

Rotarians Hear Commander of AF Fighter Group

In case of war, fighter pilots from Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, will be dedicated to the job of intercepting enemy planes. If rockets and ammunition are exhausted, the invaders will be rammed.

This statement was made here Tuesday by Col. Edwin Witznburger, commander of the 408th Fighter Group at the Klamath Falls air base, in an address before the Medford Rotary club at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting, Colonel Witznburger devoted a portion of his remarks to the problem of sonic booms, explaining how the shock waves from the nose of super-sonic planes cause the periodical explosion-like sounds which can crack windows.

"We recognize that these sonic booms are disturbing to the public," Colonel Witznburger said. "We make every effort to avoid them by conducting simulated intercepting exercises at high altitude. However, pilots concentrate upon their mission and to them the job comes first."

Notes Recognition
Bearing out the 408th Fighter Group's commander's high regard for the efficiency and dedication of the flyers, Colonel Witznburger pointed to recent recognition given the Klamath Falls-based fighter group in competition with similar units throughout the nation.

To explain the type of fighter planes operating from Kingsley Field the speaker showed a film released by Hughes Aircraft Corporation showing the Voodoo long-range interceptor in action.

This plane, considered a "complete weapons system," has exceptional speed, extreme range, great fire-power and high safety factors. In 1957 this plane established the world's speed record with 1,207 miles per hour and since set, among other records, the transcontinental, trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific speed records.

Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor, and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

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Gregory F. — He should start the psychoanalysis.

Leonard W. — I'll muddle through by myself.

Gregory F. — My cousin is 40, very depressed, stuck in a job he hates, and has no social life. Unmarried, he's ill at ease now among his old friends and seems unable to make new ones. He's bright and even started to study for a Ph.D., but that dragged on and now I think it's at a standstill. I managed to get him to my doctor who advises psychoanalysis, but Leonard won't try it.

Leonard W. — People I've seen who've been "analyzed" seem no better off and a lot poorer in the pocketbook. The psychiatrist is like a crutch to one chap I know who has been going for 11 years. Greg and his wife are trying to help me, but I feel I must pull myself up alone. All I need is the courage to quit my job and get on in my field of study, geology. A doctor can't do it for me.

The Council — No one will argue, Leonard, the psychoanalysts "cure" every patient, any more than that every physician ends the woes of every patient. But, praise to Hippocrates, they try. Evidently Greg's doctor recognizes a neurotic block holding you back, weighing you down. There's a chance that you can chip away at it yourself, but it could take another 40 years to reach the core alone. As the Pennsylvania Dutch put it, "Ve get old so fast and smart so slow." . . . Do give analysis a try. The skill of the expert can burrow deep and accurately to excise the bugs that sap your joy. Probing alone, you waste time, motion, and worst of all, emotion which is the spur to action. . . . As to the horrible examples you've seen, ask yourself if they'd really have been better off without analysis. Most of them would be "sad sacks" no matter what. Their analysis, let's say, permits them to be less sad and to carry on.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY—This smiling closeup of President Kennedy shows the Chief Executive on his 46th birthday, today. He planned a quiet dinner party at the White House tonight. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*
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(Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1963)

Weight Reduction by Fasting

Four Philadelphia doctors recently reported in the Journal of the A.M.A. that they had had good results in the case of 50 persons who were chronically overweight (intractable obesity), by having the persons eat nothing for periods of from four to 14 days. The doctors say that persons who are taking no food soon develop changes in their blood which take away their appetite, and hence they do not then suffer from the fasting.

A person who is not taking any food should lose 2½ pounds a day. Every so often he or she can go back onto either a full diet or a reduction diet. During the fast, non-nutritious fluids are allowed, and also vitamins.

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Inventions—Part III

Patent Office Officials Fail To Be Surprised at Things People Invent

By **HARRY FERGUSON**
Washington—(UPI)—A favorite story at the U.S. Patent Office is about the man who walked in, put a sliver of wood on the desk and said he wanted a patent on the toothpick.

He didn't get it because of a special provision in the patent laws. You cannot obtain a patent on something that has been publicly described in a newspaper, a magazine or a book. The toothpick has been described so many times that a patent never has been issued on it and never will be.

But if you can come up with some variation on the toothpick, you can get a patent, and there is one on the market now. It is described as a "tooth space cleanser and gum massager." You dampen the piece of wood, stick it between your teeth and massage the gums.

Patent Office officials long ago ceased to be surprised at the things people invent. It is not the function of the office to pass on the economic potential of an invention, but merely to determine whether

it is novel or new. A farmer who obtained a patent on a pair of spectacles for a near-sighted rooster got the same courteous consideration as Alexander Graham Bell did when he invented the telephone.

Many Strange Patents
But over the years some strange things have been patented:

—A fly swatter pistol. When you pull the trigger, a long spring in the barrel uncoils and hits the fly on the wall.

—A grapefruit shield. It is a plastic shield which is placed over the sliced half of a grapefruit, but is enough smaller than the grapefruit to allow a person to use a spoon. When the juice flies up, it hits the shield instead of going into your eye.

—A woman's hat that blows soap bubbles. A tube runs from the hat to a bulb which the lady holds in her hand. She can win friends and in-

fluence people at any time merely by pressing the bulb and a large soap bubble will float out of her hat.

—A labor saving device for children in cold climates called "a snowball machine." The child packs a tube with snow, presses a plunger, removes the cap of the tube and a snowball pops out.

—A spoon made out of pastry. When a child is through using the spoon, he eats it.

Inventor Poor Judge
An inventor frequently is a poor judge of the potential of what he has made. Joseph F. Glidden of De Kalb, Ill., apparently had no great hopes when he received patent No. 137,124 in 1874 for something he described as "an improvement in wire fences." What he had invented was barbed wire and the ranchers on the Plains bought it as fast as it could be produced.

Elias Howe, who was work-

ing in a machine shop in Cambridge, Mass., was a victim of public indifference. He invented the sewing machine. People were so unimpressed that Howe did not bother to patent it in the United States, but sailed for England in search of backers. A corset manufacturer bought the English patent from him and hired him to manufacture the machines.

Four years later Howe returned to the United States and found that people were pirating his invention all over the country. He entered upon one of the longest series of litigation in this nation and won every suit he filed.

Howe died a millionaire, but his unhappy experience had done something to him. To the very day he died he kept building small, queer machines. No body, including Howe, could figure out how they could possibly be of any use.

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Ruth Rose James, violation of basic rule, \$10.
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Norman Wesley Adkins, no operator's license, \$5.
Ruth Holloway Edgell, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Raymond Bautista, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Edward Wallace, expired operator's license, \$5.
William Newton Roberts, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Charles Emmett Shafter, driving on wrong side of street, \$10.
Roberta Jean Hoffard, violation of basic rule, \$25.
James Arthur Wallis, improper turn, \$10.
Ted Roosevelt Montgomery, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.
Paul Winston Purcell, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lewis Emil Severson, excessive noise, \$5.
Richard Dean McCann, speed contest, \$25.
Stanley Theodore Byie, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Dora Beatrice McCoy, failure to yield the right of way, \$25.
William Leslie Jones, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Arnold Gentzer, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Roger Gary Black, inadequate equipment, \$10.
Noel David Teets, speed contest, \$10.
George Taylor Gilman, following too close, \$25.
Denise Correll Armstrong, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Heavy Truck Tax Break Becomes Law

Salem — (UPI) — A \$500,000 tax break for heavy trucks was signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

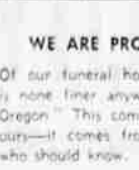
The bill adjusts the weight-mile taxes paid by trucks, and also increases the optional flat fee used mostly by log truckers.

Hatfield vetoed a similar bill two years ago, but supported this one when the Illinois Road Tests showed heavy trucks were paying more than their share.

The measure raises weight-mile highway use fees slightly for lighter trucks.



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Two Injured in Valley Accident

A two-car rear end collision resulted in minor injuries for two people Monday on Highway 99 near Ashland. Drivers Richard Allen Howard, 24, of 42 Scenic dr., Ashland, and Alvin Long, 41, Glendale, Ore., were treated at Rogue Valley hospital and released.

Howard had stopped on the

highway to make a left turn when his car was struck by the Long car, police said.

Five young people escaped injury on the Sterling Creek rd. Monday night when a car driven by Paul Theodore Christian, 18, Jacksonville, skidded on the roadway and ran into a steep bank and overturned, state police said.

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