport, particularly for family groups.

The supply of fish food would be undisturbed, for snags rising above the water don't help. All in all, the suggestion (which originally came from those closely associated with management of the lake) merits the support and interest of all concerned. -E.A.

Dennis the Menace



Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

TRUJILLO AND CASTRO We may learn some important lessons from the meeting of the foreign ministers in Costa Rica. They have to take a position on two questions. One is the attempt by the Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic against the life of President Betancourt of Venezuela.

WHAT then can we do? We can go along with - not at the front with the band and not at the rear dragging our feet - any collective action the O. A. S. is willing to take against Trujillo for his crime against Betancourt. This will establish the useful and significant precedent that there will be collective action against overt intervention.

DOES this mean that collective action in this hemisphere is for all practical purposes a principle which can never be applied? Not quite. The Venezuelan charge against Trujillo has much sympathy in many of the other Latin American governments, and the Costa Rica conference may recommend some sort of collective action against Trujillo.

Our European friends say, "Lead us." Question them closely and you discover that eight times out of ten they really mean, "Follow our advice." And the advice differs from Britain to France to Germany. Take bold risks with the Russians, say the Germans and the French. Help us create a true European sovereignty on the basis of the Common Market, Euratom and the Iron and Steel Community, say the Germans, the Belgians, the Italians and the French civil servants. I will give away no

number of people in a great many countries in this hemisphere are prepared to tolerate a good deal more Communist influence than we like. MOST of us have lived with the belief that the New World is a thing apart, having problems of course but not the deep problems of inner structure and external expansion which have made the history of the Old World so passionate and so bloody. Our blessed immunity has been lost.

THE Democrats will not do well because Sen. John F. Kennedy has made a great impression among the Negro voters, any more than the Republicans will gain because of the civil rights maneuvers of Senators Keating and Javits or because of the presence of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas on the Democratic ticket. These factors, so widely expected to influence the Negro voters, appeared to have virtually no influence at all.

Matter of Fact

NEW YORK AND THE NEGRO VOTE New York-The streets of Brooklyn's Sixth Assembly District - Schenectady and Utica Avenues, Herkimer Street, - are places that give a grim, sardonic over-tone to our newly fashionable self-description, "The Affluent Society."

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In the Days News

As this is written, the BIG news of the world is something of a mess. The Moscow spy trial, for example. Its basic purpose was to dramatize to the world the wickedness of U. S. spying activities.

There's the Congo-where a STRUGGLE FOR POWER is making a mockery of the liberties of the people who have just been given their freedom from the restrictions of colonial rule.

There's the not very edifying political scramble for votes at any price that is going on in our own country.

Here is the point: A dispatch from Olympia (Washington's state capital) this morning says: "Interest and discount over the life of the bonds will amount to \$9,569,583, thus bringing the total cost of the bridge to \$13,069,583."

THIS, of course, must be taken into consideration: If a tax had been levied, the money would have been taken out of the pockets of the people. Presumably, this money would have been worth something to the taxpayers out of whose pockets it would have been taken.

In Medford, however, Red Cross blood is furnished free. The charges made are for the bottle containing the blood (\$4.50), the fee for administering it (\$6); blood typing and determining r factor (\$5); cross matching (\$3.50)-a total of \$19. Each additional pint costs \$5 less, as typing is not needed again.

These fees are standard hospital charges, and the only amount received by the Red Cross is the \$4.50 for the bottle containing the blood.

One could say much more, particularly about the British record on summitry, European economic unity and nuclear defense - on all of which they have burned their fingers - but that can wait. "Constructive" suggestions as to what America ought to do under these conditions can also wait. There are times when no one can build without first destroying the rubbish that hinders construction.

Right now part of the rubbish impeding the functioning of the Western alliance is Washington's official posture of over-patient meekness towards our allies, encouraged by Washington writers who are so close to and aware of the moles in the American eye that they ignore astigmatism in others.

POTLUCK

The county boundary board (county judge, the two commissioners, and the county school superintendent) will be called upon to render a decision in the Phoenix school district boundary controversy next week.

We have it on good report that, after the decision is rendered in this highly disputed case, the members have made plans, as follows: Judge Miller is flying to Wisconsin. Commissioner Wendt is going to be very busy on the most distant field in his farm. Superintendent Alf Mekvold will return north to resume his interrupted vacation.

And Commissioner James is returning to his farm in Sams valley, which contains a farm pond, which might serve as a moat around his house, complete with raised draw bridge.

It seems to be the nature of humankind to get into arguments and disputes. It happens in the best of families, even in churches, occasionally. Witness, for instance, the case of a discussion in a church group recently, where the upshot of the discussion was the statement by one member that a minister works longer and harder hours than does the President of the United States.

"What's your point?" inquired another member. "Are you bragging on the minister, or complaining about the President?"

Which recalls a story told some time ago in the columns of the Pendleton East Oregonian, concerning the vestry of a parish which was in search of a new rector. A letter was received by the senior warden. It said:

"Gentlemen: Understanding that your parish is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications that I think you would appreciate. I have been blessed to preach with power and have had some success as a writer. Some say that I am a good organizer. I have been a leader in most places I have gone.

"Some folks, however, have some things against me. I am over fifty years of age. I have never preached in one place more than three years at a time. In some places I have left town, after my work caused riots and disturbances. I have in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing. My health is not too good, although I still get a good deal done. I have had to work at my trade to help pay my way. The church I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities.

"I have not gotten on too well with the religious leaders in different towns where I have preached. In fact, some of them have threatened me, taken me to court and even attacked me physically. "I am not too good at keeping records. I have even been known to forget whom I baptized. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you, even if I have to work to help with my support."

Communications

"Cost" of Blood To the Editor: I read in your paper where the Red Cross is having trouble finding donors for blood.

Editor's note: If the blood mentioned by Mrs. Harris was obtained at a Medford hospital, it should not have cost \$90. Mrs. Anita Burba, blood chairman for the local Red Cross, points out that some cities do not have Red Cross blood available, and in those areas the total cost is usually between \$40 and \$60 per pint.

How Can We Lead Disputatious Allies?

By ERIC SEVAREID It is sad, true and well known, as every Democratic orator will remind us until Nov. 8, that American leadership of the free alliance appears very feeble. What is equally sad, equally true, but not equally well known is the fact that our major allies are using Washington's inadequacy in their own quarrels, indecisiveness and lack of vision.

I began foreign travels a year ago believing this alliance was a two-way, give-and-take affair. I have discovered that European intellectuals and politicians in discouraging numbers regard it otherwise. Under their rules of partnership, supinely accepted by most of Washington, America is fair game for any acid-tipped arrow, whether aimed at the size of our cars, the presidential syntax or our Russian policy.

No American journalist I know concentrates on the squalid or unjust aspects of British or French life, as any number of British and French journalists do in America in a most patronizing manner. European press and parliamentary attacks on the President or his policies are silently accepted by Washington officials as they accept the weather. Let one American legislator criticize French policy in Algeria, as Senator Kennedy did some time ago, and there

is savage reaction in Paris. Let one American reporter say, as did Mr. Don Cook in the New York Herald-Tribune, that Washington scaled down its estimate of Harold Macmillan after the collapse of his personally patented Summit, and official British protest is made to the White House itself.

These phenomena are rooted in the post-war psychological agonies of proud Europeans adjusting to small-power status. We can live with this; it will pass. We ought not answer back on this level. But what we must do, I have reluctantly come to think, is to adopt a firmer tone not only toward the Soviet Union but toward our own allies. The truth is that, increasingly as home-based missiles develop, they need us more than we need them, although Washington rarely acts upon this truth.

Every allied country thrives today under the protecting umbrella of the American deterrent. That deterrent cannot protect them unless we know precisely where to aim it. Yet when the U-2 photographic plane was caught, I did not read or hear in Europe one word of relief and gratitude that somebody, somewhere had the competence and courage to do what those pilots have been doing for four dangerous years. About one-half the British parliament and press sound as if they want the protection of the alliance,

but not the risks that go with it. American blunders are more consequential than European blunders in the nature of things. But not with the wisdom of the saints could we lead a solid alliance if its members governments cannot keep their own houses in order. It is hardly the fault of Washington that France cannot settle Algeria, that Belgium has ruined herself in the Congo, that Germany after eight years still has not built her 12 divisions, that Italy cannot select a new cabinet without riots in the streets.

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