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FISHING MADNESS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

S. S. Smiley, The News-Review correspondent at Reedsport, did a little editorializing in a recent report on fishing conduct in the lower river and Winchester Bay. Because his opinions were sound, they were printed under his byline.

Weather conditions are not generally favorable for small boats to cross the bar with safety, but fishing is usually good just inside the bar, where it is safer to fish. Some upsets occurred near the bar last year, and while no lives were lost, there were some very narrow escapes.

Anyone at all familiar with small boats and large waters shudders when he sees the chances some sports anglers take. Fishermen will go out in overloaded skiffs, putt-putt their way with underpowered motors into open water much too far from shore, where they wouldn't have a chance in the world should a sudden storm arise as so often happens on coastal bays.

Sports fishermen seem to be subject to a peculiar form of madness when the fish start striking in big water. When the silver salmon are hitting viciously at feathered lures, making their leaping, frenzied runs, and the lordly Chinook takes line off a singing reel with his surging rushes, and the striped bass bulldogs straining tackle, the fisherman seems to lose all sense of personal danger and gives no thought to wind, wave or tide. And we speak from experience, because we've suffered that form of insanity many times.

We forget that our small skiff lacks sufficient freeboard to ride rough water safely. We overlook the fact that we've gone too far from shore. We pay no attention to the fact that the tide has turned and that the current soon will overtake the power of our light outboard.

One of the most nerve-wracking tasks the Coast Guard has is that of shepherding careless fishermen. Time and again we've seen Coast Guard cruisers go to the rescue of some angler who had ventured too far onto the bar, or who was being swept out to sea because of motor failure. We've seen the Coast Guard cruising out near the bar warning anglers in small craft away from dangerous water. When the fish are biting, Coast Guard lookouts spend most of their time watching for fishing skiffs in distress.

Incidentally, the fact that so few lives are lost, despite the foolish risks taken by anglers is in itself high tribute to the alertness and efficiency of the Coast Guard; which makes light of its many rescues.

Another fault of the sports angler in coastal bays is found in lack of courtesy toward commercial operations. Trolling anglers pay little or no attention to sea-going fishing boats, tugs and other commercial craft plying the channel. Heavier vessels must stay within deep-water limits. They cannot be maneuvered to avoid collision with skiffs. Despite the fact that most of our bays afford ample water for sports fishing without encroachment upon the main channel, some anglers persist in making themselves a nuisance and a menace to commercial boats while crying to high heaven if endangered by wash from larger ships.

Our Reedsport correspondent shows personal perturbation because of the way fishermen at Winchester Bay risk their lives. His words of warning should be heeded by all sports anglers.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

OUR IDEAS ON THE CVA

It is becoming increasingly harder to look at the Columbia Valley administration issue dispassionately and objectively, trying to analyze its merits and demerits. The arguments for and against it are becoming more violent, unreasonable and aimed at prejudice rather than sober thought. Opponents are magnifying the CVA's dangers as a "super-state" and are going to extreme lengths in branding its proponents as dangerous folk, even to the extent of hinting they are communists. Proponents are claiming, without basis, the support of a majority of the people of the northwest and are declaring that the private power companies are the only real opposition and are financing all the opponents.

Actually, many of the fantastic arguments being made on both sides are simply not true. This newspaper believes that there is much merit in the idea of centralized federal administration of the Columbia Valley. It is one into which we should move slowly and cautiously, not eagerly and recklessly. The Tennessee Valley authority

In the present bill, would wield. This newspaper fears that a CVA with such economic power would inevitably wield political power not only at Washington, D. C., but in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. This newspaper dislikes the fact that the CVA as proposed in the present bill would be answerable only to the president, and the further fact that the local boards of economic advisers provided for in the bill would actually have no power at all—they would only offer advice that the CVA administrators could accept or reject as they saw fit. This newspaper believes that if the CVA bill could be amended to provide possible safeguards against misuse of power; if the proposed three-man board could be expanded into a five- or seven-man, bipartisan board; if the CVA could be forbidden to branch out into fields of endeavor of dubious federal jurisdiction, such as building "experimental" industrial plants, then a CVA could be beneficial to the northwest and we might not unduly risk our local political independence by adopting it. But we cannot endorse the present bill without change. Establishment of a potent regional authority, controlled by the central government in Washington, is a new government venture. It is one into which we should move slowly and cautiously, not eagerly and recklessly. The Tennessee Valley authority

Remember When It Used to Make You Drool?



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

There was a time when I crossed a deep ravine by means of a narrow, swaying, swinging foot bridge. However much a loved one might wish to walk beside me, it was necessary for both to make the crossing alone. In time the timidity and hesitation was replaced by exhilaration and unconcern. Each waited confidently across, knowing the rest of the family would make it all right.

There are times when a father is disappointed in sons; the sons are rebelling under a sense of injustice and limitation, of misunderstanding; a mother feels pulled two ways between affection for husband and son; and all are unhappily feeling things are all wrong! Then out of it comes a step forward in growth for the entire family, for both generations. Parents need to keep on "growing" too. And with a relieved thankfulness comes the understanding that, after all, the whole thing was simply a case of everybody trying to help everybody else across the "bridge" and that as soon as each individual walked alone, free of interference, the rough place was left behind.

There is something about watching the other end of the bridge, and we look down into the gully, thinking of possible slips, hazards, instead of the success. Some times all that is needed in crossed-up family relationships is to let go of the loved one and let him or her (son, daughter, husband wife) cross the bridge without our meddling assistance. Of course we do not think of it as meddling,—oh dear me, no! Not when we do it!

sort of "super-state" that CVA opponents fear. We would prefer to see a CVA board including a doubting skeptic or two who would require that the need and desirability of any extension of CVA activity into new fields be proven safe and worthy before attempting it; who would have a CVA act giving them adequate safeguards against too zealous and eager administrators, impatient to remake the Pacific northwest overnight. —FA. Senator Donnell Opposes Approval Of Atlantic Pact WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Senator Donnell (R-Mo) Thursday urged the Senate not to ratify the North Atlantic Pact on the ground that it will obligate the United States to give military aid to Europe.

In the Day's News

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nearly eight years of war. But they did find just the kind of nation they said they would. From that day on, Americans have BEEN THEMSELVES. They have been free to choose. When they have wanted to sound off, they have SOUNDED OFF—without first looking fearfully around to see who might be listening.

(PERHAPS it's all the more wonderful because of the cloud, no bigger than a man's hand, that is beginning to show above the horizon. If this cloud means what a lot of us think it means, it portends a time when Americans will AGAIN have to think twice before speaking out.

Fourth of July orators climbed up on the platform, with the flags flying and the bands playing and the people sitting on hard board benches drinking pink lemonade and probably eating watermelon and strewing the rinds around to be fed upon by the flies and the hornets and smelling awful the next day, and MADE THE EAGLE SCREAM.

They told us that in all the world there was no nation like ours, no people as free as we, no people as GOOD as we—that to BE AN AMERICAN was a priceless privilege reserved for the chosen ones of the earth AND WE WERE THE CHOSEN ONES OF THE EARTH.

It was flamboyant. It wasn't in too good taste. It didn't make us too popular over the earth, for nobody loves a braggart—especially a cheerful braggart who seems to hit the jackpot every time he drops a nickel in the slot.

IN these days, we're beginning to hear faintly a different kind of story. It is coming from an oddly mixed breed of cattle. Some of them have TOO MUCH, and are ashamed of it and try to save their consciences by talking a pinkish brand of Communism. Others are out-at-the-shirttails, too lazy to work for what they want and intrigued with the idea of taking it away from somebody else who has worked for it.

ME, I think I like the old way best. We were HONEST EXTRORVERTS then, proud of what we had and not ashamed who knew it.

LETTERS to the Editor

Criticizes Effects Of Strike Of Meatcutters

ROSEBURG—We have seen the effects of the meatcutters' strike here in Roseburg for a long time. It not only has restricted us from buying meat, but has raised the prices. Many people have found cards in their cars advising them not to trade at markets where owners were doing their own meat cutting and accused of being "unfair" to the meatcutters.

Most of the merchants handling meat have been in business here for many years. They are property owners, taxpayers and voters. Some have children who served in the war and now are in the business for themselves. I am sure no one can censure the honesty of these merchants.

As for meeting the union demands for a raise in wages, it is not a question whether the demand is \$400 per month or \$500. It is a question of how much more the public will pay. At present, meat prices are so high that a family, not in the high wage bracket, cannot afford to buy meat.

We hear every day that prices are turning toward normal, where all can afford to buy, but under a condition of strikers for wage increases prices cannot drop. We read the advertisements by the Safeway store that the union would not permit them to open their market unless they signed an agreement different than that signed by other markets here.

It is strange how much power a union leader, who does not live here, has over the approximately 20,000 people in this section. Every time we hear of these conditions, we hear someone say that it is the work of the Communist. This I do not approve.

Last year while in San Francisco I met a Russian who had served five years as an officer in Russian aviation. He had been in most parts of Russia. I traveled about the Bay district with him for considerable time and, now and again, we saw the effects of strikes. I asked him if these conditions would be permitted in Russia. He said, absolutely no, and if any person was caught damaging or wasting property, regardless of whether it was government-owned or privately-owned, he would be sent to prison. No metal or lumber is wasted. He could not understand how all the government merchant ships could be allowed to rot away and he said he had seen vast amounts of our lumber wasted in China.

From one who has been for 25 years a union member, D. B. BOONE Roseburg, Ore.

A Providence, Rhode Island woman has been enjoined by the courts from annoying her neighbors with her day and night telephone calls.

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Nut Growers To Hear Organization Manager J. E. Trunk, manager of the Northwest Nut Growers, will address local walnut and filbert growers on market outlook and demands, Tuesday, July 12, at 8 P. M. in the Riverside Grange hall. Trunk will spend July 11 and 12 visiting local walnut and filbert growers to become better acquainted with local production problems. Umpqua Valley walnuts and filberts are well known for their superior quality, according to W. C. Thurlow, prominent walnut grower in Garden Valley. R. A. Busenbark, Melrose Route, has served for many years as a director of the Northwest Nut Growers and represented local growers on marketing problems. All walnut growers and filbert growers in the county are invited to hear Mr. Trunk. FOR SALE SMALL RESTAURANT and Equipment For Sale Good Lease Doing Excellent Business For information contact Box 48, Sutherlin, Oregon

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