

Game Commission's Ban On Angling for Salmon in Umpqua River Challenged

Order Lacks Authority, Contention of Atty. Dexter Rice at Protest Meeting; Commission to Further Consider Issue

Legal authority of the Oregon State Game Commission to prohibit angling for salmon was challenged Tuesday night by Attorney Dexter Rice of Roseburg. Speaking at a meeting sponsored by the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club to protest regulations proposed by the commission, closing the season on spring chinook salmon and prohibiting all salmon fishing in waters of the North and South Umpqua rivers, Attorney Rice contended that these streams are opened to salmon fishing through legislative act and that the commission has no authority to override an act of the legislature.

The challenge, which included an offer by Attorney Rice, who is a former member of the Game Commission, which he served as chairman, to "defend" without charge through every court in the land any fisherman arrested for violation of a game commission prohibition on salmon angling, climaxed a vigorous collective protest by a capacity audience of sportsmen. The meeting adopted a motion urging the Game Commission to alter its regulations to permit angling for chinook salmon no reference being made to bass limits in the Umpqua river and its north and south tributaries.

Expressions from numerous speakers indicated the feeling that sportsmen had been "sold down the river," by regulations which would give commercial fishermen advantages denied sports anglers. Present for the hearing were E. E. Wilson, Corvallis, chairman of the Game Commission; Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor; Dr. Paul Needham, superintendent of game fisheries; Len Mathisen, Ross Newcomb, Bob Borwick, game department biologist; Don McKernan, chief biologist of the Oregon Fish Commission; John Garrett and Don Johnson, fish commission biologist.

Board's Action Explained

Chairman Wilson explained that the Game and Fish Commission had been instructed by the legislature, as a provision of the act known generally to voters as Bill 312, to conduct studies of coastal streams and "together" the Columbia river and "together"

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Italians Deserting City Awarded to Yugoslavia

ROME, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Pola, once a naval station of the Roman empire, may be only a ghost town when it is given to Yugoslavia. From that city and the remainder of the Italian peninsula which is to change from Italian to Yugoslav hands, Italians are leaving by the thousands—taking with them knapsacks and factories. One of its recent witnesses said that some 20,000 citizens of Pola—some 20 days before the signing of the peace treaty that will give their city to Yugoslavia—live in suspense, not knowing where to go or how. Listlessly they walk through streets where incessant hammering and sawing is heard from homes, shops and factories as property is created for shipping somewhere in Italy.

Alcohol Plants Voted Sugar Output Extension

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. — (AP) — In a move aimed at maintaining supplies of sugar, the House yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a bill to let alcohol plants produce sugar syrup for an additional 15 months. Under a temporary law, the plants can use their facilities for such production only until Feb. 1. The bill, first to be passed by the House since the new Congress convened, would extend that time until April 30, 1948.

Teeth Marks of Victim Betray Thief to Police

PORTLAND, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Lifting the pant legs of suspected persons got city police the man they wanted last night. Police said they arrested David A. Crawford, 21, on a charge of assault and robbery after Joseph H. McCusker, 43, told of biting the leg of a man while he struggled with the robber-assailant. Crawford's leg showed the marks of teeth, police said.

School Board Lets Contract For Riverside Ground Job, Names Two New Budgeteers

Award of a \$10,720 contract to Rause and Bell, local contractors, for the grading and drainage of the Riverside school grounds was made in a special school board meeting Tuesday noon. It was announced by Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott.

Six bids, with some estimates ranging up to more than \$20,000, were received Elliott said. The work is expected to get under way as soon as possible. The grounds will be graded in three to four levels, with plans calling for a full-sized football field which may be used as a baseball diamond, and play spaces for elementary pupils. It is hoped that construction of the school may start next summer or autumn, depending upon availability of materials and bids received, Elliott said. When the school is completed, the heavy enrollment of pupils at Benson and other city schools may be relieved.

New Budgeteers Named

At Monday night's regular school board meeting, two new members of the budget committee were chosen; Vern Orr for two years, Ivan Pickens for three years. They will serve with Al Henninger, Earl Plummer, and Darley Ware, incumbent members of the committee. Permission was granted a local veterans' basketball league to use the Senior and Junior High School gymnasiums with reduced rentals, Elliott said. Improvements to the stage of the Junior High School auditorium were authorized, to adapt the stage for dramatic productions. Mrs. Norma G. Gibson, formerly of Pueblo, Colo., who has been teaching vocal music in the Junior High School, was elected to a regular teaching position in the school system.

GIRL ESCAPES FROM KIDNAPER

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Riverside Annexation Project Advanced

Straying Child, 2, Back With Parents

Further Steps to Await Tax Barrier's Removal By Act of Legislature

By JEROME SHELTON

First step in a four-fold program for the eventual annexation of the Riverside area to the City of Roseburg was undertaken in a meeting yesterday afternoon at the offices of L. V. Hammock, Riverside businessman.

To D. L. Taylor and John Todd, building contractors, were assigned the task of drawing a map showing the proposed boundaries of the area desiring to join with the city.

Other steps, as outlined by Hammock, may wait until later. When the issue is to be decided by an election, Riverside citizens will wish to know Roseburg's indebtedness, the approximate increase in taxation if the area becomes a part of the city, and the cost of sewage disposal if an independent sanitary district is formed.

Taxation Barrier Faced

For the present, Hammock said, he had been advised by City Attorney A. N. Orcutt to "do nothing" toward annexation until the 6 per cent limitation on hotel taxation is modified by legislation expected to be introduced in Salem.

The additional revenue the city would derive without a special levy above the 6 per cent limitation would not be adequate to meet costs of policing, improving and lighting streets, or giving fire protection, Orcutt pointed out.

However, the cost of installing sewers would be borne by the Riverside and Edgewater property holders and not by the city as a whole. It is the sewage and sanitation problem—described by a visiting state engineer last week as "the worst I have ever seen"—which is the basis for the present annexation move.

"We will fight the conditions that exist now, so far as sewage is concerned," Hammock told the meeting.

Tentative boundaries planned. When Taylor and Todd draft a map showing proposed boundaries of the area, they expect to follow the ridges of foothills surrounding the Riverside and Edgewater valleys. This will allow for gravity flow sewer lines. They suggested placing the north boundary of the area to be annexed

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Midwest Shivers In Sub-Zero Wave

By the Associated Press

A cold wave that has kept the Midwest shivering for the last two days chilled the East and parts of the South today.

The mass of frigid air which hit the Midwest Monday, sending temperatures to as low as 24 below zero in Minnesota covered the Eastern half of the nation and touched into the Southeast all the way to the Gulf.

While the mercury in Northern Minnesota was 24 below again today, federal forecasters promised a moderation in temperatures in the North Central region today and tomorrow.

In the East and parts of the South where springlike weather prevailed Monday temperatures dropped to below freezing, a fall of nearly 40 degrees in some cities. The mercury slid to 21 at Atlanta and to 18 at Nashville, Tenn., and in Jacksonville, Fla. It was only a few degrees above freezing.

Early morning readings in New York and Washington were 14 above, while in Philadelphia the 13 above contrasted to Monday's 69. Pittsburgh's two above, one of the coldest spots in the Eastern section, was matched in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Harrisburg, Pa., reported nine above.

The mercury dropped to below zero in Northern Maine but in other parts of the New England readings were below freezing. Boston's 17 compared to yesterday's high of 48.

Temperatures in the mountain and Pacific Coast states were reported near normal.

Jokes Carried Too Far

PORTLAND, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Two men who joked and drank beer with tavern customers, suddenly pulled guns and held up Dely's tavern last night, herding the other drinkers into a room before fleeing with \$200.

Increased Salaries For Douglas County Officials Sought

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22. — (AP) — The Douglas County legislative delegation introduced a bill in the House today to increase salaries of Douglas County officials for the two years beginning next July 1.

The salaries would be increased as follows: County judge from \$3,000 a year to \$4,000; county commissioners from \$10 a day to \$3,000 a year; treasurer, \$2,400 to \$3,000; clerk, sheriff and assessor, each from \$3,000 to \$3,600; school superintendent, \$2,700 to \$3,300.

By MARIAM LOWRY FISCHER

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County Zoning Bill Drawn

Optional Plan To Be Handed To Legislature

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Legislators Air Tax Views to Civic Clubs

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22. — (AP) — Oregon must have a retail sales tax to pay for services which the people demand, Speaker of the House John H. Hall told the Salem Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

He said the tax would spread the tax burden more equitably. State Sen. Austin Dunn, Baker, told the Salem Rotary Club today that community property legislation is needed in Oregon to give Oregon federal tax equality with neighboring states, which have community property laws.

Sugar Ration Base Hit by Court Ruling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Federal District Judge F. Dickinson Lets ruled today that OPA's "historical use" base for rationing sugar to industrial users is invalid.

Charles W. Quick, chief counsel for OPA's sugar division, called the ruling preliminary and said it does not affect sugar rationing at this time.

Although cautioning against speculation as to the possible effects, Quick said, "of course we plan to appeal the decision."

Judge Lets upheld a contention by the Moberly Milk Products Company of Moberly, Mo., that the "historical use" formula discriminated against new industrial users in favor of established concerns that were in business before the war.

The OPA formula is based on factors which include the amount used in 1941. Those who were in business in 1941 are allocated about 75 per cent of the amount they used at that time. New users are given a quota based on other factors including a recent use.

Talmadge Loses Round In Georgia Governor Fight

ATLANTA, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Herman Talmadge's legislative forces sustained their first defeat in the general assembly today when they failed to expunge from the Senate Journal the oath M. E. Thompson took as acting governor.

The Senate, by a 27-27 tie vote, thereby ordered the Journal to show that when Thompson took the oath as lieutenant-governor last Monday he also swore in a surprise move to uphold the constitution in exercising executive powers of state.

More than 1,200 hooting college students, many of them giving the Nazi salute and some of them bearing Nazi swastika emblems stormed into Georgia's capitol grounds yesterday in an unsuccessful effort to obtain Talmadge's immediate resignation as governor.

The anti-Talmadge demonstration began with a march through downtown Atlanta and surged across the Capitol lawn where participants hanged Talmadge in effigy from the statue of Georgia's one-time agrarian leader, Tom Watson.

Hoover Takes Job Of Germany Food Survey

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Former President Herbert Hoover today accepted an assignment from President Truman to undertake a survey of food problems in the joint U. S.-British zones of occupied Germany and Austria.

The survey will be directed to relieving some "of the burden on the American taxpayer," Hoover said, and will seek to develop a two or three-year program since he sees little prospect that German productivity will enable it to supply major home needs for two or three years.

Audit Bares Shortage in Congress 'Bank' Account

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Attorney General Tom Clark today turned over to the Justice Department's criminal and claims division an audit showing a \$125,563.73 shortage in the Congressional "bank."

The department, in announcing Clark's action, said only that the division would study the findings.

The deficit was uncovered by an official audit of the accounts of Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms. The findings were sent to Clark by Speaker Martin (R-Mass.), for "possible recovery and whatever action he deems necessary."

The results of the audit left the house lawmakers, who use the sergeant at arms office as a bank, facing the prospect of digging into their own pockets to make up at least part of the shortage.

The report submitted by Comptroller General Warren and made public by Martin gave this accounting of the missing money:

\$22,965 in checks issued by Romney and payable to "cash" but never banked.

\$8,000 in checks signed by H. A. McKenzie, a former employee of the sergeant at arms office, one for \$7,500 not banked and one for \$500 cashed by the Huntington National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, and drawn on the sergeant-at-arms.

\$64,573.12 in checks of J. H. Smithwick, a former member of Congress.

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FOLDIN' MONEY TO FIGHT POLIO—Results of their initial efforts to collect funds for the infantile paralysis campaign bring warranted smiles of satisfaction to the faces of the four Roseburg citizens pictured above. Left to right, standing, are L. K. Fies, Frank Flood and Ivan Pickens, and kneeling, Ed Nolte.

Photo by Photo Lab.

Alice Devine Frees Herself From Bonds

Abductor of California Student Fails to Appear At Spot Set for Ransom

LODI, Calif., Jan. 22. — (AP) — Kidnaped Alice Devine, popular and pretty 17-year-old Lodi High School student, was back home and unharmed today after the most harrowing 26 hours of her life. Police authorities hunted over the entire West Coast for a man who tried to collect \$10,000 in ransom and gave up in flight.

The 165-pound girl athlete broke out of her bonds in a highway motel near Sacramento yesterday afternoon while the kidnaper was away and telephoned her location to relatives in Sacramento.

State police broadcast an all-points alarm for the arrest of a man they said had used the names of Everett Wescott Stiles of Portland, Ore., and William (Bill) Giles, identifying himself as an agent for an Eastern publishing house.

Abductor Doesn't Appear. Alice Dean was held under police guard until last night when she and her father were stationed across the street from a Sacramento bar in a futile effort to capture her abductor. The kidnaper was expected but failed to appear at the bar to collect the ransom.

The father, John Edward Devine, wealthy Lodi grape grower and vice president of the American Fruit Growers Association, had been told in a note the night before to be at the bar at 8 P. M. last night with \$10,000 in \$20 and \$1,000 bills if he wished to see his daughter again.

After waiting nearly an hour beyond the ransom deadline, police and FBI agents decided the kidnaper had been frightened away by newspaper stories and the girl and her father were returned home in a state highway patrol automobile.

The girl was whisked into the back door of the Devine home just as her mother told a group of newspapermen she had heard nothing of her daughter's whereabouts.

Slavs, Poles Ask Huge Reparations

LONDON, Jan. 22. — (AP) — Poland and Yugoslavia demanded huge settlements of land and money from war-flattened Germany and Austria today.

Memoranda were prepared by the two Slavic bloc states for consideration by deputies of the four-power foreign ministers council drafting separate German and Austrian treaties.

Poland asked for a new German frontier running from west of Schweinfurt to the Baltic down the west banks of the Oder and Neisse rivers to Czechoslovakia.

Yugoslavia demanded sufficient reparations from Austria to settle war damages estimated at more than \$11,000,000,000.

Yugoslavia claims to more than 1,000 square miles of Austrian territory were registered previously before the deputies of the four-power foreign ministers conference here upon German and Austrian peace treaties.

Austria was declared especially responsible for much of the damage and for a terroristic occupation in which tens of thousands of Yugoslavs were slain as hostages, deported as Slav laborers and perished in concentration camps.

Boy Perishes in Fire; Stepfather Badly Hurt

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 22. — (AP) — Flames which swept through a four-room cabin late last night took the life of 3-year-old Tommy Spencer. His stepfather, Peggy Blake, 15, is in a serious condition in a hospital here suffering from second degree burns.

Parents of the children, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Franklin Spencer, were working as potato graders on the night shift at a nearby packing plant at the time of the fire. The father said he thought Peggy poured stove oil on coals in the living room heater and an explosion occurred.

Sheep-Lamb Decrease in Western States Heavy

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22. — (AP) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today that only 1,651,000 head of sheep and lambs were on feed Jan. 1 in the 11 Western states. This is the smallest total for this area since 1927 and is down more than 500,000 from a year earlier.

There were declines in all states.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

Suggested slogan for Roseburg's pro-annexation residents: Prevent the sickening scent by abolishing the 6 per cent.