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IMPORTANT DECISION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The controversy over land and water use in Warner valley, located in Lake county, has attracted nationwide attention from conservationists. While the issue may seem comparatively unimportant, on a national scale, the precedent may have far-reaching influence.

Expanding agricultural usage of land steadily is reducing wildlife habitat. Conservationists contend that much of this habitat destruction is unnecessary and uneconomical; that submarginal lands, particularly when overproduction of farm crops is costing the nation billions of dollars to sustain parity prices, may better be used for wildlife propagation.

Warner valley furnishes an ideal test case. It is Oregon's second best migratory bird nesting area, being surpassed only by the Malheur lake region, where the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service has spent more than three and one-half million dollars to improve waterfowl habitat. A private corporation, capitalized at \$3,000,000, now is seeking to lease 8,000 acres of swamp land from the State Land board and is proposing to divert waters essential to maintenance of duck nesting habitat in Petri marsh, adjoining the proposed reclamation project.

Wildlife Agencies Protest

The all-inclusive plan, in fact, involves a proposal whereby the state of Oregon, through purchase and exchange, would take title to approximately 60,000 acres (it already owns 33,800 acres) and would put in reclamation projects covering about one-third of the valley floor. Conservationists fear that the current 8,000-acre project is only an opening wedge for the much more ambitious program.

The Oregon Game commission and U. S. Fish and Wildlife service object strenuously to reclamation development which would damage the capacity of the valley for production of migratory waterfowl.

As a counter proposal, it has been suggested to the Bureau of Land Management, which controls about 68,000 acres, that a trade be made with the State Land board and all area suitable for waterfowl production be grouped under federal ownership to be turned over to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service for game management in cooperation with the Oregon Game commission.

If a pattern can be created in Warner valley, giving recognition to the needs of game habitat and establishing values between agricultural and game propagation uses, that pattern will be extremely valuable in the many similar disputes existing elsewhere throughout the country.

Naturally, there are extreme opinions on both sides. Radical conservationists would deny all agricultural encroachments, while some agriculturists ignore all wildlife propagation requirements.

Residents Want No Change

Participating last week in the Warner valley inspection trip, we found Warner valley and Lakeview and Klamath Falls residents almost unanimously opposed to both the State Land board's proposed reclamation project and the Game commission's management program. They want Warner valley left alone—period. They feel the cost of the reclamation project, despite the fact it would be borne by a private corporation, would not be justified. They fear the corporation plans a promotional program of colonization and exploitation. They fear, too, that a game management program would ultimately open the area as a public shooting grounds.

It would be our personal opinion that the state of Oregon might well proceed with the 8,000-acre reclamation project, providing the development was at state expense, title and management retained by the state, and the land utilized for hay or pasture rather than grain, as now proposed, and that grazing leases be given the present agriculturists of the valley. We believe the state could obtain much higher financial returns from the land under such program than through leases to a private corporation and there would be no risk of promotional exploitation and the possible bilking of colonists.

Any reclamation development also should safeguard the water supply for Petri marsh and the further north "Pothole" area the valley's principal waterfowl nesting sections, which, in turn, should be made game management areas.

LETTERS to the Editor

Disgrace And Shame

ROSEBURG—I hope the parents and the high school boys and girls, who acted in the way Mrs. C. M. Daly described in her letter to the News-Review of Saturday, June 10, will be so ashamed they will not try to disgrace the Roseburg citizens in that way any more. It made us all feel like putting our heads down in shame.

CHARLES E. THOMAS, Roseburg, Ore.

BAND TO REHEARSE

The Roseburg city band will hold its first rehearsal Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Elks lodge. All former members of the band are urged to be present. Any person interested in playing in the band should call Clyde W. Moore at 1706-J or be present at tonight's rehearsal.

Buildings At Higher Schools To Be Improved

PORTLAND, June 13—(AP)—The State Board of Higher Education went forward here with plans to improve the architecture building at the University of Oregon and the home economics building at Oregon State. Annan, Kennedy and Boone were selected as architects to design a new wing for the architecture building. Burns, Bear and McNeil were named to design a new wing on the home economics structure. Both firms are in Portland. The board also agreed to add to the heating plants at Oregon State, and build a tunnel system to carry all the utility lines on the campus. Dr. Harry K. Newburn, University of Oregon president, reported on a plan for teacher training at Oregon. Under the program, the Eugene school district would cooperate with the university in building a new structure for training of graduate students.

Pepper was once considered so valuable that it doubled for money.

Kibitzer



In the Day's News

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music, you never can tell what you might do.

STILL—If America were dying, as old China is dying, and our rich men, whose fortunes have been made in America, ran away and refused to come back and die with the rest of us who were staying—

Well, in that event we would know WHY AMERICA WAS DYING.

ANOTHER highlight: The other night, in Jacksonville, Florida, QUADRUPLE AMPUTEE Jimmy Wilson was married to Dorothy Mortenson, his classroom sweetheart. After their honeymoon they will settle down at Boulder, where Jimmy will enter the law college of the University of Colorado.

WHY is that a highlight of the news?

To understand that, you must understand what a quadruple amputee is. A quadruple amputee is a person who has lost both hands and both feet. Jimmy lost his in a wartime bomber crash.

LET the teletype take it from there:

"The twilight ceremony was a gay affair, with no overtones of tragedy. Jimmy walked to the altar with steady tread (on his artificial feet) . . . after both spoke I WILL in firm voices, JIMMY WITH HIS SILVERED HOOK-HAND received the ring from his best man and deftly placed it on the finger of his 23-year-old bride . . .

After a brief reception, they headed for Canada with Jimmy at the wheel (handling it with his artificial hands and pushing the pedals with his artificial feet.)"

LOT of people insist on telling us the world gets steadily worse and worse.

I can't believe it.

There was a time, not too long ago, at that, when if Jimmy had lived at all he would have lived to be a BEGGAR ON THE STREETS, at the worst, or at the best to earn his meager living selling papers on a corner, with people buying from him instead of some other newsie OUT OF PITY FOR HIS PLIGHT.

Now, thanks to modern progress, he is the self-respecting husband of a girl who married him, not out of pity but because she loved him and thought he was all right and he is starting to law school to learn to be a lawyer and earn a self-respecting living.

Tell that to the next pessimist who tries to make you believe the world is getting worse instead of better.

ANOTHER highlight of the news that I can't resist:

In Baltimore a couple of gamblers got into a quarrel over a card game. They agreed to go home and get their guns and shoot it out.

They did.

The one who was killed in the duel HAD HAD A GUN SLIPPED TO HIM SOMEHOW THAT WOULDN'T GO OFF.

THE trouble with gambling is that there just doesn't seem to be any way to make gamblers honest.



As a rule I don't write this column at two o'clock in the morning. As soon as I finish this, put out the cat, and take one last long look around to make sure we aren't forgetting something—we always do—we're starting for British Columbia.

It's hard to believe it for we've been on the point of starting for there so many times, for three years! Something always pops up at the last minute. Last week, some folks thought they would buy our house. We unpacked out suitcases, unloaded the car, and waited . . . but just wishing wasn't enough, apparently; they told us a day or so later they couldn't make it.

We planned to start this week, and skip the school election, or rather, voting on question of consolidation. Then we decided the school question was more important, and we waited for that. It was this evening.

To my surprise we didn't just go and vote. There was a regular meeting preceding the voting, at which anyone who wished spoke on the issue: to consolidate or not to consolidate with our neighboring district?

It was a refreshing experience, really it was! An experience that made one feel grateful to live in a

Business Barometers Now Point To Very High Level Of Activity For Months To Come

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK—(AP)—How firm a foundation supports the business boom and the year-old bull market in industrial stocks is a matter of debate.

But today we find a number of leaders going on the record as to the prospects for their specific industries in the weeks and months ahead. Most of them are outright optimistic. Some of them include the word caution.

There are interesting guesses as to what to expect in apparel, shoes, furniture, autos, newsprint, oil, steel, copper and factory construction. Also some government business statistics out today shed light on what's making these industries tick.

Oil production in Texas should jump 100,000 barrels a day next month—this is the estimate of the industry's needs by Ernest O. Thompson of the Texas railroad commission which turns the oil well valves on and off in the state. Thompson has been looking at the rush of cars off the Detroit assembly lines, at the new diesels, at the smoke of eastern factories powered by heavy oil.

Auto producers say this week will show a new record in the output of cars and trucks. Charles E. Wilson, General Motors president, says the year's output for the industry will go well over seven million units. Steelmen say that delivery quotas may have to be cut in July and August because of the carry-over of unfilled orders. Even with the mills going at more than rated capacity the orders are piling up.

The second quarter of 1950 promises to be the best quarter the wood household furniture industry has ever enjoyed," says Frank E. Seidman of the industry's accounting firm, Seidman & Seidman. Further, he predicts that first half year output will be "within inches" of the record in 1948. The home building boom gets the credit. Apparel Making Spurt: And even a laggard joins the pa-

Truman Tells Farm Group Of 'Fair Deal' Goal

WASHINGTON, June 13—(AP)—President Truman laid down the goals of his "fair deal" program yesterday to a radio farm group which called at the White House to pay their respects.

"All we are striving for is to have business and industry, and labor and the farmer on an equal basis, all getting their fair share of the wealth of this great nation," Mr. Truman said.

He recalled that he used to be a farmer himself and he said his two nephews at "Grandview, Mo., have the reputation of being right good farmers." He still listens to farm radio broadcasts nearly every morning at 5:30 o'clock, he said.

Declaring that "the progress in farm organization and farm management has been just as great as it has been in our industrial organization and industrial management," Mr. Truman added:

"We are no more worried about getting enough to eat. The only difficulty we have now is with the distribution system, and if we can get that distribution system organized on the same basis as the farm production system and the industrial production system, then most of our domestic problems will be solved.

"We are now in the midst of an increase in that (the nation's) immense income," Mr. Truman said, "and we want to keep that increase on an even basis, so that the industrial production, and the farm production, and the distribution of these two productions will be on a basis so that everybody can have a fair share, and at a price that we can afford to pay.

"I think that is the objective of what you might name the fair deal program, the present administration," Mr. Truman said to the group.

With a pleased look on his face, the President reminded the group of a 1948 incident when he told campaign crowds of seeing a picture of Thomas E. Dewey and Earl Warren, the GOP nominees, posed before a farm gate that was "upside down."

"But that was all right—it didn't make any difference—didn't cost anybody anything. Made me some votes—which was all right."

Sutherlin

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Aldrop and Wilfred Kincaid of Sutherlin were accompanied by Ned Neilson and John Anderson, of Eugene to Poyers, Ore., Sunday, where they attended a Norwegian picnic, returning home by the coast highway.

Mrs. Belle Cook is spending a few days at North Bend, visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cook.

Mrs. George Green was a business visitor in Roseburg Wednesday.

Sutherlin Fruit Growers association had the roof of their warehouse repaired and fire-proofed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green have purchased the Moore ranch northwest of Oakland and their son and family Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green, will reside there. George Green will work there when not busy at his carpenter trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cracroft left Friday for Portland where they attended the Rose Festival. They will go from there to Ontario, Ore., where they will attend State Grange convention. Cracroft is chairman of the forestry committee.

Mrs. Willard Norris and daughter, Kathy, and Mrs. Edgar Slack and son, Michael, shopped and transacted business in Roseburg Thursday.

CAR INSPECTOR KILLED

ALBANY, Ore., June 13—(AP)—Injuries suffered in a freight car accident Saturday proved fatal yesterday for Floyd Birch, 23.

A Southern Pacific car inspector, he was injured while at work. Surviving are the widow and two sons.



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DEER PARK, Wash., (AP)—Ben Fredericks bought the prize cow at the Inland Empire Guernsey club sale and was promptly rewarded with his first dividend. The cow gave birth to a sturdy bull calf 20 minutes after she was sold for \$1175, top prize paid for the day.

The cow, Revile Duke's Belle, was consigned by Earl and Sadie Cruse of Deer Park. Cruse said the calf was due two days ago.

Fredericks, of course, gets the offspring, too. It had been born a half hour earlier, Cruse figures he could have kept it.

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