



52ND GRANDCHILD - Leslie Brand, 83, who claims to be the oldest roofer in the world, took time out from his job at Muncie, Ind., to fly to Houston, Texas, to visit his 52nd grandchild, Kristopher Hardie. After his Houston visit, Brand flew to Corpus Christi, Texas, to visit a son before returning home. Young Kristopher's mother, Mrs. Dennis E. Hardie, is the youngest of Brand's 15 children. (UPI)

Your Money's Worth

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TRIAL BALLOONS ON TAX CUT FLYING HIGH

The trial balloons on a major tax cut for corporations across-the-board and for individuals across-the-board too are flying high all over Washington today - and these are real trial balloons, not mirages. These balloons are being sent up by top policymakers in the Administration and the Federal Reserve System for the most important purposes of testing your reaction so a judgment can be made on whether a step of such boldness in 1963, or even before, would give our economy the forward thrust it so badly needs.

It is not just election year talk, as it has been so many times in previous administrations. The cynics who hold it is not looking beyond their noses to see what is happening in our economy and why a decision to ask for a large tax cut for everybody may be made by the administration startlingly soon.

For the fact is our economy today is only "sliding up" and an economy that is only sliding up can, as one astute observer put it in a private talk the other day, "simply fade away next year." Our economy is growing, but not growing fast enough.

We are making dents in unemployment, but not making them on a sufficient scale. The 1961-62 business advance is now entering its 16th month and, while there's still life in it, with each month the threat increases that the advance will get tired. The fear is spreading among informed sources that unless an economic "miracle" occurs, we will be back in a recession next year - with all that implies.

This prospect, it is argued by mounting numbers of men in position to make policy, must not be permitted to become reality. Say they, in effect, "We must not just hope for a miracle, we must create one."

"Sure, tax cuts which leave billions of additional dollars in the hands of employees and employers will send the deficit in next year's budget skyrocketing - but we're going to have a big deficit anyway. It'll not make much difference to sophisticated foreign financiers how big the deficit is if they understand why we're creating it. Nor is inflation a danger in an economy which is slack."

"The one great weapon in our economic arsenal which we haven't used to spark our economy is a no-fooling tax reduction. This most powerful of all weapons should be used now to get us on a strong, solid upturn. Let's not delay until we're in a thorough mess."

The reason the emphasis is shifting so much to tax reduction is that the best economic minds in our country are coming to the conclusion that our huge tax load accounts for our economy's failure to grow to its full potential in recent years. More and more agree that the extent to which taxes drained money out of our economy during the recovery of 1958 explains why that advance faltered in 1959 and the extent to which taxes are draining money out of our economy today explains today's sluggishness.

Thus, the trial balloons - to prepare the way. The chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, Dr. Walter Heller, began launching the balloons in public in early May. The President himself sent one up at his press conference last week when he asked, "Does our tax system stimulate the economy or does it serve as a drag on the economy because of the way it hits the structure at a time when the economy is moving out of a recession into a period of prosperity?" This a profound question which tells you a lot about what the President is hearing and thinking.

Treasury Secretary Dillon made his contribution in New York recently too when he stressed that budget deficits in a slack economy do not lead to inflation and, if we can cure the recessions, the budget deficits also will disappear. Federal Reserve Board Governor George Mitchell hit the point in a Minneapolis address when he warned, "Increasingly serious consideration will have to be given to (tax) remedies" if the economy "continues to fall well short of its potentials."

In Washington a few days ago I was smothered with "balloons": in every conversation, the official I was interviewing initiated talk about the wisdom of a tax cut soon.

Unless a miracle occurs - and the stock market hardly suggests one is on the way - a tax cut is coming. Sooner than you may dream.

Oregon Receives Final Illinois Road Test Report

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Highway Department says it has received apparently final data on the long-awaited Illinois Road Tests, but it's going to take some months to analyze it and make a report.

Purpose of the tests is to determine the extent of damage caused to roads by all kinds of vehicles. Since truck taxes are based on a scale set by the state in comparison to the damage, truckers are pressing for the report, and have been for years.

Oregon officials figure that trucks do about 33 percent of all damage done to Oregon highways, and truckers have been paying about a third of all highway costs. Truckers have contended for years their vehicles don't cause that much damage, and complain about the one third share as too much.

A bill in the Oregon Senate last year passed both houses and would have given heavy truckers in Oregon a big tax break. But Gov. Mark Hatfield vetoed it, saying Oregon should wait and see what the Illinois Road Tests show.

In theory, the Illinois tests - sponsored by the various state highway departments and the U.S. government - will show conclusively just what share every type of vehicle should contribute to roads, based on the damage each does by weight and other factors.



Small Worlds Around Us

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Here's a Bee That Works Alone - and Stings Alone

He was a reasonably good worker around the farm during the late fall and winter, but when the warm weather came he slowed down to almost a complete stop.

It wasn't that he was tired

12 Are Graduated From Academy

Twelve students were graduated from the eighth grade Thursday in ceremonies at Rogue River academy. Elder Paul Gorden of Milo academy spoke.

Graduation ceremonies were held at the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist church. Receiving diplomas were John Houghton, Reta Bowman, Ronald Easton, Raymond Potter, Danny Melikie, John Bechtel, Ted Cole, Gail Kitchen, Renee James, Cheryl Moore, Sandra Hill, and Ronald Zirkel.

Alvy Bowman was soloist and a women's trio also sang for the graduation music.

or lazy, but mainly because he wouldn't allow himself an activity that would cause sweating. His only reason, so he always maintained, was because the "sweat bees" stung him whenever he perspired. He avoided being stung by avoiding work. It was as simple as that.

It wasn't his imagination either, for the little black flies with the fine yellow pencil markings on their bodies really do sting people when they are wet with sweat.

The little bee is rightly named, for commonly it is known by no other name except "sweat bee." For some strange reason known only to the little insect, it is attracted to human skin and often stings severely when perspiration is present.

The farm hand overlooked entirely the important function performed by this small member of the bee family in the pollination of fruit trees. Neither did he know that the "sweat bee" leads an interesting life, and that many facets of its life history are still un-

known. Unlike its cousin the honey bee, the sweat bee leads a solitary life. It does not live in colonies, but underground in a compartment... a tiny cell off at the side of a tunnel. There may be several female sweat bees using the same entrance, but once inside they each have a separate compartment off the main tunnel. There the bee lives all alone. In this little home it places a ball of pollen mixed with the nectar from flowers.

Long, Busy Hours

She is busy for many long hours gathering this nectar and pollen, and for no selfish purpose. Once gathered, the nectar and pollen is kneaded into a small ball or pellet. On this mass of material she later lays an egg. The newly hatched larvae will feed on this rich material as soon as they emerge from the egg.

All her solitary sisters in

the other apartments up and down the tunnel are performing the same tasks, and all for the same purpose. Each remains by herself, alone in her chamber with the little pollen-basket that will feed her offspring. All are planning for the future, all are attempting to assure their children a start in life.

Busy as she is, she takes time out once in a while to do a little stinging.

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Alaskans Flee Flooding Rivers
Fairbanks, Alaska - (UPI) - New floods on the Black and Tanana rivers in northeastern and central Alaska have forced families in two communities to evacuate their homes and move to higher ground, civil defense officials said Thursday.

At the village of Chalkyitsik on the Black river, the 57 resident left their homes when the stream began spilling over its banks. Food supplies were flown in from Fairbanks and air-dropped by the Civil Air Patrol.

Heavy rains Tuesday night followed by high temperatures caused the Tanana to reach flood stages in the lower part of the village of Nenana again Thursday. Fifteen families were moved into tents set up on the high ground.

Early-Day River Showboat Burns

St. Louis - (UPI) - An early morning blaze on the Mississippi river today destroyed the historic showboat Goldenrod, the largest ever built.

The only apparent victim was a dog named Fluffie. Captain-owner J. W. Menke, 81, his brother, Charles, and a woman from Olathe, Kan., Blanche Forbes, who has worked for the Menkes for 25 years, all made it to safety from their second floor sleeping quarters.

Origin of the four-alarm blaze was not immediately determined. A witness said both decks of the showboat were ablaze when he came on the scene.

The Goldenrod was the final symbol of an era now passed, from the American scene. Built in 1904 it was bought by the Menkes in 1922, who plied the towns along the banks of the Mississippi, the Ohio and other rivers from as far north as Pittsburgh to the southern reaches of New Orleans.

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