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Outdoor Family Fun

Editor's note: The following is adapted and condensed from remarks made at a visitors host school conducted here Thursday by the tourist and convention committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

The favorite, most popular family outdoor activity of all is just plain driving around in a car. There are many spectacular scenic drives in southern Oregon, and they do not end with Crater Lake or the Ashland Loop road.

It may be to the top of Mt. Ashland, or to Tallowbox lookout, or up Anderson Butte. Perhaps it is up the Applegate or Little Applegate valleys. It may be a loop trip to Crater Lake, down the west bank of Klamath lake, and back by Lake of the Woods and the Dead Indian. They all are enjoyable.

ASIDE from driving around, surveys indicate that picnicking is the most popular form of outdoor family activity. Southern Oregon is rich in picnic spots - from Tubbs Springs Wayside on the Green Springs highway, to the state parks at Valley of the Rogue, TouVelle, McLeod, Casey and Laurelhurst.

For the slightly more adventurous, there are 31 forest camps in the Rogue River National Forest, plus several county parks, plus other spots - such as Elderberry flat campground, maintained by the BLM in the Evans creek country, or simple open glades where one can spread a blanket, eat lunch, and count the ants.

One of the most charming of all picnic spots hereabouts, one easily reached and beautiful, is outstanding Lithia park, where one may either eat at tables, or on the greensward.

FROM picnicking to camping is an easy transition. Much the same geographical information is identical, for in most of the good picnic spots, camping is also available.

If the tourists who seek your advice are in a camper or are dragging a trailer, you can assume that they know the ropes, and are simply seeking help in finding a spot. The tent camper is a bit rugged breed, and if he is dirty, unshaven, sunburned and happy, you can likewise assume he knows what he is doing. But beware the tenderfoot on his first camping trip. You'd better also give him the name of a good motel to which he can retreat in case of rain.

Camping in a state park is, at worst, semi-civilized. Most of them have flush toilets, hot and cold running water, and daily newspapers. National Forest camps are a bit more primitive, but usually there is a rudimentary sanitary facility, and water is almost always available.

ONLY the ruggedest type of camper, the backpacker, need go without any of these amenities, and you don't have to worry about him, either, for he knows his business well.

He will know where he is going and how to get there. Most of them will be heading for our two wild or primitive areas, Sky Lakes, between Mt. McLoughlin and Crater Lake, and Mountain Lakes, southeast of Lake of the Woods.

Those seeking information about horse-packing trips can be referred to Clyde Wilhelm, who has a string of horses with headquarters at Lake of the Woods. This summer he also has an operation at Howard Prairie, and information, rates and advice are available.

BOATING - whether it be in an inflatable rubber raft or an inboard cruiser sleeping six - is the most rapidly growing of all outdoor recreation. The practitioners may be after fishing, or water skiing, or sailing, or just roaming.

Howard Prairie is probably the best all-around, all-purpose lake in the area. It is large enough to accommodate skiers and sailboats, as well as fishermen - although you may be sure there is no great love lost among the three groups.

Lake of the Woods is also multi-purpose, but Fish, Fourmile, Willow and Hyatt lakes are primarily for fishing. Emigrant lake is principally for skiing and boating, though there is some fishing there. Savage Rapids reservoir is principally for active water sports. Squaw lakes are primarily for fishing, but the swimming is good.

THE Rogue itself is highly popular among boating fishermen, and there are several public launching ramps upriver. But those boating on the Rogue should either be experienced boatmen, or should employ a guide - particularly on the lower Rogue, where the trip from Grants Pass downstream is justly famous, but hazardous.

Swimming is available at a number of locations, but some are better than others, due to dangers, or muddy water, or cold water.

Other forms of outdoor recreation in which the whole family can join include rock-hounding, birdwatching and wildflower hunting. Since so much of the choice recreational area in southern Oregon lies in the National Forests, questions about these can perhaps best be referred to the forest headquarters or a ranger station.

A GOOD tourist host should be fairly well acquainted with his own area - know where the campsites are, where the lakes are and what their particular attractions may be, where to advise a view-seeking visitor to drive.

Lacking the opportunity for personal familiarity, a good host should equip himself with the reference resources - maps, directories, information booklets, and the wide variety of other literature which is available - to be able to answer questions about our outdoors.

If we are all acquainted with the great wealth of outdoor resources for fun with which we are blessed in southern Oregon, we can be far more effective hosts to the visitors who help keep Oregon green - with money. -E.A.

Washington, D. C., June, 1963



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

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'THE OTHER AMERICA'

Washington - On the day the good news came in from Alabama, the tickers also carried reports of the assassination of a Mississippi Negro leader, of men wounded in race riots in Cambridge, Md., and of the Rev. Martin Luther King's decision to organize mass sit-in demonstrations in Washington, D. C.

In other words, the racial crisis is not subsiding, even though a grave challenge in Alabama was successfully handled by the careful foresight and cool judgment of the Justice Department. Indeed, the crisis is moving into a new phase, as the projected Washington sit-ins clearly indicate.

Washington, it must be remembered, has not been a segregated city in the Southern sense for a very long time. But in Washington, as in the Northern cities, the great majority of the Negro population is to be found in a series of Negro ghettos.

MOST OF THE Washington Negroes belong to what the Catholic sociologist, Michael Harrington, has called "The Other America," in his indignant and deeply disturbing study of poverty in the United States. In other words, they are trapped in poverty, which is "the other America," because they have not the educational and other equipment needed to escape into Prof. Galbraith's "affluent society."

If so many of the Washington Negroes were not trapped in this "other America" from which most of us prefer to avert our eyes, they would be less ready to demonstrate with Martin Luther King. But their emotions, understandable as they may be, are only one aspect of the matter.

The social and political aspects are just as important as the emotional aspect. It is downright frightening, for instance, that the level of joblessness among Negro youths of working age in many districts of Philadelphia has now risen above 77 per cent.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE, many of them school drop-outs without the training for skilled jobs, clearly constitute the worst part of the problem. If they are simply left to rot, with more than seven in every ten unemployed in cities like Philadelphia, then the gravest results of all sorts must be expected - in crime rates, in political tendencies, in deteriorating social patterns.

But the young people are by no means the whole problem. It is also downright frightening, for example, that in the huge Negro population of Chicago, no less than 17.8 per cent of those who want work are now unable to find jobs.

That means that, for the Chicago Negroes, the job situation today is worse than the worst this country experienced in the bitter depths of the great depression. Any one of an age to remember what 16 per cent of unemployment was like in 1932 will feel his stomach turn at the grim meaning of this Chicago figure.

AS OF NOW, moreover, the position is due to get worse rather than better. The unskilled jobs are the jobs which are getting scarcer and scarcer. The new jobs that are being created by the U. S. economy almost invariably demanded advanced skills.

These are the skills which the educationally underprivileged Negroes tend not to possess.

Hence assurance to all of equal rights under the Constitution, without regard to creed or color, is only the first part of the task ahead. Attorney General Robert Kennedy has said: "For practical purposes, the education bill and the tax bill, which will create jobs, are even more important."

The Administration's policy-makers are also increasingly convinced that the attack on the race problem needs a third prong. In other words, in addition to insuring civil rights and creating more jobs, an emergency effort must also be made to assist escape from their trap by all the inhabitants of "the other America," who include the populations of very depressed industrial and mining areas, as well as the Negro population.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

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THE PRESIDENT AND THE COLD WAR

The President's announcement at American University of a meeting in Moscow to discuss a nuclear test ban seems to have been inserted only recently in an address which has, quite evidently, been maturing for a long time in his mind. The President must have decided quite some time ago that it would be useful to make a fresh statement of how the United States is now thinking and feeling about its relations with the Soviet Union.

For while there has not been, as the President said, any change in the American resistance to an expansion of communism, there have been changes in the American estimate of developments in the Soviet Union and in the Communist world. Yet most of the language of the cold war has remained unchanged, has become stereotyped and official and popular reactions to news from the east have become mechanical.

We on our part and the Russians on their part have raised higher than the iron curtain an impenetrable fog of suspicion. This shuts off any serious effort to use a diplomacy which is adjusted to the great changes on both sides of the iron curtain.

THE President's address is more than a talk. It is a wise and shrewd action which is intended primarily to improve the climate of East-West relations. He is, I believe, moving with the oncoming tide in human affairs. The tide is bringing in a generation which is losing interest in the post war conflict between the crusading Communists and the crusading anti-Communists who reacted to them.

For Kennedy and for Khrushchev, the notion that either of the two rival nuclear powers can bury the other has become nonsensical. All that is left of the old slogans are the tired old words themselves. In the age of nuclear parity, there is no alternative to co-existence.

some distance away, pumped up the water and carried it back to the kitchen.

TO DO their cooking, they built a fire in the range, going out to the wood house for their fuel. When washday came, they did their washing on a board and carried it out in the back yard and hung it on the line.

When they wanted fried chicken, they ran the chicken down, scalded it in hot water, plucked off the feathers, cut it up and fried it on the hot stove.

And so on. It all took a lot of time. BUT - Back in those days, everybody had plenty of leisure. NOW NOBODY HAS ANY TIME.

AND - Back in those days, a trip over into the next county to visit Aunt Hattie was a big event. Now we're all talking about going to the moon. It's a strange world we're living in.

Twister To the Editor: Referring to your "twister," if the measurements are correct then, as I have it figured, the answer will be 5,541.25 inches or 461.77 feet.

Of course, actually the correct term used should be how far the record grooves travel against the needle, but the way you give it is more simple.

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Negroes Revolt Against 'Non-Existence'

By ERIC SEVAREID However painful this is for most of us, the plain truth of the Negro revolt is that the American Negro has, at long, long last, lost faith in the white man and his society. He no longer believes that the laws will be enforced unless he himself forces their enforcement.

But there is a second barrel to this weapon pointed at the dominant white culture in our country. With the end of Negro faith in the white American has come the beginnings of the Negro's faith in himself. Respect from others denied, he had nowhere to go to find it save in a self-generated self-respect. He could not find it from the passive moral and intellectual assurances of religion, or science and logic; he could find it only in action - an old precept of psychiatry, but an extraordinarily difficult bootstrap operation, for an individual or a group.



WELL KNOWN FACTS ABOUT LITTLE KNOWN PEOPLE

Dale Carnegie, who made a fortune influencing other people to influence other people, once wrote a book titled, "Little Known Facts About Well Known People."

The chances are that you have forgotten the book so we'll just refresh your memory with a few high lights. For instance, Abraham Lincoln's dog was an ardent segregationist and bit the president soundly on the leg at the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Betsy Ross was color blind and thought she was putting together a green, yellow and purple flag. Teddy Roosevelt pushed his horse all the way to the top of San Juan Hill because the horse was chicken and wanted to wait at the bottom until the rest of the guys got back.

If, as is conceivable from the report of Mr. Harold Wilson's talk with Chairman Khrushchev, some kind of partial moratorium may be negotiable, it would come as a great relief to the whole world.

The Soviet view is that underground testing is of negligible significance. There are some American nuclear scientists, but by no means all of them, who think the underground tests can be of decisive significance. These underground tests are different from all other tests not only because they do not contaminate the air, but because they alone cannot always be detected without on-site inspection. But the Soviet government has a deep hatred of on-site inspection.

MIGHT it then be possible to make an agreement to ban all tests which can be detected without on-site inspection, and then to permit a limited number of underground tests which the Soviet government does not take too seriously?

This may be a pipe dream. Indeed, I do not dare to believe in it, because it seems too good to be true and because it is too sensible to be practical.

We have all noticed that Mr. Khrushchev has set the date of the meeting for July. That will be after the Sino-Soviet talks have taken place. We can make a guess about the meaning of this, and we can make several guesses.

For example, if Mr. K has appeased the Chinese in order to heal a little bit the rift in the Communist movement, he could balance it by appeasing the United States a little bit. Or, if Mr. K has a still bigger quarrel with the Chinese, the time will have come nearer - as almost certainly it is coming someday - when the Russians will fulfill General De Gaulle's prophecy by re-entering Europe and the West to which they belong.

Robinson Crusoe tried to sell his life story to Saturday Evening Post but it was rejected for the lack of any love interest. (He later rewrote it changing his man Friday to Tuesday Weld but it still didn't sell.)

The Duke of Windsor donates his weekly unemployment checks to a charity. Nikita Khrushchev is pleased as punch when he is mistaken for Yul Brynner. Edsel cars are now bringing as high as \$7500 in the collector's market.

Another demonstration! Listen, if I had wanted someone with such a burning social conscience, I'd have married Albert Schweitzer!

Education is the key. As the President said in San Diego, less than one-half of the non-white population of this country has finished high school. In actual numbers, this proportion of the unskilled increases every year, while the actual numbers of unskilled jobs decreases every year as automation spreads and we become more and more a white-collar nation.

It takes no brains to see that unless we quickly get about the business of educating every child capable of it and training or re-training every adult now devoid of usable skills, the problem will get beyond us. We shall then have to carry a permanent albatross of many millions of unemployable human beings. Tax loads will only get heavier, bureaucracies thicker, police forces will multiply because crime will become a normal, not an abnormal way of life.

In this 20th century, the uneducated man is not a man. He does not quite exist. In its deep-seated, visceral motivations, the Negro revolt is, in part, a desperate spasm of reaction against non-existence. (Distributed 1963, by The Hall Syndicate, Inc.) (All Rights Reserved)

The full and equal education of American Negroes is not only a moral but a practical necessity; not an act of charity toward others but of enlightened self-interest. I believe it to be far more certain

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1953 (Tuesday)

Woman unanimously elected by the Medford city council to fill the unexpired term as city recorder of the late Ralph Woodford.

Television transmitter equipment for station KBES-TV, shipped by express from Syracuse, N.Y., arrived in Medford this morning by train.

20 YEARS AGO

June 18, 1943 (Wednesday)

Three Ashland young people killed when car careens over 200-foot bank on Pacific highway over Siskiyou.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Stove rationing will start Aug. 1. It has not been admitted the stove shortage is due to shipping too many stove legs to Japan as scrap iron."

30 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1933 (Friday)

Fifteen Army planes join in search for plane lost in Cascade mountains on flight from Medford.

Jackson county judge further implicated in ballot thefts by witnesses in second trial.

40 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1923 (Saturday)

Attorney Frank DeSouza temporarily assumes duties of district attorney due to illness of Rawles Moore.

Oregon Ku Klux Klan reportedly ready to start recall movement against Gov. Walter Pierce.

50 YEARS AGO

June 16, 1913 (Monday)

New law cancels all voter registrations in Jackson county; residents must register to vote or sign petitions.

Automobiles line up on both sides of street for more than a block as local residents turn out in downpour of rain to see vaudeville show at Page theater.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. What sort of birds saved the pioneers of Utah from the ravages of the grasshoppers?
2. A horse which is entered and then withdrawn from a race is said to be a...
3. What is the leading Brazilian export?
4. Name the C.I.A. chief.
5. Complete the saying, "The hand that rocks the cradle..."
6. A section of land is how many square miles?
7. What is the capital of Maine?
8. Does sound travel faster in water, or in air?
9. Is it true, or untrue, that a rifle bullet will not penetrate an alligator's hide?
10. An atom of uranium has a diameter of one-hundredth, one-millionth, or one-hundred-millionth of an inch?
Answers: 1. Sea gulls. 2. John A. McCone. 3. Coffee. 4. John A. McCone. 5. "...rules of the world." 6. One square mile. 7. Augusta. 8. In water. 9. Untrue. 10. One hundred-millionth.