

Our Biggest Log Jam

In pioneer logging days, most logs were driven to the sawmill by floating them down rivers and streams. Sometimes a few logs would become lodged against rocks, sharp bends or shallow bars in the river. Other logs would pile up as they floated against this original obstruction, in the end causing such a tangle that often it was necessary to blast the key logs with dynamite. The largest jam is thought to have occurred on the St. Croix river in Minnesota, June, 1886. More than 150 million board feet of logs were piled in a mass which extended for miles.

Beans Used in Voting

During the Middle Ages in England, beans were used as voting cards at election. Those who desired to vote on any candidate or issue were given a white and a black bean. If you agreed to the candidate you used the white bean, if not you used the black bean. This was the origin of the term "black-balled," as small balls were later substituted for the beans. During the period juries also used the bean system in voting, the black bean meaning guilty.

New Products Needed

Despite the fact that there are more than 200 products manufactured for use on electrified farms, new uses appear daily. Among the electrical products needed, but not now manufactured for the farm, are an electrically driven feeder that will distribute chicken feed from one central point to hoppers throughout the hen house, and a wet mop attachment for a vacuum cleaner to mop linoleum floors.

Sea Snail Dyes

The crushed sea snail, murex, found along Mediterranean shores, provided the raw material for the famous Tyrian purple, manufactured by the Phoenicians. Tyrian purple was more than \$150 a pound in the days of the Roman empire. None but the nobility could afford such luxuries. Hence the expression "born to the purple." Today vat dyes of superior quality sell for around \$1 a pound.

Arizona's National Parks

Arizona's Grand Canyon national park, containing one of the world's greatest wonders, the Grand Canyon, has an area of 1,008 square miles, is 56 miles long and contains 105 miles of the winding Colorado river. Arizona has twice as many national monuments and more land in Indian reservations than any other state in the union.

Placing the Bathroom

When planning a bathroom, avoid placing the tub under a window. Plumbing and Heating Industries bureau suggests. The location under a window is likely to be drafty and it is inconvenient when repairs are made to the window or when screens or storm windows are being washed or replaced.

Perpetual Crop

Cranberry growers never have to replant their crops. A cranberry vine, if tended properly, will go on producing berries indefinitely. The first commercial cranberry bog was built in Harwich, Mass., in 1846, and is still producing a crop every year.

Fast Starting Fluid

A new starting fluid, seven times as flammable as gasoline, will start diesel, automobile and aircraft engines in 10 seconds in temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero, and make year-round power production possible in the Arctic.

No Need for Gasoline

Gasoline should never be used for any purpose in the home, cautions the National Board of Fire Underwriters. It gives off heavy vapors which have been known to travel 50 feet to the pilot light of a gas heater and explode.

Blanching Vegetables

Blanching or scalding vegetables immediately before quick freezing prevents loss of flavor and color and makes certain that the vegetables keep their food value during storage.

For Quick Peeling

For easy peeling of peaches, dip the fruit in boiling water for a minute or two, then quickly into cold water and the skins will slip easily. A pinch of salt adds to the flavor in cooked fruit.

Russia Leads in Peat

There are approximately 65,000 square miles of peat deposits in Russia. The next largest peat-producing country, Canada, has about 37,000 square miles of such deposits.

Sounds Real Warning

South American theaters sound a "lovers' warning" before turning on the theater lights after the completion of each picture or performance.

First Ghost Story

The ancient Greeks can take credit for the first ghost story ever written. The "Iliad" of Homer was the first ghost story in poetry.

Color of Vegetables

Vegetables usually called green also are yellow. They will average one part of yellow to three parts green.

Community Forests

The first community forest in America was established in 1710 at Newington, Vt.

Our Great America by Mack



Far Away Is the Sun

The earth is nearest the sun in January and farthest away in July. In 1947 the date of perihelion (when the earth was closest) was January 3, and the distance separating us was 91,342,000 miles. The time when we are farthest apart, called aphelion, came on July 5, 1947, with the distance of 94,451,000 miles. The reason that it is warmer in July than in January is not due to any close approach of the sun, but to the fact that in the northern hemisphere the sun comes more nearly overhead and its ray of heat and light fall on the ground more nearly vertically and are more concentrated than in the winter.

Founder of the Army

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, preached 60,000 sermons in 60 years and traveled five million miles. Pioneering in the use of the automobile, he led a caravan of four of the earliest model Napier cars on a 62-day revival tour through England and Scotland, holding an average of three meetings each day. He was 74 years old at the time. He remained vigorously active until the day of his death, August 20, 1912, at the age of 83.

Development of Telescope

The first practical refracting telescope was invented by Hans Lippershey, a spectacle-maker in Middelburg, Holland, in 1608. As originally devised, it was a monocular opera-glass, composed of a convex and a concave lens fitted at opposite ends of a tube. This original telescope was a toy compared to the 200-inch Mt. Palomar telescope, which astronomers expect will penetrate space six septillion miles.

Sound Destroys Bacteria

The dairy industry has discovered that supersonics passing through milk beat bacteria to death in a few seconds, compared to about half an hour under ordinary methods of pasteurization by heat. Supersonics also can homogenize milk, breaking up the molecules to leave a fluid of easy digestibility. All these developments may be overshadowed by the part that supersonics may play in medicine, according to scientists at University of California who have succeeded in killing the deadly germ Staphylococcus by subjecting it to vibration.

Public Owned Utilities

Nebraska and Tennessee are the first states to have all electric utilities publicly owned. Throughout the nation, there are some 3,400 cities now served by electric systems owned by municipalities, cooperatives or public power districts. Greatest concentration of publicly owned electric facilities is in Tennessee valley states, the Middle West and states bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

New Water Softener

A new water softener is equipped with two features that make regeneration easier and more automatic, says Plumbing and Heating Industries bureau. The softener has a single control valve that performs the entire regenerating job—brining, rinsing, brine refill and service. An alarm signal rings automatically to indicate when it is time to move the handle to the next position.

READ THE WESTERN NEWS

Oval E Quick Service Garage Service for Your Car

If it is worth driving at all your car is worth the kind of check-up and repair service we are equipped to give.



SERVICE YOU SWEAR BY — NOT AT ED L. NICHOLAS, Prop.

DANCE SAT., MAY 29

Lincoln's Gopher Inn

MUSIC BY Rocky Star and His Rythm Rascals

POPULAR & WESTERN SWING MUSIC

Where You Meet Your Friends

W. O. T. M. HOLDS MEETING

The regular meeting of the W. O. T. M. was held Thursday, May 20, at the Moose hall with 14 members and one visitor present. The Memorial service was held with co-worker Preston placing flowers for our deceased members. It was decided to have our annual birthday dinner again this year, co-workers Downing, Cale and Buti being on the committee to make arrangements. Our chapter has an invitation to visit Shodair Hospital on June 20. Nomination of officers were as follows: Sr. Regent, Muriel Thompson; Jr. Regent, Cornelia Conn and Mabel Johnson; Chaplain, Nona Parker and Emily Downing; Recorder, Agnes Brennan and Bessie Smith; Treasurer, Madeline Wilson. After the business meeting a delicious lunch was served by co-workers Escott and Murray.—Publicity committee.

MISS CAROL JOHNSON GUEST AT BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Carol Johnson was the honor guest at a bridal shower held at the Buck home on Wednesday evening of last week with Mrs. L. C. Buck and Miss Mildred as hostesses. Eighteen guests enjoyed the evening with sewing and visiting. Two games were played at which Miss Johnson and Miss Angela Huchala won prizes. The home was prettily decorated with bouquets of spring flowers. The honor guest was the recipient of many beautiful gifts and the well wishes of those present. The evening was brought to a close with the serving of a tasty dessert lunch by the hostesses.

FIRST LUTHERAN SENIOR LADIES' AID MEET

The Senior Ladies' Aid of the First Lutheran Church was entertained by one of its members, Mrs. Carl Larson, at her home last Thursday afternoon. In spite of the rainy weather, there was a good attendance. The program topic was presented by Pastor Hjortholm and Mrs. Melvin Paulson. The topic was "Weeds and Wheat," based on the parable of The Tares and the Wheat.

Lunch was served by the hostess at the close of the meeting. The visitors were, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Joy from Troy, Mrs. Tipton, Mrs. Brady Brown, Mrs. Palmer Knudson and children, Mrs. Ove Larson and children, Mrs. Ed Olson and Mrs. Bennett.

LIBBY FLYING SERVICE IS OUTSTANDING

The Libby Flying Service has one itself "noble" in the promotion of Libby in the flying world within the past two years, according to information gleaned from the statistics recorded here. The Flying Service started its growth less than three years ago when the G-I flying courses were offered by the government under

the supervision of Russell Deist.

The first few pilots-to-be took their instruction from Deist in a single cub plane. These few pilots now number nearly 100, a percentage higher than any other city of this size in the United States. The Libby Hangar of Montana Pilot's Association has 60 members, which is remarkable in that this is about as large a membership as any other place in the state.

The cub plane is not alone on the field now. There are two Cubs, one special Cub, two Cruisers and one Stinson used for instruction and flights. The Cubs carry pilot and one passenger, the Cruisers two passengers and the Stinson will carry pilot and three passengers.

Libbyites are becoming more and more air-minded and call the local depot to charter a plane for almost daily flights to Spokane, Kalispell, and other nearby cities. Cross-country flights as far as California, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, etc. have been chartered from here. Planes are hired here to circle grazing countries trying to spot ranging stock, with several successful trips being noted. And in case of an emergency, Libby pilots are on the beam as was witnessed when a local rancher was snowed in and needed supplies this spring.

The local pilots are serious about their flying, some working for their commercial license, others being content to have a pilots license only, so they can enjoy the air transportation and take themselves where they wish to go. There are no "wise" men among them, who delight in showing off. There is no hazardous flying, a credit to the local association.

Preliminary work is being started for the construction of a shop, administration building and hangars to be constructed on the south side of the airport. These will be in addition to the hangar and office building now on the north side of the flying field, which is owned by the Forest Service.

Much work is still needed on the field itself, it being exceptionally

rough and rocky in comparison to other fields over the state. When that can be done, is not on the "book" yet.

The site of the new buildings was purchased from the Rod and Gun Club, having served as their shooting range at one time.



FLOWERS IN MEMORIUM

Plants and floral arrangements to decorate the graves of war heroes and other loved ones on Decoration Day, May 30.

Remember To Send Flowers

LIBBY FLORAL AND GIFT SHOP

STOP RADIO INTERFERENCE

It is estimated that 80 percent of radio interference is man made...

BRING IN YOUR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND HAVE THEM FILTERED

BAKER'S RADIO SERVICE

Libby, Montana Phone 188X

PAT'S SERVICE STATION

CORNER MINERAL AVENUE AND HIGHWAY NO. 2 - CARTER OIL DISTRIBUTOR