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DIFFICULT DECISION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Governor McKay's decision to appoint an entirely new game commission did not come easily. Furthermore, in making his appointments he disappointed a few very close friends and political supporters, some of whom either wanted to serve on the commission or desired a voice in selection. When the governor told the press that "the problem was a big headache," we know he was speaking from his heart. Members of the outgoing commission are victims of policy changes. It might appear to persons who have not followed recent developments closely that the change was being made because of failure of commissioners to properly discharge their duties. While there is a measure of dissatisfaction with the way in which fish and game affairs have been managed, the quarrel has been with policy, not with individual members of the commission.

One of the main arguments about game affairs concerned the fact that the commission did too much detail work, acting as a whole on every activity, rather than delegating authority to a supervisor. It was contended that this supervision by a commission slowed down management; that the commission should set policies and fix budgets and permit the director to do the actual administrative work.

But the commission was working under a law which gave no authority for delegation of powers. The commission was charged with full control. There was a very debatable question whether the commission could legally surrender any of its supervision.

The last session of the legislature, acting upon recommendations of an interim committee, passed a law authorizing the game commission to employ a director to handle all administrative detail. The commission now becomes a policy-making, budget-setting body. Actual management will be under a director responsible to the commission.

It was the general opinion of interested persons that commissioners, who for a number of years have become practiced in handling every detail of management, would find difficulty in adjusting themselves to a policy of delegated authority; that the change in management policy could best be obtained by the appointment of an entirely new commission.

Thus the change is due entirely to an altered policy and does not in any way reflect unfavorably upon the work done by the retiring commission.

Governor McKay must have been extremely reluctant to release men who have served the state earnestly and efficiently, knowing that the motive would be misinterpreted by some people. He was very careful to emphasize this fact when he told the press: "They (the commissioners) did a remarkable job under a system that many sportsmen felt to be inadequate."

From among his own close friends, who gave him most valuable support in his pre-election campaigns, Governor McKay could have made appointments of men with better than average qualifications for commission posts. But it is very evident that all political considerations were completely eliminated in picking the new commission for no appointee has been particularly active in state politics.

No appointment can possibly be construed as paying off a political debt.

On the other hand, each of the men appointed to the commission has a well established reputation for knowledge, ability and interest in fish and game matters. Each is a sports enthusiast.

Loyde S. Blakley, Bend, is experienced in both hunting and fishing and has long been a leader in conservation circles in central Oregon. He is an aggressive worker, with a wide knowledge of conditions throughout the state.

Delbert Gildersleeve, Baker, is a stockman and is currently president of the sports council for his area. Possessed of a fine personality and great energy, Gildersleeve has had a tough job in composing differences between sportsmen and cattleraisers of eastern Oregon in connection with the controversy which rages annually over depredeations by elk herds. He has been of great assistance to the game department in working out improved herd management, acquisition of winter range, protection for migratory herds, etc.

J. H. Van Winkle, editor of the Oregon City Banner-Courier, is one of the few Oregon editors actively crusading for conservation of natural resources. He has a thorough understanding of the resources problem.

Donald Mitchell, Taft, has been one of the men most responsible for consolidating efforts of sports anglers in the central-coast section of the state. He has a thorough understanding of the long-neglected coastal waters problem, as well as hunting conditions in the coastal region.

Carl Hill of Days Creek has long been known for his activities in fish and game work, organization of sportsmen, and beneficial wildlife legislation.

Altogether the commission will compose a team which should bring about much improvement in the state's fish and game management.

Chinese Nationalists Show No Will To Battle

CANTON, July 22. — (AP) — Nationalist China's comeback hopes, aroused by the visit of Chiang Kai-shek to Canton, were dimmed today by news from the central China front.

Private reports placed the communists only 20 miles north and east of Changsha, capital of Hunan province.

The reports suggested the city would be abandoned without a fight. Nationalist troops in Hunan,

like those in Hupeh and Kiangsi provinces are commanded by Moslem Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, former minister of defense. He is estimated to have 200,000 men.

The question is whether Pai will fight a decisive battle against the Reds in Hunan or retire.

If he pulls out another question is where will he go—Kwantung province or his native Kwangsi? Meanwhile, Chiang has flown back to his island redoubt of Formosa. His main accomplishment

"Gee Whiz! She Wasn't Due For Months Yet!"



Scissors from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

A friend whose days are spent working in a library rejoices that one of her favorite books "is now available in the pocket-books." I didn't need further inducement to make it available to me by handing over a quarter.

But when I saw the cover—oh when I saw the cover! But I recalled M. B. had written: "Don't be put off by the lurid cover . . . It is probably the publisher's idea of popular advertisement but would give one the idea that the novel is a detective story—which it isn't! Not that I have anything against detective stories, quite the contrary. However, I will say no more as I believe anyone reading it will enjoy it much more by getting no advance ideas as to what 'PRECIOUS BANE' really is."

The only way I could settle down to reading the book was to cut off the covers. After that I enjoyed the beauty of the written words it had covered, words written by Mary Webb, who did not live to see her work recognized. The pity of that!

Oh, yes, the second shock after the book was in my hands came from seeing who wrote the introduction: The Right Rev. Stanley

Baldwin. That whetted my curiosity still more.

It is a beautiful example of the fact that given the vision and the art with which to pen the words, one need travel no further than one's own countryside to find things about which to write, as teachers of creative writing assure us!

"One reviewer," the writer of the introduction remarks, "compared 'Precious Bane' to a sampler stitched through long summer evenings in the bay-window of a remote farmhouse." Mr. Baldwin thought "these comparisons suggest something of the harmonies of color they fail to convey the emotional force which glows in these pages. Nature to Mary Webb was not a pattern on a screen . . . one who reads some passages in Whitehall has almost the physical sense of being in Shropshire cornfields."

The River Severn can never again be just a name after reading this book. It will be remembered for that bit of its 210 miles that flows through the beautiful countryside where brave-hearted Prudence lived and loved and suffered. Had she no joy then? Ah, you must read the book for yourself to find that out.

Lions' New Head Warns Against America's Foes

NEW YORK, July 22. — (AP) — The new president of Lions International sounded a warning today against forces which threaten "the supporting fiber of the Christian or democratic way of life."

Walter C. Fisher of Queenston, Ont., unanimous choice of the 26-nation service organization for the presidency, was the principal speaker at the final session of its four-day 32nd annual convention.

Elected with Fisher were Harold C. Petry Jr., of Carriazo Springs, Texas, first vice-president; Harold P. Nutter of Camden, N. J., second vice-president; and Edgar M. Elbert of Maywood, Ill., third vice-president.

In his prepared speech Fisher said some people in the world "he did not name them" "are using every conceivable means to accomplish the exact opposite of our aims."

Melvin Jones of Chicago, secretary-general and founder of Lionsism, reported that 757 clubs and 23,282 members were added in the past year. Four new countries were added to the roster, he said—France, Bolivia, the Philippines and Norway.

With a total of 7,427 clubs and 381,426 members, Jones said, "Lions International is the strongest, largest and most active service club in the world."

Winners in the 1948-49 one hundred percent attendance contest also were announced at the final session.

First prize was divided between the Guinness club of Havana, Cuba, largest club having perfect attendance, and Denver, Colo.

Second prize similarly was divided between Pomona, Calif., and Beaumont, Tex.

Other attendance prize winners: Visalia, Calif., third; Spokane, Wash., fourth; and Aberdeen, Wash., fifth.

Expert In Crime Filming Visiting Kin In Roseburg

Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal Cobb of Des Moines, Iowa, are visiting in Roseburg at the home of Mr. Cobb's brother, O. A. Kennerly Sr.

It is the first visit into Oregon by Mr. Cobb, whose astute deductions of Photocrime murder clues, furnish entertainment for readers of Look magazine.

Mr. Cobb, who operates a retail business in Des Moines, spends from three weeks to a month twice annually in Hollywood where Photocrime sequences are photographed in studios of the leading motion picture production companies.

Careful attention to detail is given in preparation for each picture, Cobb states. Set-ups may be in preparation simultaneously in different studios and he moves from one to another as technicians make ready to actually shoot the scenes in which he appears as the master detective.

Vagrancy Fine Imposed; Second Youth Accused

George Richard Brusie, 20, Richmond, Calif., charged with vagrancy, was found guilty and fined \$50 at a hearing in Justice Court Thursday, reported Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes. George Arthur Fredrickson, 20, also of Richmond, is awaiting a hearing on charges of vagrancy and reckless driving, said Geddes. A previous report erroneously stated both men had pleaded guilty to vagrancy charges and that Brusie was fined \$100 and Fredrickson \$50. These were the amounts of their bail as set by Justice of Peace Geddes, he said. A charge of reckless driving against Brusie was dropped and substituted against Fredrickson.

Was It A Flying Disc? Roseburg Folks Wonder

What was that circular object seen in the northeast sky from Roseburg Wednesday about 4:15 p. m.? Was it a flying disc or merely an illusion?

These are questions three local folks are asking. Walter Adams, News-Review linotypist, saw two women standing in front of the Safeway store looking toward the northeast.

He followed their gaze and saw what appeared to him as a solid silver circular object, the size of an automobile tire. It floated rapidly north and disappeared beyond the horizon, he said.

All three agreed to having seen the object, but it was so distant they could not be sure what it was. Names of the women were not learned.

In the Day's News

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enough FORCE in the world to maintain the peace."

HE makes two points that are interesting:

1. There must be FORCE on the side of peace if peace is to prevail.
2. Russia makes agreements for the purpose of BREAKING them.

AS to his first point, here is a searching question:

Why do you obey the law — when you do?

Is it because obedience to law is right? Or do you obey the law because there might be a cop around?

IT's a little of both, of course. But the cop has a lot to do with it.

You hit a long straight stretch of road. You're in a hurry. How about hitting it up over the speed limit? You look around. If there is no cop in sight, you tromp down on the throttle. If there is a cop around, you restrain yourself.

Isn't that about the way of it?

THE law is the law. Force or no force, it is RIGHT. But it needs the cop to make it work. Peace is peace. It is RIGHT, in itself. But force is needed to make it tick.

You can talk yourself hoarse to the contrary, but that stubborn fact remains.

NOW for Mr. Truman's second point: When the war ended, we had an ally whose habit it is and has been to make agreements for the purpose of breaking them.

Hard experience teaches us to be cagey about people like that. People whose word is no good are bad people to be in business with. If circumstances compel you to associate with such cattle, you keep your fingers crossed and take no chances.

In dealing with Russia, we didn't keep our fingers crossed. Filled with admiration for her fighting qualities, we went ALL OUT for her. It wasn't just President Roosevelt. We ALL went overboard for the hard-fighting Russians.

It wasn't wise. It is NEVER WISE to go all out for a man who doesn't keep his word.

IN his Chicago talk, the President is hard-headed and realistic. He has no illusions. It takes force, he says, to make peace work. When you deal with somebody who doesn't keep his word, you get into trouble.

That's good, hard common sense.

IT's equally hard sense that when a man or a nation spends persistently more than is taken in (he or it) is in for bad trouble. I wish Mr. Truman could see that fundamental fact as clearly as he sees the need for force to keep the peace and the unwisdom of dealing tolerantly and appeasingly with a nation that doesn't keep its agreements.

IN Chicago, President Truman spoke off the cuff. I like him best when he does it that way. I wouldn't go across the street to hear the biggest man in the world make a speech that somebody else had written. If I'm going to sit on a hard seat and listen to somebody talk, I want him to speak his own thoughts in his own words.

Colorado Receives Heaviest Wheat Slash Order

WASHINGTON, July 22. — (AP) — Colorado was asked Thursday to make the sharpest cut of any major producing state in wheat production next year under a government program aimed at keeping down surpluses.

Colorado—which incidentally is the home state of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan—had expanded production greater than any state since the war.

The department announced state acreage allotments under a 1950 wheat program setting the national planting goal at 68,944,099 acres.

This is about 17 per cent less than the 83,173,000 acres planted for this year's crop, now indicated to be the third largest of record. The national allotment was announced last week by Brannan in a statement telling of declining overseas markets and dangers of

troublesome surpluses. The reduction for Colorado is about 35.5 per cent, by far the largest for 17 major producing states. The smallest for these states was 13.5 per cent for Indiana.

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