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"WISE USE" REJECTED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Elsewhere on this page is a reprint from an editorial published in the Grants Pass Daily Courier. Criticism from The Courier, which has vigorously supported the Rogue River valley program, was to be expected.

We hold the editor of The Courier in high esteem, although we believe his uncompromising advocacy of the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed river development plan to be a disservice to his community. However, we admire his sincerity and energy in support of his opinions.

We admit that proponents of the valley program are in the majority. All newspapers of that area—at least all we have seen—endorse the plan. It becomes difficult, therefore, for The News-Review to take a position contrary to that of many friends in the Rogue River valley.

But we believe an important principle is at stake. Federal agencies are wrecking orderly and efficient development of our natural resources by ignoring established rules of conservation and pointing their planning into aggrandizement of engineering genius, at the same time bringing the public with its own money into approval of extravagant, wasteful and unnecessarily destructive projects.

The editor of The Courier emphasizes our membership in the Izaak Walton League of America. If our affiliations have anything to do with the argument, we can point out that we also belong to the Oregon Wildlife federation, a church, fraternal order, the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce and several other organizations. We are quite sure the Grants Pass editor didn't mean what he inferred in his opening paragraphs—that he doesn't belong to organizations because they might influence his thinking. Personally, we feel that through organizations, such as the Izaak Walton league, we are able to obtain much valuable information. We would suggest to the Grants Pass editor that he join the Izaak Walton league and learn more of the interdependency and close relationship between our natural resources. If he were to make a thorough study of conservation of resources, we are quite sure he would be less enthusiastic in his support of the Rogue River Valley project.

Many people have the idea that the Izaak Walton league and the Oregon Wildlife federation are interested only in game and fish and that they oppose progress in any form. This impression is heightened because conservationists have battled high dams, industrial pollution of streams, exploitation of public resources for private gain, etc. But these organizations do not oppose progress. They are not antagonistic to irrigation, power development, flood control, navigation, etc. They DO insist, however, that when a resource is developed for one particular use, that plans take into consideration minimum damage to other resources.

Bonneville dam, for instance, was planned without a fishway, and fish ladders were built only because conservationists rose to the defense of the Columbia river salmon resource. Flood control plans in the Willamette valley, as originally announced, would have wrecked recreational values on fine streams. Modification of design was obtained by conservationists. The conservationist knows that the Bureau of Reclamation and Army Engineers do not follow established conservation rules in their planning. In flood control work, as an example, it is well proven that water can be effectively controlled only in the high mountains, before it reaches the valley floor; but engineers insist on huge impoundment basins on low ground. Experience, we predict, will prove they are doing more damage than good. The Izaak Walton league stresses the "wise use" of our natural resources. It urges planning to hold to a minimum damage to any one resource from development of another, such as removal of timber in accordance with a pattern designed to avoid destruction of a watershed.

That is why the Izaak Walton league and the Oregon Wildlife federation support the more economical, less damaging, and less spectacular Plan B in the Rogue valley, instead of the more wasteful Plan A. But Plan A glitters with gold, and "wise use" of a resource is tossed into the discard by majority opinion.

The Grants Pass editor assumes we were speaking of that city as we discussed timidity of minority opinion. We said, however, it could happen in ANY town, and had happened in Roseburg.

Certainly some people have the courage of their convictions. We doubt they have suffered thereby, because most people respect a man's right to his own opinions. But some persons, dependent upon public good will, are more timid. Federal agencies have not hesitated to take advantage of this timidity in their attempts to exploit public resources in accordance with their own grandiose ideas.

That such timidity does exist in the Rogue valley is obvious.

83 YEARS IN SCHOOL
Murray, Ky.—(AP)—Eighty-three years is a long time to stay in school. But Dr. John Wesley Carr, president emeritus of Murray State college, who is 90 years old, has made that record.
He started to school Oct. 8, 1866 and has been in schools ever since. At the age of 17 he taught his first school—in Greene County, Indiana. Later he headed school systems in Anderson, Ind., Dayton, Ohio, and Bayonne, N.J. He was high school principal at

Muncie and Bloomington, Ind., and in Philadelphia.
After serving as state supervisor of high schools in Kentucky, 1922-23, Dr. Carr became the first president of Murray (Ky.) State college. He was president 1923-1926 and again 1933-1936. At other times he was dean and is now president emeritus. Still in a school room, he has his writing desk in the main reading room of the library, with a group of the students ever with me.

His Brand-New Topper



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

In the article about the Star of Bethlehem (to continue Friday's column) Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, U of O astronomer, quotes from The Other Wise Man, the beautiful Christmas story by Henry Van Dyke (Harper & Bros.)

"Where distant peaks of Zagrus serrated the western horizon, the sky was clear. Jupiter and Saturn rolled together like drops of lambent flame about to blend into one. . . A steel-blue spark was born out of the darkness beneath. It pulsed in the enormous vault as if the three jewels in the Magian's girdle had mingled and been transformed into a living heart of light."

"** Dr. Pruett omitted one lovely bit of the description here: "As Aarabian watched them, a steel blue spark was born out of the darkness beneath, rounding itself with purple splendors to a crimson sphere, and spring upward through rays of saffron and orange into a point of white radiance. . ."

Astronomers can plot the position of the stars as they were thousands of years ago. Dr. Pruett remarked that "the great Zeiss planetaria usually feature this planetary conjunction during

their December showings. The intricate projectors reproduce the position of the planets thousands of years ago with an accuracy equal to a mathematical equation.

"In 7 B. C. Jupiter and Saturn came very close together. They were still nearer in 6 B. C. and Mars moved rapidly toward them. Finally all three drew close together—only about a degree apart—outlining almost an equilateral triangle. . . Dr. Van Dyke's story of The Other Wise Man employs the planet-combination idea." The scientist Kepler also refers to the "picturesque grouping of the three planets in 6 B. C." Many astronomers think this grouping was the "Star of Bethlehem."

I love to think about it, don't you? The Three Wise Men "following" the Star. The Shepherds on the hillside in the chill winter night suddenly struck with wonder at the glorious "Star!"

"Shine on our gardens and fields, shine on our working and weaving; Shine on the whole race of man, believing and unbelieving. . ."
—Van Dyke

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Prove it if You Can, Mr. Stanton (Grants Pass Courier)
It has been the policy of this writer to refrain from becoming a member of any organization which patently seeks to further or oppose political or governmental activities affecting all the people.

That principle has been one, although not the sole reason, which has caused us to refrain from becoming a member of the American Newspaper Guild, the labor organization which seeks to speak for the newswriters of America, as well as those employed in the newspaper distribution service.

A lead editorial in the Roseburg News-Review recently, we consider an outstanding example as to what a contrary policy may lead.

The editorial is from the pen of Charles V. Stanton, News-Review editor.
Stanton holds an important post in the state organization of the Izaak Walton League of America. That organization is dedicated nationally to the preservation of wildlife, a laudable platform but one which may lead its membership to bias in matters pertaining to the reclamation needs, particularly of the Northwest.

The News-Review editorial is a vitriolic attack on the Reclamation Bureau's Rogue valley program destined for submission to Congress for authorization at an early date.

The project itself is bitterly attacked, primarily on the basis of cost and need. Stanton's major interest, as expressed in his editorials earlier in the 10-year struggle, is fish—the issue which has caused the Izaak Walton league, at all levels, to intervene in the struggle.
To Mr. Stanton, as in the case of all other citizens here or elsewhere, we grant the full right to his own opinions and to support them as best he may.
The purpose of this article has to do particularly with the method the Roseburg man uses to gain his aim. He proceeds to

paint a word picture of conditions "in a town in the Rogue river valley" indicating local citizens opposing the Rogue project are as fearful of allowing their thoughts to become known as is the case with persons living behind the "Iron Curtain."

The city of Grants Pass is no doubt meant.
A merchant, opposed to the reclamation program, is described as fearful to talk about it except in the privacy of a back room—for fear of "economic punishment."

The spleen of the Roseburg writer is patent in many ways, such as his allusion to the Bureau of Reclamation's public hearing in Medford. He slurs the event by the use of quotation marks. He says, in effect, that the \$100 million project is a government bribe. He digs some figures apparently out of his own wastebasket—to declare that the project will cost \$5 in taxes for every \$1 produced in benefits. He charges that the power to be generated must be sold "at considerably more than current rates charged by private utilities." He apparently has all the answers from a set of estimates of his own creation.

The issue has been fought on its merits for many years. Stanton, by inference, and the Medford hearing by record, discloses that the vast preponderance of sentiment in the Rogue valley is for the project, so preponderant in fact that some merchants fear to let their opposition be known publicly for fear of business extinction.

For the benefit of Mr. Stanton, let us record that we have heard a leading merchant in Grants Pass openly avow his unalterable opposition to the Rogue project. He still seems to enjoy a lucrative trade. A local county official had led, and is continuing to lead, a die-hard fight. He still is in office. A department head of a local bank was one of the signers of an opposition petition submitted at the Medford hearing. He still holds his job and the bank with which he is connected

In the Day's News

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them. What's more, I don't think they'd be very nourishing.

Besides—
Most of the dollar bills I see are dirty, and I don't like dirty food."

So—
If I lived in Multnomah county I'd vote against Mr. Stallard because what he promises doesn't sound interesting to me.

STALIN'S birthday celebration wound up with a big do-do at the Bolshoi theater in Moscow, at which Mao Tze-Tung, boss of the Chinese communists, was the first speaker.

Mao described Stalin as THE TEACHER AND FRIEND OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.
He described the Soviet Union as THE WORLD'S BULWARK OF DEMOCRACY AND PEACE.

OLD Mao certainly knows how to lay it on with a trowel, doesn't he?

THE China Mail (published in Hong Kong, which is British territory) says Mao went to Moscow to discuss with Stalin these three subjects:

1. Unification of communist China under ONE leadership.
2. Whether to carry the communist campaign into French Indo-China and Burma.
3. Whether to demobilize the greater part of his five million Chinese communist troops.

AS to point No. 1, we can assume that Mao wants to be the big boss of China's 400 million people.
The big issue, I'd guess, is whether or not he will TAKE HIS ORDERS FROM STALIN.

Tito might have put notions into Mao's head.

WATCH the other two points—especially No. 3.
If Mao should start demobilizing his five million communist troops, it would probably mean that World War III is to be deferred.

If he keeps them under arms and starts moving into Indo-China and Burma, it could mean that communism is going after ALL OF ASIA NOW.

That could start something big.

goes merrily on its business way.
It is true that, in tests of strength, the opposition to the Rogue reclamation program has been defeated. It was shown definitely in the minority at the Rogue hearing. It failed to block an amendment to the Rogue dam law at the last legislature. It failed in an effort to refer that measure after it had been signed by the governor. Even in the ranks of the local chapter of the Izaak Walton league, there is a definite division of opinion. Yet, the dissenters have been in no way disciplined.

There has been a strong campaign here and in Jackson counties to bring reclamation to the Rogue valley. That we agree. The opposition is far in the minority. To that we also agree.
We challenge the attempt of the Roseburg News-Review, however, in its attempt to create the impression elsewhere that the Communist technique, or anything like it, has been practiced here or in any other city of the valley.
F. S.

IN HOLLYWOOD

Producer Consulting Story Author On All Details For New Attraction

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Writers who have complained about how their novels were treated by the movies will be heartened by news of Robert Rossen's new project.

The producer-director is planning to film "The Brave Bulls" is consulting with author Tom Lea on all details. The two men have returned from Mexico, where Lea helped Rossen select bull fighters for roles in the picture. They also visited people and places that inspired Lea to write the book.

Lea, who is also an artist, is sketching characters and scenes of the book and these will cue the production design of the picture.

A character actress is being sought for a prize role in "I Love Louisa." She'll play Ronald Reagan's mother, but she will be the romantic interest. Charles Coburn and Edmund Gwenn will fight for her hand. Maybe this is the industry's answer to oldsters' demands for something in films besides teenage romance.

Ginger Rogers will do an independent film after she winds up Storm Center." She is touting the career of Gene Nelson, who impressed her with his dancing in the stage hit, "Len An Ear." But he has just been dropped by Warners.

New Approach
Betsy Drake has a new approach to snoopers who ask when she will marry Cary Grant. She asks the questioners when they are getting married. Insiders still guess the Grant-Drake nuptials will take place after they finish their current film assignments.

Nice of Clark Gable to substantiate my statement that 1949 was Hollywood's marryingest year. The king threw everyone for a loss with the news. Gossipers were humming over his dates with producer Joan Harrison right up to his wedding time.

The River company is finding out about the oddities of making a picture in India. Film makers there always consult the moon and stars before starting a picture. Sometimes the first scene of a movie is shot months before the rest of it—so the picture can fall in the proper astrological time. Most popular U. S. stars in India are reportedly Bing Crosby and Esther Williams.

Wonder if Sam Goldwyn is happy to be out of the Stromboli picture, which was originally planned to be made by him. Beatrice Lillie is drawing a lot of the Hollywood crowd downtown to see "Inside USA." Well she should, being the funniest woman alive.

Peter Lawford's fans are wondering when the lad is going to get the break he deserves from his studio. He has been marking time for too long.

Capsule Review: "12 O'clock High" (TFC) shows how Gregory Peck whips a bombing group into shape by becoming a b.a.d.

Father Saves Daughter From Being Hit By Car

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Francis Hold, 46, Independence, was struck by an automobile here last night, but he saved his two-year-old adopted daughter from injury by throwing her to safety.

Hold said he saw that he would be struck by the car, and so tossed the girl, Sonnie, toward the sidewalk. She landed unhurt.

Hold threw himself flat, and the car ran over his legs. Hospital attendants said he apparently escaped serious injury.

Police said the car was driven by William Paul Hirschy, 21, Independence, a student home on vacation from Oregon Technical institute at Klamath Falls.

CONVICTS EARN RELEASE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fourteen Missouri convicts won freedom today with their blood. They were released a month before their terms end for giving two pints each to the blood bank. Under a new prison rule, each pint earns 15 days off with a limit of two pints annually.

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The answer to everyday insurance problems
By KEN BAILEY



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by Susan



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