



MRS. PIP'S DIARY.

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Chemical Producers Expanding; Other Industries Holding Back

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
With the possible exception of chemical firms, industry apparently is cautious about over-expanding, according to contractors in various areas of the nation. This, of course, is not very good news for states and communities seeking new plants to bolster their economy. Manufacturers apparently are not convinced of the need for more capacity, one Southeastern contractor reports. Another notes that its industrial construction is off 30 to 40 per cent from a year ago. Paper mills, a major industry in the pine-studded Southland, are not expanding at all, according to a contractor who specializes in this field.

BUT CHEMICAL producers continue to expand in an effort to keep abreast of new products coming along. A major chemical construction firm reports that its contracts are running about 33 per cent ahead of last year, both in number and in dollar volume. Another reports that strong chemical plant construction is helping to offset declining oil refinery building. However, contractors are complaining about thin profit margins, and industry is apparently driving a hard bargain when expansion construction is considered. Some analysts, a reputable New York financial publication reports, forecast that industrial building will be the only weak spot in construction in the second half of 1961.

110 YEARS A-MAKIN'—In a "believe it or not" item, the world's largest barrel maker recently pointed out that more than 100 years of aging precede the bottling of fine whiskey.

He didn't mean that whiskeys are 100 year old—about the oldest you can get is the recently up-aged Canadian whiskey, O.F.C., at 15 years. But Edgar Deutsche, president of Louisville Cooperage Co., noted that whiskey by U.S. law must be aged in new, charred, white-oak barrels and that it takes 100 years or more to grow a white oak tree with sufficient age (trunk diameter) to make a barrel head.

"Take a Bourbon which is now bottled at 10 years of age, as an example," Deutsche said. "You can't age Bourbon without a white-oak barrel, and you can't make the barrel until a tree has grown for a least 100 years. So every bottle represents 110 years of aging—or more."

Trampoline Instruction Slated Soon

Registration for trampoline classes for boys and girls ages 9-17 began Monday and will continue through Aug. 9. Recreation personnel will take signups through Friday between 11 a.m. and noon at the Alondra Park Community Building, located at 3535 Redondo Beach Blvd. Instruction for beginners will be given Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:30. Included will be introduction to the basic trampoline movements and development routines.

Advanced classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Stress in this class is placed on improvement of style and further development of style and further information call DA 3-8125 or DA 4-9838.



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