

Mount Fuji Center Of New Land Boom

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Tokyo—Real estate brokers are doing a thriving business at the foot of Mount Fuji.

They are increasing in number and making bigger and better commissions because Fuji's foothills are rapidly developing into pleasure grounds, resort towns and industrial centers.

When a proposed new highway across the northern skirt of the mountain is completed, the area in Yamanashi prefecture will be within an hour and a half from Tokyo by car.

Another highway from Tokyo to Osaka across the southern base of Mount Fuji also will be constructed.

Additional stimulation for

brokers is the possibility that government offices will be moved to Mount Fuji's base.

Near Subashiri town on the eastern side of the base, a large-scale resort already is in business. It has a golf course, hotel, skating rink, artificial waterfall, bird refuge, trout fishing pond, orchard and flower garden.

Another amusement center is being constructed near Lake Yamanaka. The center will include tennis courts, fishing pond and skating rink.

A town of 50,000 population and an airfield will be built next to the center.

Yamanashi prefecture governor, Hisashi Amano decided to call another projected highland city "West Tokyo" and he is urging the central government to move offices to its outskirts.



BECOMES CITIZEN—John Factor, once known as "Jake the Barber" in Chicago's prohibition era, has become an American citizen. U.S. District Judge Leon Yankwich, right, gave the 70-year-old British-born philanthropist the oath of allegiance. (UPI)

Medicine Hole Still Keeps Mystery Hidden

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Killdeer, N.D.—The mystery of the Medicine hole in the Killdeer mountains in western North Dakota still keeps its secret almost 100 years after General Alfred Sully led his 2,200-man force into Dakota territory to discipline 6,000 Sioux warriors.

His was a punitive expedition, to teach the warring Sioux, with all their squaws, children and dogs, a lesson. Sully's soldiers engaged the Sioux camped at the foot of Killdeers on July 28, 1864. The entire camp fled in panic up the ravines into the Killdeers when Sully's forces attacked.

As night fell, Sully had a large band of Sioux surrounded atop one of the hills. The next morning the soldiers moved in to finish them off but they were gone! Where?

About a week later, Sully's army was miles west in the Badlands when it met Indians once again... the same Indians!

The facts confirm the first engagement between Sully's troops and Sioux warriors. From there on legend takes over—a legend that has been embellished over the years because frontier soldiers of the latter half of the Nineteenth century were known to be better fighters than historians.

Indians Escaped
Legend says the trapped Indians escaped down the Medicine hole—named for the smoky fog emitted on cold mornings. They are supposed to have traveled through a network of underground caverns underlying western North Dakota.

The Medicine hole actually is a small entrance to a narrow, little explored cave that extends down into one of the high, steep hills in the Killdeer mountains. Some support is lent to the tale by the fact that the Medicine hole has been known to emit wind from its mouth, pointing to the fact that it must have another opening.

Weird rock formations, like Signet rock, the Three Old Maids, Eagle rock and others, lend the region an air of mystery.

Unsuccessful
Several attempts have been made to explore the cave but none very successfully. In 1937, a group descended about 175 feet down and found three openings, all plugged with rocks. The rocks were too large to remove but the group reported a strong, steady stream of air was blowing from one of the openings.

Another cave was found about a mile and a half away which has never been explored but the area residents think it might be connected to the Medicine hole.

The Killdeer mountains have yielded strange things. One long-time resident of the area says he found the bones of two small Indian children on a high, lonely ledge hidden from view. In 1914, an old soldier found two spent cartridges he had killed two Indians with while with Sully's forces that day in 1864.

What might the Medicine hole yield if thoroughly explored? Nobody knows but the Medicine hole—and it's not telling.

Basements in Homes Claimed on Way Out

New York—The basement, long a familiar part of American homes, seems to be out the way out.

More than two-thirds of all new single-family homes today have no cellars, compared with only about half of the existing, or older homes, reports John Sierks, chief architect for Levitt and Sons, incorporated, who said the reason is mainly economic—"a basement is an expensive luxury."

Newby Tells Club State Will Come To Sales Tax Plan

Ultimately the state of Oregon must come to a sales tax, State Sen. Lynn Newby said in an address before the Medford Rotary club here Tuesday.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club, the legislator warned, however, that when a sales tax is enacted, it will not become a cure-all for all of the state's financial ailments.

Senator Newby also explained his vote against the proposed constitutional revision. Those who prepared the revision of the constitution had a mandate from the people to reword but not completely change it. The revision as submitted almost completely eliminated citizens' participation, one of the bulwarks of present government in this state, Newby said.

To Take Advantage
This state has been able, through the years, to take advantage of the best brains available at little cost to taxpayers. "I cannot see why we should take such a departure from a form of government proven successful and free of graft," he said.

A tribute was paid to the lobby at the last legislative session. It was one of the cleanest in history of the state and invaluable as a source of useful information to members of the legislature.

As a member of the Ways and Means committee, Senator Newby said that members of this group from both the Senate and House were determined to authorize no expenditures unless well justified by state agencies, and to approve no funds that

would raise the present level of state services.

One exception to the latter was the provision to add welfare case workers in the interest of greater efficiency. Another exception was the authorization of funds to provide more intensified treatment for mental patients. Today the average hospitalization of patients has been reduced to eight weeks. Citizens now are back to useful citizenship rather than filling mental hospital wards.

In discussing the work of commissions administered by dedicated state funds, Newby pointed out that added bond issues for highway improvements were avoided and more funds earmarked for actual airport improvement assuring the administration of the State Aeronautics board.

With Oregon's income taxes the highest in the nation, this state was at the crossroads at the recent legislative session, Newby emphasized. An entirely new concept in taxation must be devised. When it is, the people must know the impact of taxes and should not be fooled by something other than an honest approach to the unavoidable problem.

Luncheon Suggested For Weight Watchers

New York—For weight watchers, here's a gourmet menu for a summer luncheon (only 315 calories):

Bibb lettuce with three artichoke hearts, two sesame seed crackers, dietary clam chowder soup and iced orange pekoe tea.

Velocimeter New Underwater Device

Paramus, N. J.—The inner deep is coming in for almost as much attention as outer space these days. Underwater scientists for ACF's electronics division here have developed a device to measure the speed of sound in water, a fact that varies with under sea "weather" conditions of temperature, pressure and salinity.

The device, known as a velocimeter, may be used to detect enemy submarines or to assist oceanographers in learning more about life under the sea.

TEXAS LUMBER

College Station, Tex.—Texas, not generally known as a state of forests, grows enough southern yellow pine for an annual production of 500 million board feet of lumber. The southern yellow pine, extension specialists at Texas A & M college say, is a strong construction wood with good bending strength, toughness and nail-holding strength.

New York—Latex foam rubber is used for cushioning in 54 per cent of all upholstered furniture produced in the United States. Foam rubber is especially popular in pieces that feature slim, tailored lines such as Danish modern.

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Utah 'Academy' Offers Program On Survival

Salt Lake City, Utah—Utah's thriving "Freedom Academy" ranks as one of the nation's top cram courses for high school boys on the threat of communism.

The program will be three years old this summer. It is a project in which military men teach civilians about national survival. The money to carry it out comes from private sources, but the Utah National guard handles the classes.

Maj. Gen. Maxwell E. Rich, who set up the Freedom academy program in 1961 believes the first two years have brought "excellent" response with a minimum of criticism.

High school juniors from every school in the state are invited to the academy at Camp Williams, the National

Guard's main training site near Salt Lake City. The instruction lasts five days in August.

Life at the camp is divided between courses in appreciation of American ideals and traditions, the history of the rise and spread of communism, plus time out for swimming and sports.

"There is no hard-core Prussian-type military training at the academy," says Rich. The students do stand a formation in the morning and evening to watch the raising and lowering of the flag, but there is no military drill.

Enrollment was about 57 boys the first year and 130 the second. The juniors go back to school in the fall and

present reports to other students on what they learned.

Rich, who is Utah's adjutant general, discounted criticism from some quarters that the Freedom academy amounts to military indoctrination in political theory.

"It certainly is everyone's responsibility to alert the nation," he declares. "We are not trying to set up military control here. Most of the instructors are part-time officers who have civilian businesses and not regular, full-time military men."

New York—Tax Foundation, which spends most of its time complaining about rising taxes, has taken time out to explain that much of the rise in state and local debt is legitimate and inevitable, the result of leaping population growth.

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