

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"IF YOU WERE SQUIRTIN WITH A HOSE AN' YOU SAW A MAILMAN THAT WAS AWFUL HOT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?"

Giant Aircraft Plant Ready For Space Age

Editor's Note: This is the final installment of a report of a tour by Klamath Falls business and civic leaders of Air Force installations in Colorado Springs and the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation plant in St. Louis.

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The next and last leg of this inspection tour was in one spot—McDonnell Aircraft Corporation's plant at Lambert Field in St. Louis.

In a bomb-proof auditorium many feet below the surface of the ground, we were given an outline by a team of three: McDonnell, the firm which makes the airframe of the F-101-B assigned to the 48th Fighter Group here at Kingsley (and the F-4-H, that hot rod the Navy is now integrating into its programs); Hughes Aircraft, which produces and installs the radar armament control systems in the craft; and Pratt and Whitney, which makes J-57 Voodoo jet engines.

With the aid of films and verbal outlines, this team of three really had us dizzy with facts and figures. For example, there are 17 1/2 miles of wiring in the Voodoo... enough to wire 175 homes and 45 motors are among the five million parts in the plane.

Alarbone armament control systems produced by Hughes compute the exact path for an interceptor to fly, automatically prepare the missiles for launching and, at the precise moment for a kill, release the missiles to track down and destroy the target.

The Klamath Council of Camp Fire Girls is sponsoring three day camps this year. The first, Camp Kuga Kilo, was held the last week in June at Crescent for girls of the Gilchrist, Crescent and Crescent Lake area.

The Camp Fire day camps are operated to meet standards of the agency plus those of the American Camping Association and because the agency is a member of the Klamath County United Fund their day camps are open to all girls at one fee, \$2 for four days, regardless of whether they hold a membership in Camp Fire Girls.

Last herd of bison seen on the open range in Oklahoma was in 1877 near Woodward.

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Something else that came to mind in talking with these aircraft manufacturers, I posed the question, "Do you intend to enter the commercial aviation field once your contracts are filled for manned aircraft?" The answer, "This is doubtful, not from the standpoint that we couldn't construct an excellent product and compete with other commercial firms, but our plans now on the drawing boards are for the space program. We will have a man in space in the next 29 to 34 months. It will be necessary to have air islands or platforms for the next phase—the space travel to the other planets, and it is in this field that we shall be concentrating our efforts."

It was at this point that my thinking processes made the analogy with Rip Van Winkle. The guy was rational, but plagued by the old gal's nagging. He slips off from the bounds of reality by falling in which some gremlins and their form of "stump juice." After a number of years, he awakens to find very strange surroundings. His dog is gone. His wife is dead. A war had taken place during the interim. After telling his story many times and making inquiry, it is finally determined that he has returned to his own town. However, during his absence many things have changed. As a matter of fact, when he awoke to reality, and reached for his well oiled and polished fowling piece but found instead an old flintlock in poor repair—the lock fall off, the barrel encrusted with rust, and the stock worm eaten. When I thought I was fairly well versed in what was going on in the way of defense, it was folly.

We can take pride and a sense of security in knowing that our defense manufacturers, producing superior deterrents and the professional defenders of this nation, are a team without peer. As lay people, our efforts should be to better understand what is going on in behalf of our own defense and to attain a sanctuary of security in our country by assisting and aiding these knowledgeable defenders of the fairports. As long as Russia is an aggressor of varying degrees, we cannot afford to be complacent. We are to be thankful we have a sharp military force and versed people in defense to do their part. Our part is to support them at every turn. After all, it is our collective lives that are being waged in this world poker game.

Sure seems like a long time ago when we departed on this trip. There was a lot involved. Orders, for example, which in part stated, "authorized to travel on military aircraft from Kingsley Field to Ent AFB, Colorado, and McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri, in connection with attending ADC NORAD briefing at Ent AFB, Colorado, and attending F-101-B orientation briefing at St. Louis, Missouri, and return to Kingsley Field, Oregon. Travel is necessary in the military service and is authorized under the provisions of AFR 76-6 or 76-15 as applicable, at no expense to the United States Government." Those are awfully short orders to cover everything we saw.

Justification? If I am better informed on what this country's defense mission is, and I can pass this information along to others and assist them in their education, that is the only justification necessary. I was deeply honored and am most humble to have been a guest of the United States Air Force on this trip. I hope I can repay them by helping others to understand our mutual problem of the defense of these United States.

After we had been pumped full of statistics on airframes, missiles, defense systems, striking forces and counter-measures came a lively round-table discussion on all we had seen in the interim of three days. Measurers, counter-measurers, attack, defend. One thought again of Newton's third law. If one could track and destroy, surely the aggressor or defendant could do likewise. A state-mate? Possibly. However, the United States has committed itself not to be the aggressor. Then what are the limitations of being constantly in the position of retaliation as the primary move? This poses a very real problem and one of extreme necessity for diplomacy on the highest level. It is my firm conviction that we have an excellently well-trained and combat-ready deterrent to war.

However, one cannot feel com-

placent that others in the world may have designs not compatible with ours. Russia has an avowed mission to subject communism on the entire world. We disagree. Russia is committed to use every means, including war to attain this end. I'm greatly impressed to have had an opportunity to see what we are doing to prepare ourselves for any type emergency.

Student Rescues Instructor's Son

CASTAIC, Calif. (UPI)—A 16-year-old student lifeguard gave a life-saving demonstration of his lessons Sunday by rescuing his instructor's 15-month-old son from a swimming pool. Jerry Schrock was helping Robert North, 32, his instructor and lifeguard at the Castaic elementary school pool when he spotted a child lying at the bottom of the pool. Schrock ran to the pool, jumped in fully clothed and brought out North's son, Scott.

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SUMMER READING program for youngsters starts Monday at the Klamath County Library. If they read 10 books between then and August 21, they will win certificates and the four who read the most will receive prizes. These young bookworms are, front from left, Dawn Anne Yahraus, Jimmy Denham, David Seideman, Shelly Seideman and Eddy Yasana; back, from left, Janet Denham, Kathy Yahraus and Phil Cahoon. Contestants may register in any library branch or on the bookmobile.

Construction In 1959 May Exceed 1955 Boom

Industry figures for the first six months of 1959 now indicate that construction this year will exceed the all-time records established in the building boom year of 1955, according to W. R. Wilkinson, vice president of Johns-Manville Corporation.

Wilkinson, who is general manager of the company's building products division, said that Johns-Manville statistical studies and field reports for the half year ending June 30 forecast approximately 1,360,000 new home starts in 1959, an increase of some 40,000 over the 1,320,000 new home starts recorded in peak year of 1955.

"Dollar value of new construction in 1959 could reach about \$6 billion dollars on the basis of information we now have," he said. "This is another all-time record. Add to this an indicated 22 billion dollars worth of modernization, maintenance and repairs on existing structures and you get a 78 billion dollar construction year, about eight billion dollars more than our 1958 year-end forecasts led us to expect. This is a construction record never before achieved by any nation."

"The rapid pace of construction all over the country revealed by figures for the first six months have obliged us to revise our annual construction estimates upwards for the second time this year," Wilkinson said, "and this takes into account a strong probability that new housing starts may be down more than seasonally in the last half of 1959," he said.

"For the past seven months, public and private housing starts have varied at the seasonally adjusted annual rate of close to or even over 1,400,000 new homes," Wilkinson said. "This rate is well above what we and many others in the construction industry had expected. It is, however, not above what we had estimated to be the 'normal' demand for new housing in 1959, if you include the current high rate of demolition of old structures, as well as new household formations and other factors our economists use in making these forecasts."

"Many of us," he said, "have suspected since early this year that the building boom expected by government and industry economists to start in the early 1960's may already be in the first stages of getting underway ahead of schedule. This possibility gets more interesting each month as new figures come in showing a sustained high level of new construction."

"As to the short-term future," Wilkinson said, "there may be a corrective adjustment in the latter half of this year. During the last six months of 1959 new home starts could run somewhat below the seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,400,000 for the first six months of 1959, but a total of 1,360,000 new home starts for the entire year is still indicated."

"Reports for the first half of 1959 show new construction expenditures were at the seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$3 billion dollars," Wilkinson noted. "We expect..."

Fire Units Save 'Oscar' Library

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (UPI)—Ten county fire units fought successfully Sunday to keep a \$150,000 fire from spreading to famed Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science Theater and its valuable film library. The three-alarm blaze broke out in a supermarket separated from the academy only by a narrow alleyway.

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