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Pretty Trip

By BILL JENKINS
Had occasion to go to Roseburg yesterday and decided to vary the usual routine by taking a slightly different route. So we shoved off, early, for the valley via Crater Lake, Prospect, Trail, Tiller and Canyonville.

The road is as crooked as a snake going uphill, but is much prettier than the Greensprings and in considerably better shape. Driving time was less than the long route by better than an hour. No construction except for a couple of hundred yards at the Annie Springs station in Crater Lake Park.

Despite the logging ban which has held in Western Oregon for quite a spell there was a lot of movement on the roads of log trucks, some of them hauling old stuff, some new. By leaving early we missed most of the traffic.

Just the other side of Trail we ran into clouds. Just like driving through a door. One minute it was bright sunlight and the next we were in heavy overcast and occasional patches of fog. Like that all the way to Roseburg, where we found it cool and overcast.

Being in a mood (always) to see new country we decided to try the North Umpqua on the return trip. Left Roseburg in mid-afternoon and headed east for Glendale and Steamboat. The trip up the river, the North Umpqua, is a lovely one. The water there has a clear green that is all its own.

Pretty little fishing holes, most of them in heavy use by summer anglers, little falls and great, silent pools. It is a sight for sore eyes on a hot day. Pavement ends at the Steamboat junction, but the road from there on is good if somewhat dusty. One traffic delay up around Lookout somewhere where crews are tearing at the highway job. A pleasant enough stop this time since there is a little store there run by a genial chap who, when the time is ripe, goes down and takes down the traffic barricade to let you through on schedule.

No complaints about the road from us, although we did run into one strained and tense pilgrim, towing a boat behind his car, who flagged us down just below Tokete and inquired, in a near-desperate voice, how far it was to pavement again. A little dust, but not enough to worry anyone.

The big Copco development there with its miles of ditches and penstocks and the silent, lonely power stations proves interesting to those who haven't seen it before.

Got to Diamond Lake before dark to find it already crowded to the overflowing point with holiday travelers. No room anywhere along the shore for another car, it looked like, although I suppose the population will trouble over the weekend. The wind was keening down from the peaks and had a slight edge of fall in it. A welcome touch after all our hot weather.

Highway 97 from the junction on into town was bumper to bumper with traffic. Lots of trucks but the majority of the travelers obviously early-starters on the Labor Day holiday. Lots of boats being towed, lots of car-top carriers flapping their loose tarps in the slipstream and herds of kids and dogs hanging out the windows.

a good trusty slingshot. Guess these things are outlawed, too, these days.

It does seem a little drastic to have confiscated the weapon, however, and I do hope that it found its way back to the 10-year-old owner.

But, then, the law's the law, and it must be observed.

It is with some nostalgic regret that I note the passing of this time-honored weapon. The lovers of birds, cats, dogs as well as the parents of little children probably welcome the news that b-b guns are barred in Klamath Falls.

Another childhood pastime bites the dust on the pathways of progress.

That it may level off and even decline later this year.

The Federal Reserve this week approved an increase in the discount rate at its San Francisco bank. The rate, ranging from one and three-quarters to two per cent, is what commercial banks must pay to borrow from the Federal Reserve.

When banks have to pay more to borrow, they must charge their customers more.

By making money more expensive to borrow, economists note, some of the unnecessary spending is cut down. This eases the inflationary pressures that are inherent in periods of business expansion.

The Federal Reserve's about face on credit also indicates that the board is convinced the recession is over and that the immediate course of the economy will build up.

Belief that the economy has come out of the doldrums got support from businessmen this week. A survey by Dun and Bradstreet showed that the majority of businessmen are convinced that the fourth quarter of the year will be the best three months of the year.

Manufacturers of durable goods such as appliances and automobiles are the most optimistic. However, they have been hardest hit by the recession.

The electrical industry has been enjoying a boom of sorts. Output of electric power rose to a new all-time high this week.

Construction activity continues to roll along at an impressive speed. Steel production rose for the sixth straight week.

The railroad industry got a lift last week when President Eisenhower signed into law legislation aimed at helping the financially depressed railroad industry.

And U.S. confidence in general got a lift when the government announced that two atomic-powered submarines opened a new undersea route at the North Pole.

Optimism is the fuel needed to launch a new economic boom. Right now most Americans are confident about the future, although a wee bit cautious.

But optimism is creeping back into the picture and more and more people are beginning to plan for a prosperous fourth quarter.

By Christmas, economists say, the economy should be well on its way.

How long before borrowing costs start turning up is one on which the experts hesitate to speculate. They agree, however, that with mortgage interest rates traditionally more sluggish than others', no noticeable upturn is likely before autumn.

But they also agree that the recent easing of rates and the availability of loan money has ended. "Families today are getting a better buy in the housing market than they were just a year ago," W. Franklin Morrison, president of the National League of Insured Savings associations, told United Press International. "But how long this will continue is a matter of serious question."

Morrison noted that half of this year's output of new houses is selling for \$14,300, compared to a median price of \$15,000 in 1957.

"The builders have been hungry. They've been going all out" was the way one authoritative building industry source explained it. "But with materials, prices and wages rising they're going to change their tune."

Most opinion that the 1958 drop in interest rates has ended was based on the recent dive in prices in the government securities market. Another indication comes from the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) which reported an increase of one-tenth of a point from July 1 to Aug. 1 in prices paid for FHA-insured mortgages traded in the secondary market.

That gain compared with an average rise of three-tenths of a point per month in the first six months of the year.

The experts agree that mortgage money is still plentiful for qualified borrowers. The National Association of Real Estate Boards found an "ample" supply of funds for conventional financing in 80 per cent of the nation.

That's because the effects of an auto strike would spread far beyond the auto industry, itself so vital to the American economy. A shutdown could, at least temporarily, knock the pins from under the general industrial recovery before it really gets started.

How incoming Chairman Frederic G. Donner and incoming President John F. Gordon deal with the United Auto Workers president, Walter Reuther, will be of prime importance to the industry of which GM is roughly half.

An auto strike is what business in general fears more than anything just now.

Example: Much of the new optimism in the steel industry is traced to expectations that the auto industry, its biggest customer, will be ordering heavily from now on. Steel counts on auto makers to be pushing output of the new models on which Detroit pins its hopes of recovering lost sales ground.

Many other industries—rubber, copper, glass, lead, zinc, radio set makers—and a host of auto industry suppliers would be hit badly by an auto strike.

A lengthy shutdown could quickly clear out the showrooms of the car dealers. It might for a time face motorists with a shortage of new cars instead of a surplus.

All hands have cause to hope there'll be no strike.

Nuclear Tests
Klamath Falls (To The Editor)—In a recent editorial Floyd Wynne questioned the qualifications of the American Friends Service Committee to make judgments on the issue of nuclear weapons testing. He implied confidence in the findings of scientists, such as the recent report of the United Nations Scientific Committee.

The language of the U.N. report is ambiguous. Some of its statements are so tentative and qualified as to leave an immense amount of doubt regarding present and future effects of radiation. Yet Mr. Wynne concludes, because "nuclear weapons constitute our primary line of defense," we must keep on improving them. The American Friends Service Committee, on the other hand, concludes that since we know so little about radiation effects we dare not take the risk of contaminating the earth's atmosphere with possible danger to millions of people. Scientific fact and opinion are not conclusive proof of one position or the other. What is needed is moral judgment bolstered by whatever scientific evidence is available.

They'll Do It Every Time



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Delegates Ban Measure

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP)—Delegates attending the National Student Congress last night defeated a resolution calling for segregation of schools.

The measure, originally planned to be a desegregation resolution, was renamed. It was presented by the five-member delegation from the University of South Carolina.

In the vote by about 600 delegates, the resolution received less than 10 favorable votes.

The five-page resolution said that where the Supreme Court's decision to integrate schools has been enforced, the result has been the disruption of educational processes.

It further stated that the decision has created disunity in the United States, at a time when unity is critically needed, and has destroyed racial friendship in the South.

Other Southern delegations, however, did not go along with the resolution.

In a debate before the vote, Dan Ellis of Tennessee asked if the racial amity (friendship) meant that one race was too good to associate with another.

Don Furtado of the University of North Carolina said the congress was not held to argue constitutional points. He said that in 1902 a North Carolina governor called for integration and that the actual achievement of that desire is coming 56 years later.

AID OFFERED
PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodia's Premier Norodom Sihanouk, just back from a trip to Communist China, says the Peiping government has offered increased economic aid to Cambodia with no strings attached. He said the aid will be for industrial development.

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Canada Woman Dies In Mishap
JORDAN VALLEY, Ore. (AP)—A one-car accident on U.S. Highway 95 killed a Canadian woman and critically injured another Thursday night, state police reported.

The victim was identified as Maria Eleanor White, 21, of Edmonton, Alberta. Maxine Medwid, 21, also of Edmonton, was taken to a hospital in Caldwell, Idaho, in critical condition.

The accident occurred about five miles north of here and just west of the Oregon-Idaho border.

EXERCISES CANCELED
ATHENS (AP)—The Athens Daily Post reported today a NATO exercise scheduled to take place along the Greek-Turkish border in mid-September has been canceled. The reason reportedly was the continuing dispute over Cyprus.

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Radio Chief Leaves Post

PORTLAND (AP)—John Eichhorn, former executive of the KING Broadcasting Co. in Seattle who has managed radio station KGW here since May, 1956, will leave the station Sept. 1.

Eichhorn, who announced his resignation Thursday, said he would disclose his future plans after he returns from vacation. He will be succeeded by Fred Von Hofen, manager of radio station KENO in Las Vegas, Nev.

Eichhorn formerly was commercial manager and station manager of KING radio, and later was assistant to the vice president of KING-TV and KING radio.

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Pogo



United Press International
SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Actress Margaret O'Brien, on the death of her mother:

"Mother and I were very close. It was her seventh time in the hospital. I visited her daily and she was always so happy."

End Of Era

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
I note with confused feelings the other day that we have arrived at the end of another era in our stage of growing up, speaking as a city.

The difference between a city and a town or village is often times the difference between tolerance of the smaller things in life, and the non-tolerance of them.

I noticed that the city police confiscated a b-b gun from a youngster after he reportedly accidentally shot another boy in the street, wounding a girl.

It is with confused feelings that I note the incident. My initial reaction is that it's a good move, and that youngsters shouldn't be doing b-b guns under the city ordinance.

But, digging back into my memory, I can remember the incident when I was about 10 years old. We couldn't afford the money to buy a b-b gun, so we made one out of a tin can and a rubber band. It was a real thing, and it was a lot of fun.

But, when I was 10, I was with a group of boys and we were playing with our b-b guns. One of the boys shot another boy in the leg. It was a real thing, and it was a lot of fun.