

Family Portrait

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NEW GAME DIRECTOR

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The new State Game commission has appointed a former Roseburg man, Charles A. Lockwood, to the position of state game director, a job created by the last legislature which organized the game department.

Heretofore the Game commission has been an administrative body, having no authority by law to delegate powers. A supervisor has acted as the commission's executive agent. Under the new program, however, the commission will set policies and budgets while a director will handle all administrative detail.

Lockwood, who has been serving as supervisor, has been advanced to the position of director, his term being limited to Dec. 31, 1949.

The commission, consisting entirely of new members, felt that Lockwood should be placed in the director's office because of his familiarity with existing operations. A change to a director unfamiliar with the department could have resulted in much lost time. But by limiting the term, the commission has made it possible to change directors next year, if such action is found advisable.

Two schools of thought exist among sportsmen of the state.

One group would make a clean sweep, favoring the employment of an "outside" man with established scientific reputation in the fields of fish and game management and conservation.

Another group believes that better service could be obtained from a director selected from present department personnel, thus utilizing a man familiar with Oregon and its conditions.

The commission, by appointing Lockwood to serve only until the end of this year, has not committed itself permanently to either course.

It is indicated that if Lockwood can produce desired results, demonstrating that he has the needed ability, he will be first in line for the job of director for a longer term. Many of Lockwood's friends believe he can fill the job ably, if freed from restrictions formerly imposed by technical inability of the old commission to delegate authority.

While some sportsmen contend that the job should go to a man with a higher degree of scientific training and experience, others hold that the director is authorized to employ such scientific assistance as he may need and that executive ability is the primary requirement.

Lockwood, at least, has made a very auspicious start by tossing department politics out the window.

It was common knowledge that Phil Schneider, chief of the game division, was up for consideration for the office of director. Had Lockwood wanted to play politics, he would have restricted Schneider's activities, but, instead, his first act was to elevate Schneider to first assistant.

Personally, we believe Lockwood has all necessary requirements to become an outstanding game department director. He has advanced rapidly in the game management field, has shown good executive and public relations qualities, and has been a hard worker. While he is certain to meet some opposition, we believe he will be able to convince the commission that he should be continued in the office.

Evading The Main Controversy

The Marion county circuit court is hearing arguments in the suit brought against Oregon's prohibition of fishing in the Columbia river with traps and seines.

Seiners and trappers are proceeding under a temporary order restraining the Oregon Fish commission from enforcing the ban voted by the people of the state last fall. The Columbia River Fishermen's union and Astoria gillnetters have been permitted to intervene in behalf of the Fish commission.

The Fish commission probably could be expected to make little defense. Actually, the commission, from a technical standpoint, doesn't care who gets the fish; a salmon is just as dead whether caught by a trap or a gillnet.

The really interested parties are the gillnetters. Elimination of traps and seines gives gillnetters exclusive control of the field, which is one of the principal arguments by the plaintiffs, who charge that a "monopoly" is thereby created. Another argument is that the act confiscates property without due process of law.

But the real point in controversy is not salmon, nor property, nor monopoly. The big bone of contention, and one which no party to the suit probably will mention, is the Columbia river's run of steelhead trout.

According to the Fish commission's own statistics, traps and seines take more than 75 percent of the Columbia's commercial steelhead catch. The Fish commission has admitted that steelhead should be a game fish. But the seiners and trappers will put up a strong fight to retain the right to catch them commercially.

Texas Town Discovers It Lacks State Patent

DENNING, Texas, July 28.—(AP)—The people of this small east Texas community are going to ask the state to give them back their town.

They've just discovered they are trespassers on what they always had thought was their own property. Blamed for it all is an absent-minded citizen to whom the state granted a patent on a 177-acre plot back in 1884. He forgot to file the document. Officially, title never passed from the state to the individual.

About 150 residents live in this northern San Augustine county community. Many own—or thought they did—the land on which they live. State Rep. Paul S. Wilson said a zealous abstract attorney discovered only recently that the patent never had been filed. Wilson said he will go to Austin next week to "try to straighten the matter out." He thinks the state will give new patents on the land to present occupants.



Scapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Three cheers for every good radio program for children! I cannot tune in to KRNR, it happens, but I was happy to read of the new program for children, the story-reading. Such programs are an investment in the future. I wonder which stories are slated for telling?

Yesterday as I prepared apples for sauce, I was listening to the radio, to a station which comes in clearly no matter what the atmospheric conditions may be, and the usual program for children came on. It was Johnny Appleseed in which the songs and different voices are "done" by Dennis Day. It closed, in proper thriller style, with Johnny Appleseed walking toward the Indians who were dancing about a burning cabin and the listeners were told that they must "wait until tomorrow" to hear what happened next. It was a fine record, as are all the records in the Children's Theater.

I wondered if Johnny Appleseed came to the coast? And did he plant his apple trees out here? I forget just how far he journeyed, but how could anyone forget, or fail to feel affection for, the little man as Dennis Day presents him?

I thought of another man who, in a lesser way, left trees behind him when he moved on. "You'll never get the good out of those shade trees!" said a rather blunt-spoken neighbor one day. "But," said the planter, with a friendly smile in his dark brown eyes, "and satisfaction in his voice, 'somebody will! I don't plant trees just for myself. And who knows, in the next place there may be trees someone else has planted for me?'"

All through his life whenever he stayed in a place long enough to call it home, even if rented, he planted trees, and vines and fruit trees, too. "Somebody will enjoy them even if I don't happen to," he would say. "I like to leave a place the better for my having been here." And he did. How he would have loved these Oregon woods! He always said he would like to have a tree close . . . there is a beautiful magnolia, one of his favorites, near a piece of bronze on which is his name. Of course he himself isn't there . . . there are times when he seems very close to me as I walk through the woods.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Charles A. Sprague In The Oregon Statesman The old verse tells how the King of France went up the hill with 20,000 men; and then went down the hill and "never went up again."

It comes to mind with news that President Truman has retreated from his long insistence on the levy of additional taxes of four billion dollars. He'll even chisel a little off the national revenues—the 3 per cent tax on freight. But instead of cutting government expenses to balance the budget he would let the deficit ride. It's no time to tax; it's no time to stop government spending—both would be deflationary! These are the highlights of the president's semi-annual economic report to congress.

But if we cannot balance the budget in relatively good times, when can we balance the budget? The president went further on his "fair deal" lines; business should cut prices but not cut wages, instead the minimum wage should be increased to 75 cents an hour. Unemployment compensation benefits should be increased; "an improved program of farm income supports" (the costly Brannan plan) should be adopted.

Thus the economic report is pretty well larded with politics. We should not chide Mr. Truman on second-guessing economic trends. That his forecast for 1948 used to demand new legislative bridges on inflation went awry is merely fresh proof of the difficulties of prophecy in the field of economics. There are plenty in business who made the same bad guess on 1948.

What the experience points up is the risk and the foolishness of trying to make the president or his council of economic advisers an oracle of economics. The country hasn't gotten over shooting at Hoover for his optimistic statements as the depression tightened its grip. The factors in the business world are so variable that predicting the future still remains largely guesswork.

Two bills are referred (The Oregon Statesman) Only two legislative bills are halted by referendum. One is the bill authorizing increased old age grants and making such grants a prior claim on estates. The other is the bill restricting the governor authority under certain conditions to establish statewide daylight saving. These referred measures will be voted on in November, 1950.

The old-age assistance bill was thoroughly discussed during and

Eagles Club For Teen-Agers Will Open Saturday

Another social outlet for Roseburg teen-agers will be provided when the Eagles Junior club opens its doors Saturday at 1 p.m., according to Glenn Forrest, chaplain for the Roseburg Eagles lodge.

A juke box for dancing, shuffle board and other entertainment will be available, Forrest said. Soft drinks and candy will be sold.

The club room is located on the ground floor of the Eagles building, corner of Cass and Pine streets.

The club will be open to all teen-age youngsters. Parents are invited to drop in at any time to observe the club activities, according to lodge members. Chaperones will be on duty at all times to supervise activities. The club will be open every Saturday afternoon and evening until curfew time.

Opening at the new club culminates four months of planning by the Eagles. Forrest said it is the ultimate hope of the lodge to see the boys and girls run the club themselves. Chaperones would continue to be provided but there would be no need for continuous guidance from members of the Eagles lodge if the youngsters ran the club, he said.

after its passage. Yet still there is much misconception regarding it. It was a replacement for the Dunne initiated measure, which was held to be unworkable, and was written to save federal aid for old-age assistance. Joe Dunne doesn't like it and secured enough signers to referral petitions to get a vote on the bill.

The daylight saving advocates in Portland were chiefly responsible for hobbling the legislature's bill on DST. They want daylight saving so much they want the cities to retain authority to adopt it regardless of state action. While voting on the bill will not offer a direct yes or no on statewide DST, it will be voted on, in reverse: Opponents of clock-tampering voting for the bill; supporters of DST against the bill. And as usual a good many voters will get crossed up.

With only two bills under attack through the referendum, the record of the 45th assembly seems to be standing up pretty well.

FORECLOSURE ASKED

R. A. Verd has filed suit in circuit court to foreclose on a chattel mortgage given to secure a promissory note for \$10,000.

Named as defendants are Lowell M. Anderson and O. T. Carter, sheriff of Douglas county. The plaintiff asks that the defendants be foreclosed to all interest, lien and equity in a caterpillar crawler type tractor and asks that it be sold to cover a mortgage, with the defendant Anderson adjudged for any deficiency. Sheriff Carter has been named as co-defendant so that the plaintiff may recover the tractor which the sheriff has in his possession on an attachment.

CHANGES NAME

An order by County Judge D. N. Busenmark has been issued granting Clarence Godfrey White permission to change his name to Clarence Godfrey Larson, effective July 27, 1949.

In the Day's News

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you take their money away from them. Aren't people funny?

PERSONALLY, I'm amazed, and have been for years, at the popular appeal of the reckless public spending that in the short space of a little more than a decade and a half has reduced our nation from a sound business enterprise to a political establishment whose debts are so fantastic as to cause people of all kinds to wonder where the money is ever coming from to pay them with.

The average, hard-working, careful-spending citizen of the United States gets comparatively little direct benefit from much of this expenditure. Take the public housing bill that has just been passed by congress and signed by the President as an example. It proposes (at the start, at least) to build somewhat less than a million housing units. There are 40-odd million family units in the United States. That is to say, on the face of it, the odds are 40 to one that YOU won't get one of these houses to be built by the government.

Yet this housing bill was so POLITICALLY IMPORTANT that it slid through a congress that at least pretends to be economy minded with almost no opposition worth speaking about. The general impression was that no member of congress who voted against it could even HOPE to be re-elected.

It is plainly obvious that congress is getting scared at the size of our mounting national debt. This fear bobs up in a variety of ways. Yet, when it comes to the voting pinches, the big spending bills go through with surprisingly little opposition.

Why? Well, at every national election since 1932 the spenders have won out. The politicians, naturally enough, put two and two together and say that the way to be elected is to BE A SPENDER.

Why do our people vote for the spenders and turn the non-spenders down? I wouldn't know.

But I SUSPECT that the same old, fuzzy mental quirk that causes people to rush in by the tens of thousands to bet their money on a vague, hazy numbers game where the odds are 1000 to 1 against them is responsible for our tendency to vote for the spenders at every succeeding election.

THE buyer of a numbers ticket doesn't really expect to win. HE JUST HOPES TO WIN. In the same way the people who vote for the spenders must HOPE that they will somehow hit the jackpot or pick the magic number and the billions the politicians talk about so glibly will come tumbling out on the floor at their feet. It never happens, of course, but hope springs eternal in the gambler's breast. So people go on voting for the spenders, just as they go on pulling the handle of the slot machine.

I CAN'T think of any other explanation of the strange phenomenon of a hereditarily hard-headed people that goes on year after year voting for a spending policy that buries them deeper every year under a growing mountain of public debt.

New Badges Now Adorn Merchant Patrolmen

Roseburg merchant patrolmen are decked out with new chrome-plated badges and cap devices.

Chief W. J. Hebard of the merchant patrol said all three patrolmen have been outfitted with new badges.

The chest hardware is a six-pointed star that includes the Oregon seal and the lettering "Merchant Patrol."

The cap device is a shield with M.P. meaning merchant patrol, etched therein.

Other patrolmen are Kenneth Hebard and Lloyd C. Leonard.



BEATEN NEAR RUSS FRONTIER—U. S. Air Force Lieut. and Mrs. Harvey Kohnitz Jr. (above) of Chicago, were attacked on a country road in the British zone of Germany near Soviet frontier by Russian-speaking assailants who tried to kidnap them. Lieut. Kohnitz suffered a slight head injury and his wife's nose was broken before they rushed to their car and raced around the attackers' halted truck. A burst of automatic rifle fire just missed their car as they fled.

Glendale

Mrs. Jimmy Doyle was taken to the hospital in Grants Pass last Monday for observation. She is better and has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Cox, from Sacramento, visited her sister, Mrs. Bill Nienstler, in Glendale last weekend.

Jim Witzer fell off a load of logs at Haywood's mill last week and required stitches in the back of his head. He is back at his work again.

Jack Rondeau was hurt recently while diving at Capitol hill near Glendale. It is reported that he hit a rock and required four stitches in his head and one in his arm.

Bill Miller has just returned from a stay of three weeks in the Grants Pass hospital and two and one-half weeks in a Portland hospital, where he has been receiving treatment for poison oak and complications.

Mary Stevens, formerly of Glendale, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Helen Brown, and her sister Mrs. Betty Reed, here, was taken suddenly ill during the night last week and had to be taken to the hospital in Grants Pass for observation.

Personal Briefs—Mr. and Mrs. John Benakes entertained at a swimming and beach party Friday evening at their home. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Austin Drake, and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Bill LaPrath and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carter and daughters; and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kafer.

School Bonds Approved—According to Carl Sether, clerk of

the District 77 school board, word was received Thursday from the office of the state bond examiner that the school bonds voted at the election in May have now been approved. Bids will be called for as soon as the architect's plans, which have also been approved, arrive.

Watch Repair Service Opens—Steve Kadas, jeweler, and watch repairman and proprietor of the Mobile Watch Repair Service, has moved into Glendale and set up his trailer shop on Pacific avenue near 5th street. Mr. Kadas plans to stay in Glendale as long as business warrants and will do watch, clock and jewelry repair. He also has a stock of jewelry, watches, watch bands, etc. for sale.

According to a Wheaton, Ill. daily paper, Mrs. Ann Reiman, 67, of Wheaton, who is the mother of Mrs. McDougal of the Glendale Second Hand store, suffered head injuries while struggling with a purse snatcher who accosted her as she started up the stairs to catch a train from Chicago, where she had been shopping, back to Wheaton.

She struggled to retain the purse but failed, and the purse-snatcher started to flee. He was seen by a young man, Leonard Mitchell, who attempted to come to Mrs. Reiman's aid but was stabbed by the fleeing thief. Mrs. Reiman received minor first aid treatment, but Mitchell was confined to a hospital for chest wounds.

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