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BUILDING RESOURCES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Carl C. Hill, member of the county budget committee, made an interesting observation during discussion by the committee of an appropriation for acquisition of recreational lands.

"It is good business," said Hill, "to use profits from a resource being depleted to improve a resource which will at least partially offset that depletion."

Hill's statement was made in reply to an argument that all possible money should be applied to roads to handle traffic between forests and mills. The county government, it was pointed out, is being financed in large measure with income received from contract sales of county-owned timber lands. If this income were not now available, the county would be required to present a budget in excess of legal limitation before voters annually. The county court, however, had the foresight, while selling county-owned timber lands, to place large sales on a long-term basis, assuring an annual income in addition to money obtained by direct taxation.

Well Aware Of Recreational Values

Hill pointed out that the forest resource eventually will decline. In the meantime, it is possible by investing in lands suitable for recreational purposes to build up a new resource, attracting both local and tourist anglers and hunters. Properly directed and managed, the recreational resource can be made to offset the decline in the backlog of timber.

He admits that until his appointment to the State Game commission, which he serves as chairman, he had never fully realized the importance of recreation as Big Business. But now, helping to direct the affairs of the game department, informed on costs incurred by other states trying to replace resources they permitted to become destroyed, and having the advantage of information concerning the increasing use of Oregon's outdoor resources, Hill is fully aware of the value of preservation as compared with the cost of restoration.

Future Holds Many Problems

It does not take a long memory to recall how a man might fish almost any Oregon stream and seldom see another fisherman. He might have miles of the river all to himself. Or he could go hunting without the feeling he was in the midst of an enemy army and that he might be hit by a bullet at any moment.

Today, however, a man is lucky if he can find an unoccupied rock along any fishing stream. While hunting he is seldom out of sound of another party of hunters.

A few years ago one could drive five miles in any direction from town and find a vacant picnic spot. Today, a similar drive, unless started before daylight, finds every turnout occupied.

The Worst Is Yet To Come

But, to use a slang phrase, "we ain't seen nothin' yet."

As the timber resource is further depleted elsewhere, the industry in the Umpqua basin will expand rapidly, bringing much new population.

The next few years will see a tremendous immigration into Southern Oregon from California.

An advertising representative of *The News-Review*, with offices in San Francisco and previously located in Los Angeles, commenting on this phase of population growth, said recently that thousands upon thousands of Californians, particularly Native Sons, are looking to Southern Oregon. He explained:

People are pouring into California by the millions, until California now stands second in the nation in population. Our big cities are becoming too big. Many people do not like the large foreign populations gathering in our cities. Accustomed to the "open spaces," they object to being crowded. I have talked personally with hundreds of people who soon will be moving into Southern Oregon to escape California's crowded conditions.

Will Have Investment Capital

Many of these people from California will have large sums of money to invest. They will have disposed of good businesses or property and will be looking for opportunity to make their money work in Oregon. Californians are much more conscious of profits in commercialized recreation than are Oregonians, accustomed to an abundance of everything. The crowded dude ranches, desert resorts, fishing camps, health farms, etc., to be seen in California attest to this awareness. But Californians have been trained to treat resources as "exclusive." If a man controls a piece of river frontage, no one gets near that section except that owner's clients. Ocean beaches are "reserved." Some property even is patrolled by armed guards.

We are beginning to get some of that sort of thing in Oregon. The lower Rogue river, for instance.

We will be very wise here in the Umpqua basin to get into private ownership as much recreational land as possible, ahead of the influx of population. In fact, we have already delayed too long.

As Mr. Hill stated, it is, indeed, good business to use profits from one resource, tending toward depletion, to develop another to replace losses.

Accident Commission Files 2 Money Suits

The following money actions were filed in circuit court Thursday.

State Industrial Accident Commission vs. William B. Meale and C. O. Martin, co-partners doing business as the Valley Cab Co. The plaintiff demands \$125.61, plus interest, allegedly due for the second and third quarter contributions to the unemployment compensation fund.

The sum asked is allegedly due as contributions to the commission.

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A Low Form Of Animal Life



In the Day's News

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Podunk river. You want a big harbor appropriation to make business good while it is being spent. But does the town of Squeedunk at the mouth of the Squeedunk river. In order to get your money, you have to get together with the boys from Squeedunk.

That's the way the pork barrel works.

ONE of our great misfortunes lies in the fact that the city of Washington is a Shangri-la. It is totally insulated against all the grass roots thinking of the common ordinary people who make this country really tick. Washington is convinced that what the people want is drunken-sailor spending.

That is why the policy of reckless spending goes on. The first objective of politics is to GET ELECTED, and the Washington boys think the way to get elected is to spend with both hands.

PERSONALLY, I don't think that is what a majority of our voters want. I talk to a lot of all kinds of people—including people who work with their hands for wages. I find most of them just as much worried as I am over this political business of spending our government into eventual bankruptcy.

But you can't convince the politicians of that. The politicians are certain that the way to get re-elected is to SPEND. As long as that thinking continues, we'll go on spending—no matter what the end result of too much spending may be.

FIND another interesting little squib in the news. It comes from Kansas City. Here it is:

"City officials today STUDIED METHODS OF STOPPING GAMBLING AND RACKETEERING."

ARRESTING and jailing the professional gamblers and the racketeers would be one mighty good way to stop gambling and racketeering, I'd say.

LET'S forget all the informal gambling that goes on—the Saturday night poker party at Joe's house, the office pools on the world's series, the laying of wagers on the football game, and so on.

All of it put together doesn't do a whole lot of harm—except to the saps who regard gambling money as money and try to get rich gambling. You can't do much for a sap like that anyway.

What corrupts our law enforcement officials is PROFESSIONAL GAMBLING—that is to say, gambling as a business. Romantic tradition to the contrary, most professional gamblers are crooks. Sooner or later, they're pretty sure to start dealing off the bottom of the deck, loading the dice, fixing the roulette wheels, etc. Worst of all, they can't do business without PROTECTION.

PROTECTION involves political corruption.

THIS notion that professional gambling can't be stopped is tommyrot. It can be stopped any time honest officials WHO HAVE THE BACKING OF PUBLIC OPINION want to stop it.

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

"It is not my purpose to detract from the beauty of Arizona Highways magazine," writes Manley Robison, director of the Oregon state highway travel information department in a recent letter, commenting upon my recent query in this column concerning an Oregon Highways Magazine.

"I did feel, however, that I should point out to you that the Oregon State Highway commission is doing a substantial job in reaching an annual reader audience that exceeds the entire population of the nation."

"Whereas, Arizona Highways reaches a reader audience—as indicated by the magazine—of 300,000. To put it graphically, Oregon is using a shotgun to reach the masses, whereas Arizona is using a rifle on a selected basis."

"During the year 1949, 777,450 tourist motor cars, originating in other states, visited Oregon on vacation. The total amount of money spent by tourists during the year was just over 110 million dollars."

"The booklet, 'Oregon, Cool Green Vacation Land' has broad distribution throughout the country. Last year, 117,000 of these went forward in individual envelopes to people who took the trouble to write in for information on Oregon in response to advertisements. The department distributes roughly a million copies of various types of booklets and maps, during the course of the year."

Mr. Robison also sent along a huge envelope stuffed with beautiful reprints from magazine advertising. (Shotgun or no shotgun, if I didn't live here—praise be—I'd want to start packing to come.) He also explained about the "Advisory committee of thirteen leading citizens who represent various sections of the state. The majority of committee members are newspaper publishers men who know their state, and know advertising. These men have, on several occasions, studied the advisability of producing an Oregon magazine."

"It has been their unanimous agreement that funds available to the department are more productive when spent in established mass circulation media. Operating on the axiom that 'people go where they are invited,' our primary task is to present the varied scenic and recreational resources of Oregon, in the most attractive way possible, to the greatest number of people."

So that, reader-friends, is why Oregon doesn't have an Oregon Highways Magazine. (But—wouldn't it be nice if we could have?)

LETTERS to the Editor

Statesmen Needed

ROSEBURG — In hearing the present political speeches by aspirants to the offices to be filled at the next general election, I find the only trend of thought and preaching is what is wrong with every other candidate, not what the present or past candidates have to offer the voters. We have the makings of the best country in the world. All we need is statesmen in office; not what we seem to have offered to us, which is nothing but a choice of politicians. Criticism comes easy but results are obtained only by votes.

Roseburg, Ore.
CECIL FORCIER

Parents, Cub Scouts Enjoy Musical Program

Parents and Cub Scouts enjoyed a musical program presented by "Shorty" Schneider on the "bones," accompanied by Rusty Steinberger on his accordion, at the Benson Cub pack 334 meeting on the evening of April 28 at the Benson grade school.

At the regular monthly meeting, the following awards were presented: Tommy Neal, wolf badge; David Sanders, wolf badge; Donald Abeln, one gold and one silver arrow on the wolf; David Carter, wolf badge; Jimmie Carter, denner stripes; David Flury, assistant denner stripe; Tom Perky, wolf badge; Bernard Steinberger, bear badge and one gold and one silver arrow; Kent Wishart, one gold and one silver arrow on the wolf; Douglas Hansen, one gold arrow on the wolf; Donald Horton, one gold and four silver arrows on the lion; Tommy Knauss, one silver arrow on wolf, bear badge and gold arrow; Ronald Greisel, bear badge and one gold arrow.

Meet The CANDIDATE

Paul E. Geddes



(The information for the following story was submitted by the candidate in the primary election, May 19, and does not necessarily signify endorsement by the News-Review.)

Paul E. Geddes, Roseburg attorney, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for return to the state house of representatives. He was elected as representative from the 15th district in 1948 and served in the 1949 session.

Geddes was born at Monroeville, Ind., in 1907, but has resided in Douglas county since 1912. He graduated from Roseburg schools and Willamette university at Salem, where he received his degree in law. He worked his way through school by obtaining part-time employment with the U.S. Forest service and other employers. He has practiced law in Roseburg since his admission to the bar in 1930.

With his wife and three daughters, he lives on Lane street. The candidate is attorney for the city of Roseburg and attorney for Douglas County Electric Co-op. He is a member of the Methodist church, past president of the Kiwanis club, past exalted ruler of Elks lodge 326, past president of the Douglas County Republican club, former deputy district attorney, former director of the Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Douglas County chapter of the American Red Cross, former member of the State Board of Bar Examiners, present member of the State Board of Bar Governors and serves on Boy Scout committees.

Geddes is a member of the legislative interim committee commonly known as the "little Hoover commission," which presently is making a study of reorganization of the state government along the lines of the Hoover commission's study of the federal government need for reorganization. In the 1949 session, he was a member of the following committees: Rules, judiciary, highways and local government.

The candidate says, "A start has been made by a present interim committee, of which I am a member, on reorganization of state government to eliminate duplicating and overlapping functions of state departments and agencies and otherwise to set up an economy plan for Oregon along the lines of the federal Hoover report. If returned to office, I will continue the effort to complete this unfinished business."

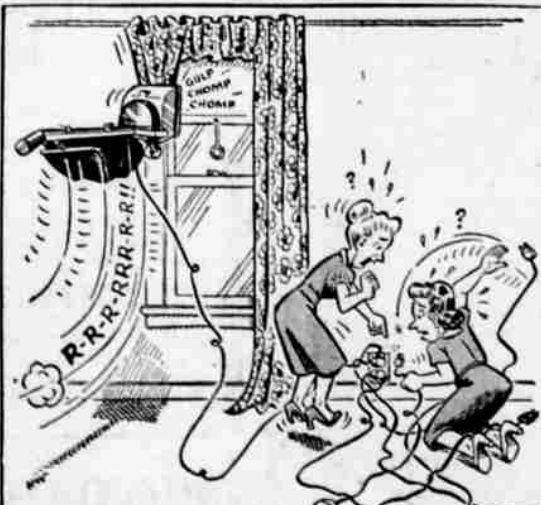
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