

Pacific Northwest Firms In Argentina

When Pacific Northwest manufacturers go "international," their accountants and business counselors go with them. Buenos Aires, Hong Kong, Tokyo, airline baggage checks are among the many you see frequently on the luggage of business friends at Portland International Airport terminal.

Returning recently from Buenos Aires, where two financial planning meetings were held for Northwest firms now going into Argentina, was William F. Meyer, head of the accounting firm of Yergen and Meyer, Portland. The organization has long had a local office in Medford managed by Glenn Schneider, CPA, also a partner. Meyer stated that a dozen companies represented by his firm are operating now in South America and the Orient and require travel of staff members to Tokyo, Hong Kong and Buenos Aires.

Companies represented by Meyer in Buenos Aires are Northwest manufacturers of equipment and supplies for the fruit industry, which offers a rapidly expanding market in Argentina's fruit growing Rio Negro Valley. These companies, like a number of other well-known local manufacturers, are expanding in South America and the Orient through joint ventures with foreign firms, Meyer stated.

Like Yakima Valley Commenting on the growth of Argentina's fruit growing Rio Negro Valley in Argentina is a dead ringer for the Yakima Valley, even to their river. They grow and pack 20,000,000 boxes of apples and export half of them," Meyer reported. "While the largest portion of Argentine exports go to Venezuela and Brazil, their growers are just as concerned about the European Common Market as Yakima, Medford and Hood River growers."

A unique crop in the Rio Negro fruit district is regular rows of popular trees grown as wind breaks for the orchards and harvested as wood box material to pack fruit from the same orchards. Usually fast growth permits cutting of these trees in as few as ten years, Meyer stated.

"Expanding fruit production in South America, Africa and other areas does not necessarily mean competition for our own great fruit growing districts since the harvesting season is in January and February in the southern hemisphere. However, there are benefits in having Northwest firms that manufacture equipment and packing supplies participate in this added foreign business," Meyer disclosed. "Development and manufacturing costs of equipment and supplies used here at home are kept lower by the added volume and profits from foreign sales generally are pumped back into our own economy."



BROKEN RAIL BLAMED — The streamer "City of Los Angeles" was derailed near Coon Rapids, Iowa, when it apparently hit a broken rail. About 25 persons were injured when 16 of the 19 cars spilled off the tracks. Three of the cars overturned. (UPI)

Three Accidents Checked by Police During Weekend

Three vehicle accidents were investigated by the Medford city police during the weekend, police said.

A vehicle driven by Jesse Marion Chancellor Jr., 29, of 510 Marie St., owned by a parked auto followed by Robert H. and Frankie Harris, 2216 Harrison St., at Eighth Street near Grape Street, at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, according to police. Chancellor was cited by officers for violation of basic rule. Chancellor, who complained of a headache, was driven home by the police officer.

At 9:45 p.m. Saturday a truck, driven by John Ogden Creighton, 55, San Leandro, Calif., hit a traffic control sign at 13th Street and Riverside Avenue, police said.

A vehicle driven by Dennis Noble Chancellor, 29, of 1211 W. Main St., struck a parked auto owned by Carl and Gloria McLean, West Linn, Ore., at Manzanita and Niantic Streets at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, according to police. Chancellor was cited by police for violation of basic rule. Ronald Arty Laws, 21, of Talent, a passenger in the Chancellor vehicle, was treated at Rogue Valley Hospital.

Wife of Roseburg News Editor Dies

ROSEBURG (UPI)—Mrs. Charles Stanton, wife of the editor of the Roseburg News-Review, died in a hospital here Sunday following a long illness. She suffered a stroke in April. The couple was married 44 years. Funeral will be held Tuesday.

The Medical Roundup

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At What Age Does a Woman Become Infertile?

Every week I get letters from women, usually around the age of 50, each of whom says that she keeps having heated arguments with her husband as to when she will be "safe" as regards the bearing of a child. She does not want to have a "menopause baby." Some of these women are still very anxious, even three or four years after they have had the menopause.

On turning to the records of "lying-in" hospitals, I find that very few infants are ever born to women over the age of 48 years. One American authority on obstetrics tells me that he confined one woman who said she was 52, and I have had letters from two or three women who said that their mother had a child when she was 52. However, I cannot be sure of these statements because I have not seen the woman's birth certificate.

On consulting the United States census figures, I find again that hardly any children are born to women who are over the age of 48. Accordingly, I think that if a woman is 48, and especially if she hasn't menstruated for six months, she is not at all likely to bear a child. Today I get a letter from a woman who says that at operation, both her fallopian tubes were removed. She wants to know if a surgeon could make tubes for her so that she can have a child. I have read several statements by surgeons, saying they could make something that would look like a tube, but they doubted very much if it would function as a tube and enable the woman to get pregnant.

Search For Persons With Active Tuberculosis How I wish that all of our people who have a chronic cough, or a chronic mild fever, or who occasionally spit a little blood would realize what a service to humanity they would perform if they would go quickly to their doctor or to the local health department, and have their lungs checked with an x-ray film, and their sputum with a microscopic test.

Why is this so needed? Because if all people would quickly get treated, they would not only save their own lives, but they would save the lives of a number of the people they live with, and especially the children. Also, if they all were to get cured, the country would soon be free of tuberculosis, and the disease would have gone the way of the once universal typhoid fever, diphtheria, and "shaking ague."

New Drugs for the Nervous In recent years, many drugs have been found that will either quiet nervous and distressed patients or will stimulate those who have become depressed. Largely because of the use of these drugs, in mental hospitals there has been much less use of straitjackets and electroshock treatments, and there has been a great increase in the percentage of patients discharged each year.

Thus I read that between the years of 1955 and 1960, in the New York State hospitals, the number of persons who had to be restrained was lessened from 27 per 1,000 to two per 1,000, while the number of persons being given tranquilizing drugs went up from 20 per 1,000 to some 500 per 1,000.

Not all of the melancholic persons can be helped by the anti-depressant drugs, but evidently many persons are being helped because I bear that, of late, the number of patients who have to receive electroshock treatments is half of what it used to be.

One of the good things that tranquilizers do in a mental hospital is to make many an excited and uncooperative patient so well - controlled and rational that he will sit down with a psychiatrist to talk to him, to listen to him, and to profit from his help.

One sad thing about the new drugs is that many of them have unpleasant side reactions, and hence the doctor and the patient must always be on the watch for danger signals, such as nausea, much weakness, a skin rash, bleeding, jaundice, or a mental depression.

If you are approaching the menopause, you'll want to read Dr. Alvarez' informative booklet, "Menopause and Hysterectomy." To obtain your copy send 25 cents and a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines, Iowa (50304).

Crippled Geese At Portland Zoo

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Portland Zoo had 99 crippled geese and ducks today. Zoo Director Jack Marks returned with the birds from the Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge in Northern California.

The birds were injured during the hunting season. They first will be given a chance to build up their strength and become familiar with their new surroundings at the zoo and then will undergo surgery. The birds that recover will be set free.

Marks has been collecting and helping wounded birds from the Tulelake refuge since 1948.

Home Brew Threatens Police Evidence Room

TOPEKA, Kan. (UPI)—About 90 bottles of home brew seized in a raid last week were held as evidence today, though Undersheriff Don Becker warned unstable temperatures could cause them to explode and "wreck the evidence room."

Shawnee County Atty. Robert Brown insisted that chemical tests be run on the brew before it is discarded. The brew was seized from the trailer home of Sylvester W. Lollis, 65.

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Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
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WHAT METRIC SYSTEM WOULD MEAN TO YOU? A bill to pave the way for the adoption of the Metric System of weights and measurements in the U.S. is slated to be introduced in the next session of Congress and odds on its passage are the best in years. The bill would call for exhaustive study of the feasibility here of the system currently in use in 88 countries including 90 per cent of the world's population today.

Unprecedented pressures for our conversion to the Metric System are now coming from some of our nation's most powerful scientific, educational and industrial forces. While, of course, a changeover would be spread over decades — a time-span most often suggested is a full generation or 33 years — our conversion is considered essential and inevitable.

When and as we do take the giant step, we would dispense with the inch, the pound, the foot, the yard, the mile, the pint, quart and gallon, the teaspoon and tablespoonful, the bushel and barrel, fathoms and fractions. Instead, we would use the beautifully simple, neat Metric equivalents of grams and kilograms, meters and kilometers, liters and kiloliters.

What would so radical a changeover mean to us? All distances would be converted from miles to kilometers and millions of new road signs would have to be posted across the country. A distance of 2,500 miles, for instance, would become approximately 4,000 kilometers.

All desk rulers, dress patterns, nuts and bolts would have to be redesigned from terms of inches, feet and yards to meters, centimeters and millimeters. When ordering material, you'd specify meters, not yards.

All measuring cups, milk bottles, butcher scales and gasoline tanks would have to be changed. Instead of 10 gallons of gas, you'd ask for around 40 liters. Instead of a cup of sugar, a recipe would call for about 200 grams. As for your new baby, you'd announce its weight at around 3.2 kilograms, not seven pounds.

All packages would have to be replaced to indicate the convenient, round metric sizes instead of today's pounds, quarts, etc. All postal weighing scales and postal rates would have to be switched to the metric letter and package weights.

Eventually, conversion would mean new sizes and shapes of products ranging from home water and gas meters to huge factory machines and machine tools.

For us who are adults it would mean a re-education process to accustom us to the new measures and for school children, new textbooks to teach them the Metric System's units of gram, meter and liter.

For science and industry, it would mean re-doing literally millions of technical designs and specifications. For commerce, it would mean re-pricing most of the products we use according to new weights, lengths and volumes.

Why even contemplate so enormous a task at a cost conservatively estimated as running into the billions? Because by maintaining our cumbersome system of weights and measures, we are getting out of step with most of the rest of the world. More and more countries which once used the traditional "English" measurements system, are changing over. Recent "converts" include Japan, India, Red China. Even the few English-speaking holdouts in addition to us are indicating increasing interest in switching to the "international language" of the Metric System.

Says the atomic scientist, Dr. Edward Teller, "If we do not change, we shall lose in the economic competition with Russia." Says Floyd Hough, an official of the American Geophysical Union, "The preference in South America for European units may be due to their common language of weights and measurements. In this age of ever closer ties with other nations, it is imperative that something be done about the inexcusable complexity and non-conformity of the English system."

Says the Metric Assn., a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, "Adoption of the Metric System is a world trend that cannot be stopped."

Still, the costs, the confusion and re-education involved in a changeover are truly formidable. The next column will analyze the arguments against as well as for.

Christmas Will Not Be The Same for Alcoholic

By JOE COWLEY
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

Jim won't be home for Christmas this year. He is not an accident statistic. He is not a casualty in Viet Nam. He is a casualty of our society. He is an alcoholic. (We are not using his real name to protect him and his family.)

We interviewed Jim behind bars in the county jail. His family had just left him some Christmas presents, what they could afford. Alcoholism strikes a person physically, morally and economically.

"How do I feel about spending Christmas in jail away from my family? I can't put that into words," he said grimly, his eyes a little moist. This will be his first Christmas away from home since he has been married.

From the standpoint of family togetherness and merriment, Christmas won't be the same to Jim. Spiritually this Christmas will mean a lot more to him. For the first time in 10 years he has realized that he is an alcoholic and he can't solve the problem by himself. He needs help. He needs the help of others who have "been down the same road." But, he also needs the spiritual strength which can come only from God!

Just believing in God is not enough," he emphasized. "You must do something about it. You must be completely honest and sincere about your problem or forget it," he added.

Jim, once a successful working man, was sober last Christmas. He had a good time with his family. In fact, it may have been part of the four months when he didn't touch a drop. But he did turn back to liquor. And that's his story.

Breaks Probation His story came out in bits and pieces over two thick mugs of black steaming coffee in the "interrogation room" of the county jail two days before Christmas. Jim is in jail for breaking his probation from a misdemeanor conviction. He started drinking again and will be in county jail one long year. His "trap sheet" shows a series of sentences for being drunk or for misdemeanor offenses all tied in with his drinking.

"I was gone as soon as I took the first drink," he related. "I was overseas and I was drinking to show my manhood. I passed out."

At first he could take it or leave it alone. Gradually he drank more frequently. At the same time he felt he had a mental illness and turned himself in to a government hospital after returning from overseas. But the hospital was crowded then and the doctors and nurses didn't have much time for what may have seemed to them a comparatively minor problem. His treatment was brief and he was out again.

A Compulsive Thing "I don't drink to get a lift. It depresses me. I drink to total oblivion by myself in a hotel or motel. In fact, I doubt if many alcoholics ever feel stimulated. And I know what I'm doing while I'm doing it. It's a compulsive thing with me," he continued.

Jim drank to escape his personal problems. This seems to be one symptom of an alcoholic. He can't face up to problems or situations.

"Lying and drinking go together. An alcoholic lies to himself, to his family and to his friends to cover up for his drinking. Being in jail I have had a lot of time to think. I know I'm an alcoholic—that I must do something about it. I have no reservations now. I attend the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings here in jail. Only these people can help me. They know my problem."

Has to Quit Problem "Once I quit drinking I can never take another drink as long as I live. Being an alcoholic can only end up in personal, on skid row or under a slab in the cemetery. I know that. I don't know what my future will be, but I have to solve the problem. It comes first, before my job, my family, or anything else."

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A person is an alcoholic when he takes that first drink to escape, Jim explained. He said he could walk into a bar and pick out five men who are alcoholics.

He knows that shipping his disease, for that's what it is, will be a long, heart-breaking process. He has to win back the faith of his wife and children first so they will start believing in him. This is particularly hard when a wife has watched her husband go out the door each morning not knowing if he will come back sober. Many times she has had to almost pour him into bed, then help him to get back his physical health only to see him repeat the same thing all over again.

Can't Care How Much You Have—You may have two cars in the driveway, a fine home, a wife and loving kids, even a million dollars and you can lose it all by taking that first drink if you are a compulsive drinker — an alcoholic," Jim explained.

He hopes he can go to the veterans' hospital and be treated for his mental illness and alcoholism. But, he knows, too, it is all up to him.

"I hope your article will do some good. If it reaches just one person, I don't know about these kids growing up. That's the best time to reach potential alcoholics if they aren't too cowed to listen. Maybe if they saw a few walking case histories they would think about it a little."

"Anyway, Merry Christmas," he said.

Crash of Jet Bomber Probed

COLUMBUS, Miss. (UPI)—An investigation was being made today in the crash of a B52 jet bomber which exploded shortly after takeoff from Columbus Air Force Base Monday killing all nine crewmen aboard.

Lt. Gen. David Wade of Barksdale Air Force Base, La., commander of the Second Air Force, was one of the investigators.

Witnesses on the ground reported seeing the huge Strategic Air Command Stratofortress explode in flight. Wreckage was scattered over a three-mile area of snow-covered woodland 15 miles northeast of here.

The plane took off in 20-degree weather, at a time when snow and sleet had halted most civilian air traffic in Mississippi. The Air Force declined comment on the possibility of the weather having anything to do with the crash.

None of the men aboard the plane was a resident of the Far West.

Klamath Sheriff Named in Lawsuit

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dist. Atty. Dale Crabtree and Sheriff Murray B. Fitts of Klamath County were named in a \$27,500 damage suit filed in Federal Court here Monday.

The suit was filed by Mrs. Lois Harrington of Klamath Falls in behalf of her son, Osborne L. Gallagher, 19.

It charged that the youth was held in the county jail at Klamath Falls for 105 days, from Feb. 21 to June 7, without legal right, without being charged and without due process of law.

Klamath County Circuit Judge Donald A. W. Piper ordered Gallagher released June 7 after finding that the county authorities acted illegally, the suit said.

Also named in the suit were Crabtree's special investigator, John Weber, and Alvin Youngblood, a deputy sheriff.

Youngster Drowns As Ice Gives Way

HOMEDALE, Idaho (UPI)—A six-year-old Eastern Oregon child drowned Monday when he plunged through ice on a pond near his home.

Deed was Rodney Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Cox of Homedale. The Cox farm is in Malheur County, Ore.

The small boy had been playing on the ice with two younger brothers. He apparently went through the ice at a point that had been weakened by an air pocket. The child's body was recovered by two men who were working nearby.

Springfield Urban Renewal Extended

SEATTLE (UPI)—Charges of first degree murder were filed Monday afternoon in King County against Gary Quinlivan, 29, Seattle, for the deaths of Mrs. Gladys Bedline, 59, Kent, and Fred Donahue, 40, Seattle.

Mrs. Bedline was found strangled in her home Friday morning. Donahue was shot with a rifle Friday afternoon in Kent.

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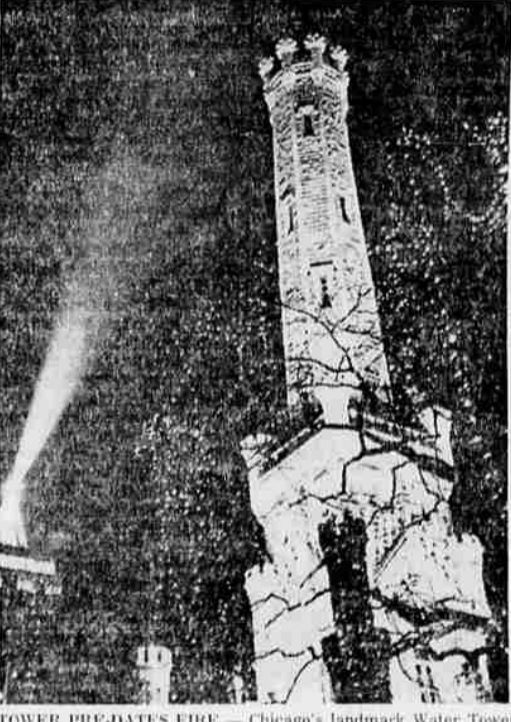


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TOWER PRE-DATES FIRE — Chicago's landmark Water Tower at Michigan Avenue pre-dates the famous fire of 1871. Here it stands out in floodlighting amid the tiny Christmas decoration lights adorning trees along the boulevard. In background is beam of light from beacon atop the Palmolive Building. (UPI)

By Jimmy Hatlo

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