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## MUD IN THE UMPQUA

By CHARLES V. STANTON

"Picket" McMillan, who owns and operates the sleek, new resort at Idleyld on the North Umpqua, takes us severely to task because we haven't stopped Copco from dumping silt into the river. He believes, judging from his recent letter in *The News-Review*, that we have only to speak and the matter will be settled. We only wish it were that simple. We have a lot of words better fitting the situation than those we can print, but river pollution can't be solved either by cussing or discussing.

Copco officials, according to our information, promised a delegation, representing the state sanitary board, game department and sportsmen, that pollution from the Tokete operation would be kept at a minimum. Siltation, however, has persisted.

Whether Copco is doing its best to cooperate in keeping the river clean and clear we do not know. We have suspicions that a much better job could be done if workmen were so minded. It is a lot easier and cheaper to shove loose dirt into the stream, to be carried away by the current, than to load it into dump trucks and haul to a stock pile. Workmen have a habit of doing things the easy way whenever possible.

### Job For State Sanitary Board

We have no firsthand evidence, other than visible sedimentation of the water, that Copco is not doing the best it can to keep the river clear. On the other hand, we hear tales of great quantities of rubble being deliberately pushed over the bank and into the river by bulldozers, used in grading roads and digging canals. But hearsay evidence is not suitable material upon which to base hard-and-fast charges.

It seems to us that this is a matter for the state sanitary board. The board has been extremely lenient and, in our opinion, very lax, in the matter of water pollution. It probably is true, as claimed by the board, that funds provided for its operation do not permit employment of sufficient personnel to handle the large amount of work thrust upon it. But the sanitary board and/or the game department have necessary police powers to determine Copco's measure of cooperation and its violation of pollution regulations.

### Something To Be Said For Copco

It is true, as "Mac" writes, that we have from time-to-time had a few kind words to say for Copco. Too, we've been practically alone in that respect. Copco has been a target for widespread criticism, some of it deserved and some not deserved. A great deal of the criticism is deliberately aroused by public power advocates constantly trying, for political purposes, to belittle private power utilities. Many people have fallen into the propaganda trap.

We believe, however, that Copco is entitled to public appreciation for its development program. The area it serves is the only section of Oregon having ample power for its needs and sufficient power in sight to accommodate new industry. While it has had some trouble with an antiquated distribution system, it is striving to improve its facilities as rapidly as possible.

We dislike an intolerant attitude toward a utility spending many millions of dollars in an attempt to improve service to its community. True, Copco has not until recently been in a position to supply adequate service, has had frequent interruptions, has been limited in the amount of available power. Perhaps some of these conditions could have been avoided by more foresight and planning. But the utility is trying as fast as time and money will permit to remedy the condition and to this end is pushing its development on the North Umpqua river.

### Contrast With Federal Projects

Our sports anglers are irate because of muddy water, which interferes with their recreation and is exceedingly dangerous to fish life in an already critically depleted stream. They are on sound grounds when they demand that pollution be kept at a minimum. Little, however, can be accomplished by any argument presented in this column. Effective control is obtainable only through exercise of police powers by authorized agencies. These agencies should be providing needed protection.

The heated local argument causes us to wonder how much cooperation sportsmen might expect if the North Umpqua project was being conducted by federal agencies instead of a private company. A look at the streams on which government projects are in progress indicates that the pollution factor is virtually ignored. Whereas we can at least register our kicks with officials of private utilities, we would get nothing but a horselaugh from a federal bureau. And, in addition to getting a boisterous guffaw from bureaucrats, if we complained about dumping mud in a stream, we would be paying for the project with tax dollars, whereas Copco is building its North Umpqua project with private funds.

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Presbyterians Urge Halt On Making Of A-And H-Bombs  
CINCINNATI, May 26 — (AP) — Representatives of the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A. officially ended their 162nd general assembly here Thursday with a plea that the manufacture of atom and hydrogen bombs be halted.

## Solid Footing—



## In the Day's News

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he seems to be a colorless sort of individual.

He was therefore, you see, EXACTLY THE KIND OF PERSON FUCHS NEEDED, because he was the sort upon whom suspicion would not readily fall.

IN the preceding paragraph, the term "poor devil" is used advisedly. Gold is quoted by the FBI as having said when he was taken into custody:

"I thought I would be helping a nation whose final aims I approved along the road to industrial strength. Particularly was I taken with the idea that whatever I did would GO TO HELP MAKING LIVING CONDITIONS FAR MORE ADVANCED."

THAT, of course, was back in 1945. In 1945, a lot of people were deceived as to Russia. But even in 1945 it was becoming evident that the Russian Communist system was NOT a great advance along the road to human freedom and opportunity. Anyone who thought so was just a rattle-brained thinker.

After all, people who can't think straight are to be pitied.

THERE was an interesting little tale in the news the other day about a Harry Schumann somewhere back East. He was walking along the street when he saw a green car of a certain make go past. He had a green car of that make. So he blew his horn.

He called the cops, climbed into the radio prowl car that answered his summons and he and the policeman chased the driver of the green car pell-mell through the streets. It got away.

About the time it got away, Harry began to think. Maybe it wasn't his car. So he went back to where he had parked his bus, and there it was, right where he had left it, safe and sound.

He had merely jumped to a wrong conclusion.

SO many people jump to wrong conclusions, including our parlor pinks who have jumped to the conclusion that Communism, as practiced in Russia, is a great forward movement and ought to be supported by all forward-looking people.

In this world a lot of trouble arises when people jump to wrong conclusions.

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Parents to pay the \$200 it will cost to replace the 95 broken panes in the Astor grade school. The boys shot out the panes with BB guns.

BAIL POSTED

Otis Wingo Fish, 38, Dillard, arrested on a drunk charge, posted \$50 bail in Justice A. J. Geddes' court and was released.

## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnott S. Martin

Sometimes when I lean over and casually draw a tub of water, I think of my English grandmother's home before tubs were installed. I've heard my mother tell it many a time, but one day when I expressed pity for the little scullery maid, mother said sharply: "Nonsense, nobody thought anything of stairs in those days! Why that girl was as happy as a lark. She worshipped your grandmother! Mother was a very good mistress . . . her servants stayed with her for years!"

But just the same "Cindy," as I'll call the scullery maid, used to tote tall tin cans of hot water, cans with long spouts on, from the basement up past the street floor where the parlor, dining room and granny's aviary and conservatory were located; up another long flight past the drawing room floor where granny's own bedroom was, and a guest room; up another long flight to the fourth floor where the rest of the bedrooms were.

Not only did happy-as-a-lark Cindy tote water up for baths, but she toted it down again! Plus coal for the fireplace in every room. Plus the freshly polished shoes every morning which she had found outside the doors and taken down to the scullery to clean. (The hot water was poured into one of the "hip baths," tin tubs with a high-curved part at one end.)

Cindy had other little tasks to keep her tripping up and down. At seven every morning she knocked on granny's door, drew the curtains back, touched a match to the fresh laid fire; helped granny put on her dressing gown so she could sit up in bed and drink the tea and little heart-shaped cakes Cindy had brought up. Trays went to the occupants of the other bedrooms, too.

A screen was placed around the tub to help keep the fireplace heat where it would do the bather some good. When granny rang, back Cindy would come to empty the tub, rinse and dry it, and remove it . . . Ablutions for the not small family were as fast as Cindy could lug up the water and get tubs from one room to the next. She had to heat the water, too!

"For mercy sakes, Mother, when did Cindy sleep?" I asked. Mother looked at me with a surprised expression. "Why, I suppose she did have to get up early, but there, she was used to it."

## Vets Puts Term Life Insurance On Permanent Basis

World War II veterans in increasing numbers are converting the term life insurance they took out in service to the permanent types of policies available under National Service Life Insurance laws, the Veterans administration says.

Of the 5,606,011 NSLI policies in force at the end of March, 1950, nearly 1,785,000 were permanent-plan policies. This represents an increase of almost 140 percent over the 752,000 permanent policies in force on March 31, 1947.

In the Pacific northwest states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and the territory of Alaska, 67,000 World War II veterans have converted their NSLI policies to permanent plans, the VA said.

The VA explained that the premium rate for NSLI term insurance is based on the insured's age on the effective date of the policy and remains unchanged through the term, usually for a period of five years. Congress has authorized the renewal of term insurance issued before January 1, 1948, for an additional five-year term at the expiration of the original term period. Renewed policies, however, carry a higher premium rate based on the insured's age at time of renewal.

Term insurance may be converted to one or more of the six permanent plans without a physical examination at any time. Unless converted or renewed, it expires at the end of the term period.

The premium rate for permanent policies is based on age at the time of conversion, and remains the same for the life of the contract.

## Vital Statistics

Marriage License Issued  
NIEBAUM - DEDOBELAERE  
—Wayne Everett Niebaum and Mariline Ann Marie DeDobelaere both of Roseburg.

## Douglas County's Primary Election Vote Canvassed

Canvassing of the primary election ballots by the county clerk's office showed a few minor discrepancies in the election outcome, over the unofficial tabulation compiled by the News-Review. The final count, however, was not sufficient to alter the outcome in any contested office.

The canvass showed the final count to be as follows: Republican — For U. S. senator, Hoover 1838, McBride 457, Morse 2531, for U. S. representative in Congress, Ellsworth 4226, for governor, McKay 4504; for labor commissioner, Kimsey, 3570.

The Democratic vote for these same officers was: For U. S. senator, Latourettey 1146, Wood 1784; for U. S. representative, Shaw 1666 and Swanson 1402; for governor, Flegel 1800, Pearson 641, Wallace 742; for labor commissioner, Morgan 2465.

The Republican vote for state representative was: Geddes 3437, Goodmanson 1566, Hubbard 2257; for county commissioner, Beckley 2035, Helvey 927 and McGee 1852.

On the Democratic ticket the vote was: For state representative, Jackson 2365, Leiken 1569; for district attorney, David 109 (write-in); for county judge, Cracraft 2491, Hill 34 (write-in); for county commissioner, Williams 2491, for McGee 19 (write-in); for assessor, Morgan 2535.

The final tabulation for the judiciary gave Dunn 1261 votes, Toose 3923 and McGuire 2817.

The name of William G. East for circuit judge did not appear on the ballot, as he was unopposed on the judiciary (non-political) ticket.

The Justice of peace races resulted as follows: Republican, Calapoola district Kabler 202; Watson 323; Drain district, Redifer 6 (write-in) and Leonard 50 (write-in); Glendale district, Skillings 89, Otis 6 (write-in), Moore 4 (write-in), Edson 4 (write-in); Reedsport district, Wright 241, Hial 190.

Justice of Peace, Democrats, Drain district, Leonard 206; Glendale, Mohr 83 and Otis 63; Reedsport district, Wright 176 and Hial 218 (both write-ins); Calapoola, Watson 31, Kabler 12 (both write-ins).

For the Port of Umpqua commission the Republican vote was as follows: Charles Manscheck for the two-year term, 413; Harold T. Lewis, four-year term, 387, and Norman Weatherly, four-year term, 417.

The Democratic vote, all write-ins, included, Tolman 3, Waggoner term, and Lewis 26 and Weatherly 7 for the four-year terms.

## Confirmation Service Planned

This Sunday, May 28, eight young people will be received as communicant members of Faith Lutheran church through the rite of confirmation.

The confirmation service will be a part of the Pentecost worship, conducted at 11 a.m. in the Roseburg armory, the temporary meeting place of Faith church.

The eight young people have completed a course of instruction offered by the church in Bible study, church history, and the church.

Included in the class to be confirmed are Cozette Anderson, Matt Christensen, Dorothy Evans, Eileen Hilbert, Steve Gallant, Carl Johnson, Don Nicklason and Warren Nicklason. Pastor Willis F. Erickson has been their instructor. Holy Communion will also be observed at this festive service.

Arrangements are still being made for the beginning of construction on the new Faith church sometime during the summer. The site where the building will be erected is located in Taylor's addition, near the 1300 block on West Second street.

## AWARDED CONTRACT

Meade and Hobson, Grants Pass, was awarded a contract on a low bid of \$16,812 for guard rail and sight post erection on the Pacific and Oregon Coast highways. The bid was opened by the Oregon State Highway commission at its meeting Thursday. The work would be in Douglas, Coos, Jackson and Josephine counties.

## LIENS RELEASED

The state tax commission filed five releases of income tax liens in circuit court Wednesday. They were: Mrs. Eben Mode, Roseburg, \$5,68; Phillip H. Spriggs, Sutherlin, \$43,24 and \$24.18; J. P. Heath and Craig Heath doing business as Heath Brothers Logging Co., Myrtle Creek, \$107.03.

## Spelling Of 'Nucleus' Scientists' Headache

BETHLEHEM, Pa., May 26 — A Lehigh university professor has a proof that minds capable of penetrating the heart of atom age science can tumble to grade school rank in spelling git out.

Dr. Harold V. Anderson, professor of chemistry, has a list of 68 ways the word nucleus can be misspelled. It runs from such reasonable variations as "neucleus" and "nucleus" to exotic sports like "neucleuous" and "neucleus's".

The professor has compiled his list over the last 25 years. Most of it was contributed in student papers. But the rest comes from correspondence with the master minds of science in research and industry.

## 12 DIE IN RAIL CRASH

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, May 26 — (AP) — Twelve persons were killed and 12 other injured early today, when an express train and a freight train collided in Slovakia.

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