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ENFORCING GAME LAWS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

One of the highly controversial issues in connection with the report of the Legislative Interim Committee studying game management activities and policies is the recommendation to transfer game law enforcement from the State Police. Dr. Ira Gabrielson, who was employed to assist the committee in its studies, proposes a force of Game Protectors to serve under the direction of the Game Commission. At present game law enforcement is set up as a part of the State Police system. A State Police captain acts as liaison officer between the Game Commission and the State Police but the Game Commission has no direct supervision over officers employed to enforce game laws. The Commission this year will pay approximately \$285,000 to the State Police Department to meet the cost of law enforcement despite the fact that it has nothing to say, other than through the contact officer, in directing the work of the men it indirectly employs.

The Interim Committee found, at every hearing it conducted throughout the state, complaints of inadequate law enforcement to head the list of public criticism of the game management program. Yet, without exception, individual State Police officers were praised for their efficiency and industry. Dr. Gabrielson praised the State Police for effort in game law enforcement, correctly placing deficiencies on the shortage of manpower rather than upon any lack of quality or efficiency on the part of individual officers.

The controversy, it would seem, centers on two issues, one of fact and the other of policy.

It is admitted that the State Police are doing a good job of game law enforcement with the limited personnel available. There is some dispute as to whether the Game Commission is getting the man-hours of service to which the sum of \$285,000 entitles it. The State Police claims that man-hours devoted to game duties exceed the time for which the Commission pays. That game law enforcement is not adequate obviously is due to the fact that \$285,000 will not employ enough men to do the job properly. Administrative experience shows that it costs more than \$5,000 annually to support one officer in the field. Thus, \$285,000 will pay for only 57 officers working full time in game law enforcement. Fifty-seven men cannot begin to cover the entire State of Oregon and catch up with all violators.

The Game Commission estimates that if the game law enforcement is placed under its jurisdiction, it will need at least \$500,000 annually to do the job. The question is, would the State Police be able to do an equally efficient job for \$500,000?

The policy issue has a bearing on the matter of efficiency—not on the subject of cost. Admittedly more money must be applied to game law enforcement whether the job is done by the State Police or the Game Commission.

The State Police organization, however, is set up along military lines. Its chief function is to APPREHEND law violators; to CATCH violators AFTER the crime has been committed.

Dr. Gabrielson recommends a force of Game Protectors designed to PREVENT violations in addition to apprehending violators.

He proposes that Game Protectors be men trained in the field of conservation; that they be biologists, schooled in the fundamentals of fish and game management. That in addition to their schooling in conservation, they receive police training. He would have them work not only as police officers but also as assistants in scientific field studies, aides in management and as educators and public relations representatives of the Commission.

Questions which must be settled revolve around the issues of fact and policy—whether the State Police, given \$500,000 instead of \$285,000 annually, could do an equal or superior job as compared with a force of Protectors employed by the Game Commission, and whether an enforcement officer should as a matter of policy be assigned to scientific work and duties in field management and public relations.

Good arguments are to be found on both sides.

Members of the Interim Committee had some question in their minds whether their instructions to investigate game management problems included the subject of law enforcement, which is handled by a department not mentioned in the legislature's directive. On the other hand, it was felt that the enforcement problem is so definitely connected with management that the various findings and opinions involved should be reported to the Governor and legislature.

The committee, therefore, filed two reports, one a summary of findings and recommendations regarding revision of game management organization and code, and the other dealing with the matter of enforcement.

Judges Free Escapee, Sheriff Again Jails Him

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Arthur Blyeu, 24, the jail escapee who went straight, won his freedom yesterday—but was in jail again today.

Two judges heard his story and freed him by suspending a 1941 sentence.

Hours later, however, Sheriff Martin W. Pratt had him re-arrested, announcing he wanted the parole board to review the action. Pratt said he was advised the judges lacked jurisdiction. Deputy District Attorney John D. Logan said Pratt lacked authority to make the re-arrest.

Blyeu, now married and with two children, has been working in Seattle. When 17, he was sent

enced to a year in the county jail here, but escaped when he had only two months more to serve.

An acquaintance with a grudge recently reported his whereabouts to police. He was returned here for a hearing before the judges, but was released.

The federal government has just come out for same prize giving. Its definition of same is "postal savings bank certificates, postal savings stamps, school books or school equipment." Other prizes are banned.

"My Advice Was Never Better"



Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

I wish salespeople would not talk so much! Do you ever wish it, too?

There's the saleswoman who tries to scare you by telling you somebody else is going to buy whatever you are looking at unless you close the sale right now. Invariably I decide then and there to let the other persons have it!

Then there's the shoe salesman who keeps up a barrage of assurances that the shoe he has just placed on your foot is an absolutely perfect fit. He knows! You who have the shoe on, trying to decide for yourself if you want to buy it, are only irritated. And if by any chance you are high-pressed into buying that shoe, you are very likely to "blame" him (instead of one's self for not making up one's own mind) for "talking" you into it.

Then there are the magazine salespeople who come to the door and tell a long tale, giving reasons why you should buy magazines you don't need and don't want, in order to do something or other for the young salesperson. Never a word about the magazines themselves, good, bad or indifferent. The housewife who is "talked into" buying something she does not want or does not need, is really taking money out of the family budget, is really being unfair to her family, is she not?

I remember one time when a

dear one was gravely ill. I was sitting in the garden, thinking, when one of our boys came to say "a lady wants to see you, Mother." I glanced up, to find the "lady" calmly bearing down on me; she had followed the child straight through my house! Her remarks were misleading; I gathered she had been sent on some errand by the Parent-Teacher group, so I suggested we return to the living room. Finally as she beat about the bush I asked her flatly what she wished: she was selling some kind of books. Did she sell me any? You know the answer to that! Was that salesmanship?

I still remember a certain refrigerator with distaste because every time I hear its name I think of the salesman who came, unasked, one evening and spoiled a plan we had made for the evening. We finally explained we had something else planned; but did he go? He took up over an hour of our time. Silly of me, of course, but never would I have anything of that firm's brand in our house.

But there are salespeople with whom it is such a pleasure to do business. And they are in the majority. They permit a husband and wife to talk a moment in privacy; they even let the customer have a moment's quiet in which to do her own thinking; they don't call the customer "dear," and they really do use the Golden Rule!

In the Day's News

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money and tragically short of THINGS—including things to eat. Europe has been in that fix often—after the Thirty Years War, after the Hundred Years War, for instance.

Such a situation is the inevitable aftermath of prolonged war.

OUR inclination is to help China—whose people we have always liked.

BUT—

If we bite off more than we can masticate, if in a laudable effort to help everybody everywhere we scatter our substance over the world WE TOO CAN REACH THE POINT WHERE WE WILL BE FLOATING IN MONEY BUT SO TRAGICALLY SHORT OF THINGS THAT WE WILL BE BANKRUPT.

That is the kernel of the China situation so far as we are concerned. It explains our present China policy.

In the present state of the world, we HAVE to do some realistic thinking.

IN the present state of the world, there is a lot of confused thinking.

Example:
In the village of Floral Park,

New York, a lighted cross was placed on the bell tower of the town's elementary school. It seemed a good idea to those who did it. This is the Christmas season. Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus. Jesus died on a cross. The cross has become His symbol.

But a citizen of the village complained. He said the cross was a RELIGIOUS SYMBOL. As such, he asserted, it is illegal in the state of New York. The board of education dug into the law. It found this ruling by the STATE board of Education:

"No religious symbol may appear on a public school building."

So the cross was taken down.

JUST a thought, in passing:

In Russia, the sign of the cross is frowned upon. It is frowned upon because it is a religious symbol. Russia's rulers don't like religion. They say it is the "opiate of the masses." By that, they mean that religion teaches people to accept what has been. Russia's rulers are BREAKING with what has been.

In Russia, as well as in New York, the placing of a lighted cross upon a school building would start a ruckus. As between symbols, Moscow prefers the hammer and the sickle to the cross. The hammer smashes. The sickle mows down.

The cross symbolizes a great and gentle teacher of mankind.

Kindergarten To Broadcast Annual Yuletide Program

The Roseburg Kindergarten will give its annual Christmas program over KRNR at 1:15 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 21. The children have planned a formal program with John Todd Jr., age 5, and Daniel Gilbert, age 6, assisting Mrs. Mary Eastman, director, as announcer.

The program includes "The Christmas Story" from the Bible by the five-year-old group; "What I Want From Santa," by the four-year-old group; a quartet number by John Todd, Bob Tenge, Jerry Evans, and Danny McIntosh, Danny singing the solo part; recitations by Linda Ellison, Nancy James, and comments by Paula Long and David Wyatt. The group will also sing "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," "Jingle Bells" and other Christmas carols.

The Kindergarten Christmas party will be given Wednesday morning, Dec. 22, with each child to bring a small gift for the grab bag. Santa is planning to pay the children a visit, and the moving picture, "The Night Before Christmas," will be shown through courtesy of Mrs. Lawrence James.

Kindergarten will close for the

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Christmas vacation Wednesday afternoon Dec. 22 and re-open on Jan. 3 when registration for new pupils will be taken.

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