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TAKING A TRIP

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We will be away from town for a few days.

Being too lazy to write our column in advance for use during our absence, we have "scissored" material from other newspapers. Consequently other Oregon editors will be guest writers during our absence.

The trip we are taking is in connection with an event which has received little publicity yet has stirred up tremendous interest among the state's conservationists.

We are going to Warner valley, in Lake county, a section of Oregon we have not seen previously. It is there that the State Land board is proposing to sell several thousand acres of public lands for agricultural purposes. The plan involves drainage of some swamp land in one of the state's finest migratory fowl resting areas.

Protest Is Widespread

The Oregon Game commission is raising strenuous objection to the original drainage and irrigation plan. In this protest the commission has been joined by duck hunters and conservationists.

Intervening in the dispute, Governor McKay has ordered an on-the-ground inspection.

The project will be viewed by representatives from the State Land board, Board of Control, Game commission, U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, Bureau of Land Management and other state and federal agencies.

Federal agencies are involved because the project includes plans for a trade for intermingled lands under control of the Bureau of Land Management.

Many conservationists have become interested and have been invited to participate in the inspection. The Game commission has set up a camp at Hart mountain antelope refuge headquarters for the convenience of sportsmen. Large groups are expected from all parts of the state. Facilities have been provided where visitors may camp, furnishing their own bedding rolls. A camp cook will prepare meals, if desired, but the cost will be collected. Transportation is to be furnished for ground tours, and state officers will be flown over the valley for an inspection from the air.

Should Put Land To Best Use

The Warner valley dispute may prove of great importance as a matter of precedence. It may be the start of a program to put public land to its best economic use. It also will have an important bearing on the increasing conflict between agriculture and wildlife.

A few years ago the State Land board leased many thousands of acres in lower Warner valley to cattlemen at an exceedingly low fee. Swamps were drained, thus taking the land out of use for the seasonal heavy population of migratory waterfowl. It is feared the same thing will happen in the northern part of the valley if existing plans, now under investigation, are not amended.

Information gathered and published by the Game commission indicates that agricultural values of the area are low. Irrigation is essential, but the supply of surplus water is limited. Alkalinity is a critical factor. The Game commission contends that the lands have greater value for waterfowl use than for submarginal agriculture.

Bird Population Needs Room

Steady encroachment by agriculture on waterfowl habitat has critically affected the country's bird population. Hundreds of thousands of acres of swamp lands have been "reclaimed" in late years. In many instances the "reclaimed" land has proven almost worthless for agriculture, has been abandoned, and today exists as dry desert.

Ducks Unlimited, an organization of conservationists, has spent millions of dollars, raised by voluntary contributions, to restore swamps and lakes and thus undo the damage caused by mistaken reclamationists in Canada where the birds breed and nest. But heavy losses of habitat along this country's flyways are critical, insofar as wildlife is concerned. As resting areas are reduced, birds are concentrated too thickly on remaining habitat, causing much agricultural damage, while being decimated by hunters.

If drainage projects result in greater economic use of the land for agriculture than for wildlife habitat, then there is excuse for reclamation. But too many projects have been costly mistakes. The forthcoming Warner valley inspection is to determine how to secure the best agricultural economy with the least possible damage to waterfowl habitat.

We should have an interesting trip.

In the Day's News

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of buying guns and spreading them around among the neighbors.

Still, I rather imagine that if I were in Congress I would vote for the program. I wouldn't know what else to do.

I'm sure, however, that if we permit ourselves to fall for the delusion that we can HIRE SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO OUR FIGHTING FOR US we'll be gone gossling. Rome proved that for us some 20 centuries ago.

When Roman citizens ceased to be willing to bare their breasts to

the foe and began to hire mercenaries to fill up the legions, it was the beginning of the end of Rome.

THERE is a curious little tale in the news about Loves Park, Illinois. Loves Park is a suburb of the city of Rockford. It was incorporated as a city back in 1947, but it seems that through some boggle or other ITS ORDINANCES DIDN'T TAKE and now it has no city laws.

I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of people in Illinois took it into their heads to MOVE TO LOVES PARK. Laws are getting so numerous that any place that has fewer of them is beginning to look attractive.

AND here's a strange, strange story from Stuttgart, in the

Problem Child—



Douglas Sheriff's Posse Takes Part In Rodeo

Roseburg and Douglas county were well represented at the Josephine County Sheriff's Posse rodeo held at Grants Pass Saturday and Sunday.

Participating in the two-day affair were the Douglas county sheriff's posse and the local rodeo queen, Ardis Giles, and her court of princesses.

Del McKay, who took the queen and her court to Grants Pass, said the Josephine county rodeo was similar to the one held yearly at Roseburg, with stock furnished by Christiansen Bros., of Eugene.

He said the local girls were entertained throughout the day and participated in the parade and grand entry Saturday night. McKay said the Douglas county sheriff's posse was impressive in its drill presentation at the Sunday show.

Sutherland High School Baccalaureate Held

Baccalaureate services for the class of 1950 of Sutherland high school were held Sunday evening at the high school gymnasium. The setting was in the class colors.

The following program was enjoyed by a capacity audience:

Processional, "March" from Aida by Verdi;
Invocation—The Rev. C. E. Brittain;
Choral, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Steffe—mixed chorus;
Scripture reading—The Rev. Lloyd Whitford;
Baccalaureate sermon—Rev. Brittain—"Heavy Roads Ahead";
Choral, "To Thee We Sing"—Tkaeh—mixed chorus;
Benediction—Rev. Whitford;
Recessional, "March" from Aida by Verdi.

American Legion Club Safes At Baker Looted

BAKER, June 6.—(AP)—More than \$2,000 in cash was looted from two safes at the American Legion club in Baker between 3:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, police reported.

Burglars entered a basement window, jimmied the doors on the safes, smashed slot machines and caused considerable damage by smashing doors inside the building, police said.

western part of Germany:
"Wine growers of the state of Wuertemberg-Baden met this week to find a way to meet the danger of growing Coca Cola consumption, the Sueddeutsche Zeitung (South German Newspaper) reported today.

"The newspaper said the growers decided IT WAS UP TO THEM TO PRODUCE BETTER, HEALTHIER WINE SO THE PEOPLE WILL DRINK MORE OF IT."

OVER most of the rest of the world we'd have yelled bloody murder for a law or a tax or a tariff to keep the wicked Coca Cola out. These Wuertembergers draw their belts a hole tighter and allow as how if they're going to keep people drinking wine instead of coke, it's up to them to MAKE BETTER WINE!!!!

They're old-fashioned and stuck in the mud and dead to all modern political progress. But I can't help admiring their rugged individualism.

THE way to meet competition is to make a better product! That idea is so old and so time-tested and so sound that it's practically revolutionary.

An amateur owning a radio station must have both an operator's and a station license, but he must have an operator's license before he can obtain one for his station.

Escapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

Just as soon as I finish this Scrap and fix lunch for a hungry husband, I am going to take a folder, which was enclosed in a letter in yesterday's mail, and hie me to the woods. Since the woods begin just one jump from the kitchen door, I'll hear Smoky barking if you happen to drive up while I'm counting how many varieties of fern I can find.

The letter was from Charles F. Ross, farm forestry specialist at Corvallis; he is author of the enlightening "Trees to Know in Oregon." Did you send for your copy? Mr. Ross remarks in his letter . . . "apparently people over the state are following the advice of yourself and others to get a copy, for our supply was exhausted in less than two months. A second printing is now being set up."

The leaflet which was enclosed with the letter is called *Ferns to Know in Oregon* (Yes, you guessed it) "Within the next six months we may prepare a simple publication on Oregon shrubs, as this is needed for our 4-H forestry club work."

There are eleven species of fern

Arrests Clear Up Series Of Thefts At Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, June 6.—(AP)—What state police have termed a "den of thieves" in a suburban Klamath Falls is being cleaned up today and three persons are in jail for implication in from 25 to 30 burglaries and thefts in the past few months.

State police Sergeant Earl Tichenor identified the prisoners as: William Alfred Perkins, 19; Nina Johnson, 40, and Joseph Anton Diethelm, 21.

Warrants are out for a fourth member of the suburban household believed by police to have taken part in several of the crimes. He is Harley Johnson, 21, son of Nina Johnson.

Tichenor said Perkins has admitted several major burglaries and told of "so many smaller thefts he can't remember them all." Perkins is named in two charges of burglary, two of grand larceny and one of petty larceny. He was arrested after police discovered the print of an iron-rimmed boot heel at the scene of a farm equipment theft Thursday night. Perkins admitted owning and wearing

Tennile Eighth Grade Holds Graduation

The eighth grade graduation exercises of the Tennile school were held Friday evening, June 1, at the Tennile church. The front of the church was decorated with blue and white streamers, the class colors.

The program was as follows: invocation by the Rev. W. W. Appleyard; a play, "Annoying Interruptions," a song, "Aloha Oe" by the class; class will by Judith Thompson; address by Rev. Appleyard; a play, "Ze Wonderful Assistant," class prophecy by Carol Maisebach; a song, "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" by the class.

Virgil Vance, chairman of the school board, presented diplomas to the following students: Karen Rowell, Darlene Howell, Judith Thomson, Carol Jean Maisebach, Ingrid Lindberg, Birgit Lundstrom, Mozelle Welsh, Hazel Young, Shirley DeGnath, Royal Stevens and Nathan Moffet.

The teacher of the class was the principal, Ted Peterson.

Guard Company To Leave Friday For Encampment

Company D, 180th Infantry of the 41st division of the Oregon National Guard, composed of 90 men and five officers, will leave for Ft. Lewis, Wash., Friday for a two-week encampment, according to company commander, Capt. Alfred D. Boyer.

Capt. Boyer said the number of Roseburg National Guard members attending the 1950 encampment will be the largest since reactivation of the company two years ago. Last summer, 26 men attended the Ft. Lewis encampment. He said 65 members of the Roseburg company will be attending a summer encampment for the first time.

The Roseburg company has been rated by the state adjutant general as a class A group since the first of this year. Capt. Boyer said the company will also receive a rating based on performances, discipline and appearances during the Ft. Lewis encampment.

During the encampment, the Oregon National Guard will combine with units of the Washington National Guard in extensive field maneuvers. The Roseburg company will receive special training in infantry heavy weapons. An eight-hour indoctrination course in atomic phases of warfare will climax the encampment training program.

The company will assemble at the armory Friday at 1 p.m. for a preliminary checkup on equipment and to prepare for the Washington trip. The members of the company will be dismissed late in the afternoon Friday and report back to the armory at 7 p.m. The guard company will then load their equipment and board the train for Ft. Lewis.

God's Laws Hold Answer To Chaos, Church Head Says



HEADS CHURCH—Walter S. Cross, above, Fitchburg, Mass., has been named president of The Mother Church, The First Church

Two Bands Engaged For Dances During Rodeo

Bob Murray, chairman of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored rodeo dances, announced today that Rocky Starr's western dance band has been signed to play two engagements for the rodeo dances.

Dances to be held in conjunction with the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse rodeo, will be held Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24, at Kennedy's Old Dutch Mill and the armory.

Starr's band, composed of six musicians and a girl singer, will open June 23 at Kennedy's while Chuck and his Rhythm Kings will play for the armory dances. The following night, the two cowboy bands will switch with Starr playing at the armory.

Murray said the rodeo queen and her court of lovely princesses will make appearances at both the armory and Kennedy's dances. The girls will be introduced to the public and take part in the evening's entertainment.

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