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TO PROTECT RESOURCES

By Charles V. Stanton

Protection of natural resources from unnecessary damage is the purpose of a plan worked out cooperatively between the U. S. Forest service and The California Oregon Power company.

The power company has agreed to pay all costs for maintenance of a Forest service representative at its Tokete station. The Forest service employee will be charged with keeping damage to resources at a minimum while the power company continues its North Umpqua river hydroelectric development.

Close cooperation will be maintained by the Forest service with the Oregon Game commission, State Sanitary authority and other affected agencies, states "Bob" Auferheide, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest. Auferheide worked out details of the arrangement with John Boyle, Copco's vice-president and manager, who was reported to be very cooperative.

Under a new provision in the Copco contract with the Federal Hydroelectric commission, the Forest service is given authority to protect resources involved in construction work. Efforts will be made to preserve scenic values, reduce siltation and erosion to a minimum and prevent any unnecessary destruction.

Fishermen Protest Siltation

The arrangement will be particularly pleasing to fishermen who have raised strenuous protest against siltation resulting from construction work at Tokete. Copco claimed it was using every effort to keep the river as clear as possible, but upriver recreation was adversely affected throughout the entire season. Sportsmen charged that much dirt was dumped into the stream unnecessarily.

Still to be constructed is a regulating dam at Soda Springs. Copco also is building a road along the north side of the river from Tokete to Marsters bridge. Both of these jobs will disturb the river for many miles downstream. Several projects remain to be built above Tokete, but it is believed that construction of the regulating dam will cause silt coming from above to be deposited, thus reducing downstream siltation. It is expected, however, that some siltation will result until both the dam and roadway have been completed. It will be the responsibility of the Forest service representative to supervise construction work and keep river damage at a minimum.

Spawning Beds Endangered

Fishery interests, including sportsmen, are deeply concerned about the effect of silt deposits on spawning beds this season. Spring chinook salmon, a species critically depleted in the Umpqua river, are now in their spawning period. Eggs are deposited in nests, 10 to 18 inches deep, scooped out in beds of fine gravel. After the eggs have been placed in the nests, they are covered with gravel and left to incubate. Successful hatching requires that the covered eggs be constantly washed by fresh water. If silt is permitted to deposit over the nests, the eggs will be smothered.

Another serious effect of siltation is the destruction of insect life, as eggs and larvae of aquatic bugs are buried under deposits of fine silt.

The North Umpqua project is difficult to control because the soil is a powderlike pumice which carries for long distances before being deposited, also discoloring the water to the detriment of sports fishing.

While the presence of a Forest service representative will not stop siltation entirely, it is expected that the situation will be greatly improved.

VA Stops Entries Into Hospitals

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Veterans administration has ordered a halt to admitting veterans to naval hospitals except in emergency cases.

The action followed a similar order Aug. 22 to make more beds in army hospitals available to Korean war casualties.

A VA announcement said the defense department is reserving 3,880 beds in navy hospitals for army and air force patients.

As a result, the 2,000 beds the VA has contracted for with the navy will be cut to 470.

VA patients now in naval hospitals will continue to be cared

for there during the next six weeks. If more than 470 remain after six weeks, the number will be brought in line by transfers to veterans hospitals, the VA said.

The Veterans administration has 143 hospitals of its own with approximately 114,000 beds. Twelve new hospitals with 3,000 beds are scheduled to be opened this year.

Naval hospitals where beds will be kept for veterans include: Corpus Christi, Tex., 25 beds; San Diego, 100; Oakland, 100; Guam, 10 and Bremerton, Wash., 25.

Hospital Council Meets Wednesday In Roseburg

The Red Cross hospital council of southern Oregon met in Roseburg Wednesday to plan hospital needs for October and November, both for Roseburg and Camp White at Medford.

Many of these supplies, such as party and tray favors for Halloween and Thanksgiving, will be done by the children of southern Oregon through the Jr. Red cross, and will be assembled and shipped to the hospitals in time for the holidays.

Members were in attendance from Benton, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties for a luncheon at Carl's Haven, following which the meeting was adjourned to the Red Cross offices at the Veterans hospital.

Men Dig In To Protect Picnic From Ant Attack

LONG BEACH, Calif. — (AP) — This is the kind of outing you've always dreamed about—a picnic without ants.

Remembering how badly the pesky pests got into the sugar bowl and potato salad at last year's city employes picnic, Dr. Frank Harnett, head of the program, decided the 1950 event would be different.

At his direction, Hugh Easton and a battalion of city workers, established a beachhead at Recreation park today, armed with every conceivable insecticide. And from now until the tablecloths and food are spread out Saturday, they'll battle to exterminate every one of the crawling varmints.

Kentucky Legislator Sees Whiskey Shortage

WASHINGTON — (AP) — For lack of soda ash the bottles are missing, and for lack of the bottles there may not be enough whiskey for the Christmas trade.

That was the word passed to reporters by Senator Withers (D-Ky.). Withers said Kentucky distillers, approaching the peak bottling season, are faced with a bottle shortage because of a chemical workers' strike in soda ash plants.

Soda ash is needed for bottle making. The strike, involving pensions and wages, has been underway since June 12.

Withers said he was told that the bottling for the Christmas business is customarily done in October.

Drunken Driving Charge Draws Jail Term, Fine

Ray Joseph Phifer, 45, of Myrtle Creek was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail and fined \$250 upon pleading guilty to a charge of drunken driving, reported Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes. Phifer was arrested by the state police.

NOW SWELLED HEADS

CLEVELAND — (AP) — Win, lose or draw, the Cleveland Indians can't be accused of having swelled heads as long as Lou Boudreau and Marjino Pieretti are on the squad. The manager's cap size of 6 1/2 and new-comer Pieretti's of 6 1/4 are almost certain to run one-two in any contest for the smallest in the major leagues.

In Lieu of Statesmanship



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vlahnett S. Martin

"Some women sniff at housewifery," says Henrietta Nesbitt in her delightful "White House Diary," "but it's something to fall back on when their other arts and sciences fail. My knowing how to keep house pulled us through the depression and into the White House. At a smart salary, let me add. As for excitement and glamor, well, there aren't many career women who have found themselves chatting with the Queen of England. I've known women who left their homes to find romance in travel, but they never met up with the folks I have. They never bumped into Mr. Churchill or went shopping for Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

"If I sound pretty smug, perhaps it's because I've been happy, and I guess happy people are always a little smug. Looking back, I can see that no matter how much Dad (Mr. Nesbitt) and I had to pull against, we had a happy marriage... not an easy one, because there were hard work and hard luck all the way, with never quite enough to go round comfortably and leave a little trimming for safety."

But it was a kindly thought for the veteran son of a friend that really opened the door to the White House. The lad was not allowed white bread so Mrs. Nesbitt who doesn't "approve of white flour anyway, sent away for some special ground whole wheat flour and made up a batch for the young man. I gave a loaf to Mrs. Saltford and she gave some to her friend Mrs. Lent, and she gave some to Mrs. Roosevelt. That's the way things get passed among neighbors at Hyde Park. Mrs. Roosevelt came right over. It's given me an idea, Mrs. Nesbitt."

Next thing Mrs. Nesbitt knew she was baking, right in her own home some extra things for Hyde Park. "I'd known for some time something drastic had to be done, but I hadn't known what to do until she told me. Baking was right up my alley. Best of all I could do it right in my own kitchen. And then, in 1933, she found herself, "just a hombody!" installed as a housekeeper at the White House.

"A most amazing picture of the first kitchen in the land that wasn't even sanitary" makes one sure succeeding White House hostesses will bless the name of Eleanor Roosevelt who did — and it was no easy job! — at last get a modern kitchen into "that wonderful old house that didn't have even necessities." Mrs. Nesbitt's staff, for instance, squeezed 2 1/2 crates of lemons with an old-fashioned hand squeezer! Cockroaches and rats were a major problem.

Recipes are sprinkled through the pages of salty and spicy comment. It's a fascinating book! (Thanks to Mrs. Doubleday, of Highway 38, for the loan of the serial clippings from the Los Angeles News!)

Portland Bank Clearings Set New All-Time Mark

PORTLAND — (AP) — Bank clearings set an all-time high mark for this city Thursday—\$53,968,322.35, nearly ten million dollars above the previous high on Sept. 17, 1948.

Banks said the booming lumber and plywood markets, large crop settlements and a rush to beat installment credit curbs effective Monday explain the large jump.

War Veterans' Aid Approved

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Over the President's veto, the House Thursday passed and sent to the Senate a bill providing all Spanish-American war veterans out-patient (clinic) medical treatment at government expense.

The vote was 321 to 122, or 89 more than the required two thirds. The President vetoed the bill on the ground it would "set a most undesirable precedent for the future."

Russians Claim Japanese Forced To Work In Korea

MOSCOW — (AP) — Russian papers said today that Japanese laborers are being forcibly mobilized for work in Korea.

A Shanghai dispatch said Tokyo press accounts reported Japanese workers were gathered in 10 Japanese cities for jobs as stevedores in Korea.

The dispatch said 40 fishermen at Tokonama were recruited for Japanese jobs in Yokohama, but that when they arrived there, they were told they were being sent by Military authorities to Korea. The Japanese fishermen protested and asked to be sent home, but instead were interned in a camp, the account continued.

Six of these impressed workers escaped to tell their story, Russian readers were told.

'Little Professor' Raps Red Troops

By STAN SWINTON

WITH U. S. 25TH DIVISION, KOREA — (AP) — Up among the cocky little mortars—where the rule book says it couldn't possibly be—there is a great big 155-MM. HOWITZER.

It's "the Little Professor." With it Brig. Gen. George Barth of Washington, D. C., 25th division artillery commander, is writing a new page in military tactics.

Normally big guns are kept well behind the front for safety and worked in batteries of six.

But guarded at night by an infantry platoon, "the Little Professor" sits alone right up at the front where it can reach far behind the North Korean lines into areas the Reds thought were safe from American big guns.

"When the little professor talks he throws 95 pounds of hell 11 miles," said Lt. Melyar R. Oxedine of Warrior, Ala., gun commander.

"We killed a whole platoon of enemy infantry the other day," Sgt. First Class Walter R. Frazier of East Brady, Pa., added.

"The big thing is we block their supply route. They used to bring up their ammunition and food through a pass. We stopped them."

The Communists have tried desperately—but unsuccessfully—to knock out the little professor. Twenty counter battery shells have ripped the ground around the big gun.

Proudest of the gun is Col. Henry G. Fisher of Los Angeles. He named it after a gun that supported his 317th infantry regiment in Europe. The present Little Professor fires an average of 200 rounds a day in support of another regiment under Fisher's command.

The men behind the Little Professor include the gunner, PFC John L. Rains, Cincinnati, and PFC Ralph L. Willis, Winfield, Kans., who pulls the lanyard.

Four Money Action Suits Filed In Circuit Court

The General Credit Service, Inc., has filed four suits for recovery of money for clients in the circuit court.

Named as defendants in the first was Mr. and Mrs. George Monroe for a total of \$337.76 for causes of nine different clients. Fred Chamberlain was named in two action totaling \$294.01 allegedly remaining due on accounts.

A third suit was filed against Norma B. Madden and Harvey Harrison as business partners in the N. and M. Logging Co., for \$483. The final suit was against James Alfred and Elga M. Lee for a total of \$261.97 on five separate causes of action.

Mortgage Foreclosure Is Sought In Suit

Barcus Sales and Service has filed a suit against Glenn and Virginia Brittain and James R. and Georgette Gascon in circuit court. The plaintiff asks foreclosure of a property mortgage and sale of certain property to cover a \$750 promissory allegedly unpaid by the Brittains.

The Gascons were named in the suit because the complaint states the description of property in the mortgage mistakenly included a portion of their property. The property is located in the Brookside addition and the mortgage was placed on it as security for the note.

CASUALTY REPORTED

Bill Evans, Roseburg service station operator, reported yesterday that his nephew, Marine Cpl. Robert Gray, Los Angeles, was wounded in action in Korea, Sept. 5.

Gray was employed as his uncle's service station during the summers of 1948 and 1949. Extent of the wounds is not known.

Hal Boyle Tells Of Tokyo Visit In Letter To His Wife, Frances

(Editor's note: Hal Boyle is back in Korea. He wrote this column, in the form of a letter to his wife, in Tokyo before returning to the battlefronts.)

By HAL BOYLE

TOKYO — (AP) — A letter to Frances: Well, Honey Fanny, as the boys in the army say "I got it made." I'm here! Damn it, I'm here! I thought coming to Tokyo would be a thrill, but right now I would almost be willing to vote Japan in as the 49th state.

Returning here after more than six weeks in Korea is like stepping from a smelly, muddy ditch into a banquet room at the Waldorf.

No fleas in my bed, no nasty war noises overhead, and steak instead of pork luncheon meat for dinner. That isn't Japan. It is really heaven.

I hitch-hiked over with Don Whitehead. What should be waiting on the Korean airport as we drove up but General MacArthur's own private four engine plane—the famous "Bataan."

Doug wasn't aboard himself, but one of his one-star aids was. He saw us pawing our feet bashfully in the dust and allowed as how he would take us to Tokyo if we wanted to go and didn't mind riding in a beat up old five-star plane.

And figuring we might wait a long time until a six-star general's plane came along with a better offer, we bowec to destiny and said yes.

The ride was a real treat. The brigadier general—a nice fatherly man named Wright—pointed out a volcano to us and had one of the crewmen bring us a box of lunch. We stretched out on seats that must have been warmed at one time or another by Doug himself and kept murmuring between mouthfuls:

"It only costs a little more to travel first class."

Like all those who return from a battle area to so-called civilization we were full of self pity and felt we alone appreciated the full horror of war. But as we stepped off the plane at a field near Tokyo an air force captain climbed out of his car and kissed his wife goodbye.

She drove away with her chin up and tears streaming down her cheeks, and suddenly I was humbled by the knowledge that there was more to war than I would ever know. For the first time I really understood the meaning of a line from a Milton sonnet I studied long ago:

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

And that reminds me: I thought you said in 1946 that if there was another war you would go off and enjoy it and I could stay home and bribe the butcher. Then what am I doing here? Oh well, just lucky I guess.

We felt lonesome and out of place here for the first couple of days. We hung out at the press club and swapped shop talk about the must have been correspondents back from the front. Wasn't that silly? To waste our precious leave

Senator Tobey Raps Old-Time Republicanism

CONCORD, N. H. — (AP) — Senator Charles W. Tobey, victor in one of New Hampshire's most stirring political battles, Thursday gave a verbal spanking to the "old guard" Republican leadership.

"The old Republican party is dead," he said in an interview. "It is dead because it cannot and will not learn."

The 70-year-old self-styled liberal defeated conservative Wesley Powell, one-time secretary to Sen. Styles Bridges, by 1,127 votes for the Republican senatorial nomination in Tuesday's primary.

"It was the senator's closest shave in 25 years of public life," he said.

"This victory," Tobey said, "is a vindication of my philosophy that the old-time Republicans are all through and should turn the party over to liberal-minded men who realize as Lincoln did that sympathies should go to those who carry the heaviest load."

The campaign—during which he was branded by the opposition as a "Truman Republican"—was a "Most annoying," he said. But, he added, "with victory comes a lot of forgiveness."

The senator said he believes it is time for President Truman to call a Republican into his cabinet.

"This is a very constructive act and is needed now," he said. "A member of the Republican party should be a key position in the war effort. It should be a forward-looking Republican, not one of the moribund old guard."

"He said that millions of Americans are yearning for signs of Republican leadership."

"The two-party system is vital to good politics," he added, "but we Republicans must show signs of leadership and be willing to go places for the common man."

"It seems to me the prime purpose of men in public life is to make the world a better place to live in. The test gives 2,000 years ago, 'by their fruits ye shall know them,' applies to politics today."

Eugene Chief Of Police Accepts FBI Agent Job

EUGENE — (AP) — Keith L. Jones, police chief here the past three years, has accepted appointment as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. City Manager Orin L. K. announced.

Jones has been granted a one year leave of absence from the Eugene department. King said the hoped Jones would return at that time.

Assistant Chief Ted Brown will become chief of the department upon his return, about Oct. 1, from Washington D. C. where he is studying at the FBI's national police academy.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
KENNY - PARKER — William Gordon Kenny, Idlewild Park, and Ruby June Parker, Roseburg.

ASHBY - LEWIS — Leonard William Ashby Jr. and Joan Marie Lewis, both of Roseburg.

Divorce Suits Filed
ROGERS — James M. vs. Marjorie L. Rogers. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks that custody of two minor children be granted to the defendant and plaintiff will pay \$50 monthly support money.

KEEBLER — Samuel J. vs. Opal A. Keebler. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

BARTON — Jack vs. Arlene Barton. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks approval of property settlement.

SAFE DRIVING REWARDED
ONEIDA, N. Y. — (AP) — This city's "safest driver of the day" will be rewarded in cash, beginning Monday.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will give four dollars to the motorists selected each day by traffic checkers.

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