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NO "SURPLUS" WATER

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Bureau of Reclamation engineers have held "preliminary" talks with Governor McKay of Oregon, while planning a meeting of governors from 11 western states to talk over problems of water supply. Paramount in the forthcoming conference doubtless will be proposals to divert water from regions with water surplus to areas experiencing water shortage.

Suggestion has been made through a Department of Interior official, that surplus waters from Oregon be diverted to California. Discussions have revealed existence of a plan for a "ladder" of water—diversion of the Klamath river to the Sacramento river, replenishing the Klamath from the Rogue and Umpqua, supplying the Rogue and Umpqua from the Willamette, and adding to the Willamette from the Columbia. It is an engineering project worthy of the federal agencies so anxious to improve on the Creator's work and to erect monuments to their own genius.

Little thought is given to the fact that water, like forests and soil, is a "renewable" resource—one that can be restored, through conservation practices. "Renewable" resources differ from exhaustible resources, such as iron, coal, oil, etc., in the fact that they need never be exhausted, given proper management, whereas, minerals, once mined, are gone forever.

But where can we find "surplus" water? True, the Pacific Northwest has more water than it is currently using. But the Willamette valley's water table is dropping rapidly. Summertime flow in many of our rivers is dangerously low. Central and eastern Oregon need more water for irrigation. Some of our Oregon cities actually are suffering water shortages. North Bend and Springfield are short in water supply—shortages that can be remedied by increasing storage facilities.

Oregon's population is growing faster than that of any other state. New industries—many of them requiring large volume of water—are locating in Oregon. Thus, it may not be long until Oregon, too, will have its water supply problem.

If the Bureau of Reclamation would study California's water problem from the standpoint of conservation and restoration, rather than trying to improve on God's creation, it would find that this restoration probably would be no more expensive than its ambitious "ladder of rivers."

Artifacts recently uncovered during archaeological research in the great southwest desert, reveal that a tribe of Indians managed to exist for more than 100 years after neighboring tribes had been forced to move because of arid conditions. It was discovered they had built huge cisterns and reservoirs to capture and hold runoff water. Archaeologists still are endeavoring to learn what caused the tribe's removal from the land, for evidence exists that sudden evacuation of villages was not due to lack of water.

In many parts of arid California there once was an abundance of water. Huge debris piles were built up through many centuries at the mouths of arroyos. Brush and debris of all kinds washed down the narrow waterways, spread out over the valley floor, rotted and turned to humus. The spongy material served to capture flood water and hold it in the soil.

But these lands were extremely rich in agricultural values, and were taken over for farms and orchards. Wells were drilled to provide water for irrigation and water was taken faster than it could be stored, thus lowering the water table until, in some places, wells, going deeper and deeper, have reached salt water.

California could have much more abundant water, given proper conservation. Barren hillsides could and should be planted with forage and tree crops that would retain moisture and slow run off. Every upland canyon and arroyo should have numerous small reservoirs from which water would filter out into the soil. Check and spread dams should be built to spread flood water over valley floors to seep into the soil instead of speeding to the ocean. More upland rainfall could be produced if hillsides were kept cool and green, thus encouraging precipitation, instead of dissipating clouds because of heat induced by the existing brown and barren condition.

If the Bureau of Reclamation wants to truly do a job, let it work on restoration rather than diversion of surpluses—surpluses which rapidly are disappearing or being absorbed.

Gospel Duo To Present Program At Green School

A gospel team, Bob Mohler and Dale Franklin, will present an entire program of films and songs at the old Green school, five miles south of Roseburg on the old 99 highway, Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p. m. Mohler and Franklin, students at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, are currently on tour.

The two films to be shown are, "I Am the Bible" and "Higher Flight." The latter is a missionary story.

The program is sponsored by the Green community Sunday school, which extends an invitation to everyone. There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be received.

FINES REPORTED

Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes reported the disposition of the following cases this morning:

Mabel Marie Garrick, Camas Valley, fined \$25 on a charge of larceny from a store under \$25. She was arrested Saturday by city police on a shoplifting charge. She pleaded guilty to the charge but told the court she had not intended to leave the store without paying for the merchandise. She gave as her reason, worry over the condition of her ailing mother.

Ellen Beatrice Blackledge, Roseburg, arrested Saturday by city police, posted bail of \$40 on a charge of being drunk on a public street.

Boiled grasshoppers are said to taste something like lobster.



Yeh, We Get It!

Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

Many years ago I clipped from a magazine (which one?) a little story about a Mrs. Farnum who had discovered in herself a gift for sculpture, and this was what she said:

"The age when most women think their hopes are all dead and the chances for expressing themselves creatively are all gone, is just the time in which they could best develop their talents. There really isn't any age limit. It's just a state of mind."

"Sometimes a woman will shut herself up in her home to mope, or she will spend her time devoting herself to her children, who may be perfectly capable of running their own lives, or she espouses some fruitless public work."

"But when my friends say sadly, to me, 'Oh, I have always wanted to try my hand at sculpture'; and then fall silent, as if to hint that God had rebuked them by visiting a husband and family on them at the only moment in their lives when they

Jaycees Elect Officers, Plan Yule Activities

Highlighting last night's meeting of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce was an election of officers for the coming year.

George McIntosh, who has a long list of service to Jaycees and the community behind him, among which is included the chairmanship of the first annual Southern Oregon AAU swimming meet, was elected president of the organization on the first ballot.

Other officers who will take over the leadership of the young men's civic group, starting the first of the year, includes Gordon Carlson, internal vice-president; Leo Sevy, external vice-president; Sid Moon, secretary; Duane Baker, treasurer and Rod Dotson, sergeant-at-arms.

Elected to the board of directors was Walt Brittle, 1st Pugh, John Hardman, Tom Gum, Wayne Crooch, and Sig Felt. Glenn Scott, incumbent president, automatically becomes the seventh member of the board upon retiring from his present office.

Christmas Activities

The Christmas tree committee, headed by Sid Fredrickson, and including Willard Reitman, Sid Moon and Tollef Tollefson, will add more lights to the tree, located on Cass street, between Jackson and Main. Bill Evans selected the tree, which was brought in by P & B Wrecker Co. The Mt. Nebo cross, a Jaycee-sponsored annual feature, was lighted by a committee including Reiman and Mel Hegge and headed by Don Gum.

Christmas enterprise, soon to be launched for the second time in two years, is the "Hello, Santa" project for children of the city. Chairman Duane Baker said children who may wish to talk directly to Santa in ordering their Christmas presents will have an opportunity to do so. Baker said a special line has been installed from Roseburg to the bearded gent's home at the north pole. He will take orders starting sometime next week.

In the 17th century, Swiss watchmakers frequently made timepieces in the shapes of dogs, lions, rabbits, pigeons and other animals.

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and upset and demoralized by the big money he saw floating all around him, he started knocking down on his office payroll.

REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW May, Democrat, is in jail for selling his influence to unscrupulous profiteers who wanted war contracts at high prices and bribed May to get them.

WHAT does that mean? Well, it means that the evil of too much power in too few hands doesn't yet reached the point in our country where we condone STEALING FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

That is one of the things that brought China to its present terrible pass. There (for centuries) they cynically accepted stealing from the government as a PART of the system of too much power in too few hands.

REPRESENTATIVE Thomas, by the way, is a peculiarly loathsome form of political vermin. While he was knocking down on his office payroll and putting the money in his pocket, he was belching communism and by his witch-hunting methods of chasing communists he was discrediting the useful work of the house committee on un-American activities, of which he was the demagogue chairman.

IN New York, where for years, in the face of warnings of what would happen if it continued, they used water at the rate of a billion gallons a day, they now FINE YOU if you wash your car or leave a tap running or put fresh water in your swimming pool.

A lot of us old fuddyduddies think it will be the same way with the welfare state. Everything will be lovely till the well runs dry.

POLITICAL straw in the wind: In the by-election in England for the South Bradford seat in Parliament, which the Conservatives had moved heaven and earth to win, the LABOR PARTY WINS OUT HANDILY.

WHAT does that mean? It probably means that we old fuddyduddies who hope the welfare state loses its popularity before the money runs out are merely doing wishful thinking.

It is still true that nobody ever yet shot Santa Claus.

Philomath Publisher Seeks Post In House

CORVALLIS, — (P) — L. T. Ward, publisher of the Benton County Review, weekly newspaper at Philomath, has announced he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative from the First Oregon Congressional district.

He said he was making the announcement early to help clarify the political picture.

He announced a platform which included opposition to the CVA, called for repeal of the tariff-Hartley act, urged elimination of federal farm subsidies wherever possible in favor of a permanent marketing plan, was opposed to a "compulsory" health insurance program, advocated expansion of social security benefits and a continuation of the bipartisan foreign policy.

ATTENDS SALES SCHOOL

Band leader and musical instrument salesman C. A. Rickett returned Monday from Chicago, where he attended the Hammond organ sales school.

Plans are to include the Hammond line in the Ott-Ricketts Music store.

Christmas Sales Still Low; Rush May Come At End

By RADER WINGET
NEW YORK — (P) — Christmas shoppers may cross up the experts by spending a record total of dollars this year—but if they're going to chalk up any records they'd better get started quickly.

Individual stores are setting some peak sales records, but a blight has settled on others, pushing them far behind in the race for Christmas business.

Every year since 1938 there has been an increase in department store sales and in total retail sales. Last year was the all-time record.

This year the general guess of the experts is that sales will be lower than last year—by a margin of less than five percent.

But Christmas is the big spending season. Some merchants have been pulled out of the red at Christmas so many times they believe in Santa Claus.

Last year the unexpected happened. There was a final rush Christmas week that kicked the year to a record. It could happen again, analysts agree, but those dollars are going to have to roll over faster than they do now.

The Federal Reserve Reports department store dollar sales the week ended Dec. 3 were eight percent under a year ago. Dun & Bradstreet says total retail sales for the week ended last Wednesday were only one to five percent under a year ago. Another independent survey indicates retail sales for the year will be off only two percent.

The biggest factor in the decline is lower prices. They are off an average of three to four percent. That means the physical volume of business is just about as good as last year, and people are getting more for their money.

The fundamental thing that makes this year different is that people are changing their buying habits. They are coming back to what the merchants hopefully call a normal pattern.

Remember how it was before the war? You'd rush into a store at the last minute and do your Christmas shopping. The stores had everything. You could do all your buying at once.

Changed By War
 Then came the war. You had to shop around to get what you wanted. It was first come first served, and late comers did without. ("Don't you know there's a war on?")

But the war ended. Store stocks grew. Prices were lower. You could shop around. And you did. This year there is more and more of that type buying.

This year department stores are making buying easier and more attractive than at any time since pre-war. Store hours are longer, advertising is being stepped up, window displays are stressed, and customers are being put in the jingle bell mood by carol concerts in stores.

There is no dearth of shoppers. Reports are frequent, however, of their cautious attitude. They want their money's worth. They are turning away in many cases from high priced lines of goods. Merchants anticipated this by stocking more heavily on the medium and lower priced lines.

LETTERS to the Editor
Praise Bestowed On Christmas Decorations
ROSEBURG — Seems that as humans we are very prompt in criticizing anything that we do not approve of, but let anything that meets with our approval come forth and we remain silent, or we let our praises ring only very meekly.

If there have been any letters in The News-Review about this project, I haven't seen them, so I cannot remain silent any longer.

I refer to the wonderful Christmas decorating and Christmas lighting that our city streets are wearing. They are wonderful and the sponsors surely are to be most highly praised.

I do not believe that any town the size of Roseburg can boast of anything more beautiful. I have the full advantage of seeing all its beauty from high up here on North Jackson street.

More power to progressive Roseburg!

MRS. WM. J. THOMPSON,
 1331 N. Jackson St.
 Roseburg, Ore.

CORTISONE COSTLY
NEW YORK — (P) — Cortisone's new price, \$150 a gram, makes it cost about \$15 for a single dose for arthritis. Some doses double that. Cortisone is the new adrenal hormone which stops arthritic pains of the rheumatoid type in a few days. It also is used for rheumatic heart troubles and gout, and some allergies, skin diseases and the type of cancers known as lymphatic. In arthritis and cancer, daily doses are required for weeks.

Roundtable Meet Slated By District Scouters

Scouters of the Douglas district will hold their monthly roundtable meeting, Thursday night, Dec. 15, at the Riverside school lunchroom at 7:30 p. m.

Troop committeemen, scout masters, pack committeemen, cubmasters, and den mothers are asked to attend. A "county fair" entertainment program has been arranged whereby a person can make up to \$1,000 during the evening, depending on skill.

Additional information on the national jamboree will also be given at the meeting.

Knights Of Pythias Will Hold Night-Rank Night

Bob Harvie, chancellor commander of Alpha lodge No. 47, Knights of Pythias, announced Monday that a night-rank night will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p. m.

The Dokkie-rank team from Medford will be here to put on the work. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The "BBC" in radio means the British Broadcasting Co.

PLANES SPOT POACHERS

WASHINGTON — (P) — Federal game officials are using aerial photographs as evidence against commercial fishermen operating illegally in certain waters.

The idea is showing special promise in Alaska, where rough waters sometimes make it impossible for a patrol plane to land.

Albert M. Day, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says the plane has replaced the dog sled in Alaskan patrols to the extent that only 13 miles were covered by sled last year, against 134,325 by plane, 300 by helicopter and about 100,000 by other means.

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Bet You Don't Know This About Advertising
 by Susan

Quiz No. 5
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Answer:
 It costs less than 1/60¢ per bottle to advertise America's big-name soft drinks.
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