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MAY GET ACTION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A meeting was held at Reedsport last night to set up a program of policing and regulation at Winchester Bay. This action is overdue, but it is welcome news that steps finally are being taken to improve conditions before they get worse.

Oregon never has known such fishing excitement. The sports enthusiasm borders on frenzy. It is only natural that the Winchester Bay business interests, profiting from the short season, should lend encouragement to the carnival atmosphere.

Without some sort of protective measures, however, Winchester Bay will lose heavily. It is inevitable that some reduction in number of anglers will result from the record of fatal accidents unless corrective measures are applied to encourage safety. But matters other than hazardous waters and reckless fishermen demand attention.

Unfortunately, not all fishermen are sportsmen. "Some people, when they sniff salt air, seem to go crazy," is the description given by John Amacher, chairman of the county parks board.

The parks board has given much time and attention to the Winchester Bay Tidelands Park and Boat Basin. It has endeavored to protect the public interest in this unusual sports fishery by acquiring for the public the right of access to the entire shore line. Cooperating with the port commission, it built a small boats channel, launching ramp and automobile parking area. It is now preparing to erect public rest rooms.

Public Abuses Privileges

We have had a very personal interest in the development of our unique parks and recreational program. The Winchester Bay sports fishery has been one of our chief hobbies, although we have had little opportunity to enjoy it. But we have recognized its value, not only from a recreational viewpoint, but also as a revenue-producing enterprise.

We are forced to wonder, however, whether it is worthwhile to do things for the public. When people will wreck and destroy facilities provided for them; when they will steal tables and benches from parks, damage installations, ruin trees, and dump garbage into spots reserved for pleasure, one wonders whether the effort of developing recreational facilities is worthwhile.

The Winchester Bay fishery is a good example. The county has spent a considerable sum of money for public benefit. It has endeavored to improve the recreational resources. Yet people abuse the privileges furnished them, violate rules of common courtesy and decency, and show no respect for the rights of others.

Much of the shore area at Winchester Bay is mudflat at low tide. Many fishermen, violating traditional rules of sanitation, persist in cleaning their catches in shallow water, dumping the offal into the mud to create noisome odors when the tide is out. Boat operators race through the channel at high speed, their wake tossing anchored boats around and eroding the shoreline. Boats are left anchored in the channel to obstruct traffic. Space on the launching ramp is occupied for long periods of time, impeding others from launching or removing skiffs. Cars are irregularly parked, thus limiting space for other vehicles.

Authority Must Be Provided

Naturally, these thoughtless, intolerant people constitute a small minority. The majority of fishermen, by far, are sportsmen. But the few inconsiderate people create intolerable conditions. The fact that these conditions exist demands some authority designed to protect the majority.

The policing problem offers many difficulties, inasmuch as authority must be divided between land and water. Steps now have been taken to impose some measure of control. This action doubtless will result in saving lives, protecting property, preserving the resort community from financial losses, and improving enjoyment of the fishery for participants.

From experience gained this season, it should be possible to work out a more thorough policing program for next year. It is to be hoped that all affected agencies will give full cooperation. We want no repetition of this season's tragedies and existing deplorable conditions.

Seraps From the MENDING BASKET
 by Vidneet Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Yesterday was one of those days — all I needed was to have an expected company from California surprise us. California did not fail us but such nice company! The kind you would casually invite to honk right on the moving van — if you had reached that blissful stage in progress — and ride along to the next place. As it was we all got in our borrowed jeep (their car had things in the back seat) and drove out 38 where EJ had a date to close the deal on a bare patch of ground on a hillside.

We showed the Sargents our building site. They liked it. When EJ asked "Ma Sargent where she would build the house she picked the very place EJ was hankering for — she would! But Mr. Sargent inclined toward my spot. That left EJ and me tight where we were before they came. We have been playing a kind of in-the-corner game with the Sargents for the checker! Up by the spring? Down by the highway? Save rock on the road? Better stay from the road for quiet? The ground isn't quite square. There were sheep in it, and one tree, and a couple of those wiggling things like I stepped on the other day under our clothesline here. Of course in EJ's mind, and in mine, it is bountifully covered with a house, garage, workshop, henhouse, pig pen (?), flowers, trees, fruit, a garden, and so on. You know and it isn't spring either! Well, EJ and I are not in the springtime and I like either — who's going to do all the work? Men? — they are so unpredictable! Makes me think of our boys who would collapse over the lawnmower, and a little lawn, but once free, they would hike two miles to the park and play ball all afternoon in the blazing sun! Some bigger boys go fishing!

Last fall EJ talked me into a two-door car. I did want one years ago when the boys were little! Well, it wasn't any time those seats. A while ago he saw a blue and black job and that did it! Did he look under the hood? No — all he cares about is that the car keeps going. The less he knows about what's under the hood the better alibi for letting somebody else fix things! So yesterday, on top of everything else, here he comes home in a borrowed jeep. The blue and black job is on the rails. Oh yes, it has four-doors. It

It Grows Curiouser And Curiouser



TEETH FOR TWO—Felicitas von Sendenhorst, 20-year-old Hunter College zoology student, gets an eye-tooth view of Mile. Elie at Aqueduct. The pretty veterinarian-to-be spends several mornings a week examining ailing thoroughbreds. The horses don't seem to mind a bit. Who would? (NEA)



MODERN VIKINGS—Charles Violet, left, a schoolmaster, and Stanley Vith, both of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, expect to mail the difficult east-west crossing of the Atlantic against prevailing winds aboard a 20-foot sloop in the neighborhood of 10 weeks. Now in mid-ocean, the Nova Espero is due in New York Aug. 1. (NEA)

Suicide Effort Made By Using Rattlesnake

ILION, N. Y. —(AP) — A carnival worker was in critical condition here from a snake-bite incurred in what police said was a suicide attempt prompted by his brother's death in Korea. George Morgan, about 27, of Camden, N. J., put the head of a deadly rattler in his mouth and was bitten on the tongue, police said.

Morgan is a World War II veteran, and was wounded in action. The Federal Communications Commission today has nearly 800 radio authorizations outstanding.

Reader Opinions

Criticism Of Umpqua Forest Status Answered

ROSEBURG — I would appreciate having you publish this in your "Readers Opinion" column. It is a reply to Mr. George Weber's letter published in your paper on July 11.

As a group probably no one enjoys the primitive, natural outdoors more than forest service personnel. It is easy for us to understand and appreciate Mr. Weber's resentment toward the changes occurring in the Umpqua forest which heretofore have been relatively untouched. If I could have the administration of the Umpqua forest as it was twenty years ago, I would make the change in a minute. Think of the fish I could catch in the river and at Diamond lake!

A price is always paid for progress. A forest with 23 billion board feet of timber is too valuable to set aside exclusively for recreational use. Recreation certainly is of major importance on this forest, but it can and will be protected as the timber is harvested and a new crop of timber is grown. This is the principle of multiple use and is one of the two major principles governing forest service administration. The other principle is that of "the greatest good to the greatest number in the long run."

Mr. Weber criticizes logging on Little river and points out that Emilie creek is jammed with logs. This logging on Emilie creek is on privately-owned land. Except for enforcing state fire laws, the forest service has no control over private operations. On steep ground characteristics of this drainage, it is quite impossible to keep logs out of the streams as the timber is felled. On forest service sales we try to minimize this by making the sale layout so as to avoid logging across streams having fishing values. We also leave protection strips along the larger streams. However, neither private nor public lands on steep terrain can be logged leaving small trees undisturbed. Nature soon covers the scars and establishes a young forest to replace the old. Mr. Weber also criticizes the condition of the campgrounds and asks why our "wealthy" forest service doesn't better maintain the campgrounds, cut wood for the campers, and build additional campgrounds.

It is true that our camp grounds are run down. They were built during CCC days and many of the improvements have now deteriorated to a considerable extent. However, I think that the public will in general still find them to be serviceable and clean, which is all we can do with the funds we receive for recreational purposes.

Funds for different activities of the forest service are appropriated by Congress, and Congress also limits the purposes for which these funds can be spent. This forest this year received its normal allotment of \$5,540 for recreation. This \$5,540 covers the salaries of two recreational guards stationed at Diamond lake, equipment usage for policing the campgrounds, the cost of materials for new toilets, garbage pit covers, garbage carts, etc. This isn't nearly enough for the job at hand, particularly in view of the deteriorating improvements. To keep the camps in reasonable shape we are having our fire guards contribute considerable time to campground maintenance. This is being done at the expense of maintaining certain trails. However, there is a limit to which we can go in this direction for a network of trails must be kept open for fire protection.

Basically the situation is one of inadequate appropriations to do the job at hand. The situation has been laid before Congress, but in view of great need to curtail non-defense spending, they have considered funds for recreation to be non-essential for the time being. As administrators then, we can do nothing more than to "cut the cloth to fit the pattern."

While I am at it, I would also like to see the implication made by Mr. Weber that our "wealthy" forest service is another inefficient bureaucracy that doesn't seem to know what it ought to do. Your readers along with Mr. Weber might be interested in knowing briefly what it cost to operate the Umpqua forest last fiscal year and what its accomplishments were. Total expenditures were \$316,721. This covered costs of general administration including salaries and expenses; travel, vehicle repair and equipment replacement; protection, including fire fighting (we had one large fire costing around \$65,000); timber sale administration of 193 million board feet; maintenance of a road system of 476 miles; a trail system of 1400 miles; buildings, a campgrounds, telephone lines, radios, water systems and other physical improvements; construction of a lookout, several buildings and other minor improvements.

Revenues, mostly from timber, were \$2,244,628. In addition to these receipts the government gained over \$600,000 worth of permanent roads and bridges built by purchasers of timber to forest service standards. The value of these roads is in the nature of a capital investment.

From the above you can see that our operating costs were about 11 percent of receipts. The point about the above however, is that the Umpqua forest is a sizable public property producing revenue and that the forest service isn't managing it with unlimited funds.

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Mexico's youngest and most active volcano, Cuzco Paracutin, which first erupted in a farmer's field in February, 1943.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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to end the shooting war in Korea — which has worked around to the point where neither side can see where it has anything to gain by going on with it. We'd like to get out of it. The Red Chinese would like to get out of it. The Russians would like to get out of it.

But we all want to get out WITHOUT LOSING ANY FACE. That makes the job at Kaesong a toughie.

If you ever engaged in a big business deal, you know that such things aren't carried on in a gold-fish bowl. Deals are made by a few men sitting around a table. After they are made, they are announced to the public.

It is then too late for the public to do anything about it. In the case of cease-fire deals, the public LIKES to — for it means an end (at least temporarily) to the shooting.

I wish I could believe that a truce ending the shooting in Korea would lead to LASTING PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. That would be wonderful. But we must be realistic if we are to survive. The truth is that Korea is a mere incident in a worldwide clash of ideals and ambitions. I'm afraid that stopping the shooting in Korea will be about like taking pain-killers for an aching tooth. It won't settle anything permanently.

In this column the other day, I dealt briefly with a similar cease-fire incident. It was back in 1807, Napoleon was fighting Russia. The war reached a stalemate where neither side was getting anywhere. So a truce was patched up.

The deal was made ON A RAFT out in the middle of the Niemen river near Tilsit, in Poland. It was handled in person by Napoleon and Czar Nicholas the First. It was a splendid powwow, with Napoleon and Nicholas vying with each other in spreading the old salve with lavish hands.

Four years later, in 1811, Napoleon crossed the Russian frontier at the head of an army of 600,000 (then quite a military force) and headed for Moscow to finish Russia off. What happened thereafter DID settle something, for the licking Napoleon took when he bit off more than he could chew by invading Russia shook his hitherto unshaken prestige, and eventually broke his back and sent him into exile.

But NOT until Europe had been bathed again in blood. The truce at Tilsit was a mere pause. It was not until Europe had been purged of the evil influence of Napoleon's soaring ambition that the world could return to something like real peace.

So let's not expect TOO MUCH of Kaesong.

Prince Wilhelm's Burial Date Set For Thursday

HECHINGEN, Germany —(AP) — Former Crown Prince Wilhelm, who died at his villa here early yesterday, will be buried Thursday.

The funeral date was set by his son, Louis Ferdinand, who came here from Bremen.

Royalty from Germany and other European countries are expected to attend the protestant services. The 63-year-old Crown Prince, once the heir apparent to the German empire, was a son of Kaiser Wilhelm II and a great-grandson of England's Queen Victoria.

PROBATION TOUGHENED — More stringent probation conditions were placed on a 17-year-old Roseburg youth Thursday who was arraigned in district court on a charge of illegal possession of liquor by a minor, according to District Attorney Robert Davis.

Swimming Meet Due In Roseburg

Two swimming meets — an all-city meet and the Southern Oregon Invitational — are next on the agenda of the Roseburg Junior chamber of commerce sponsorship, announces John Hardiman, publicity director.

The all-city meet will be held Aug. 5 at the municipal pool. There will be 18 events, featuring junior and senior boys and girls. They will be competing for the Albert Micelli perpetual trophy for the all-around winner. Four other cups will be awarded winners in each division, said Hardiman.

The purpose of the event is to provide local competition from which capable material may be chosen for a Roseburg team to compete in the Invitational and meets in other cities.

Water Carnival Scheduled — The big affair, however, will be the Invitational, dated Aug. 18 and 19. In addition to the swimming events, a water carnival is planned featuring fashion shows, clown acts, band selections, diving acts and comic bits.

An effort is being made, said Hardiman, to provide a well-rounded show which will hold attraction for everyone, whether or not they are interested in the competitive racing.

The Jaycees have invested around \$1000 in pool equipment in the past and will add to it this year. Four Paul Bunyans, Gordon Carlson, Swede Vang, Punk Hunt and Hardiman left early today for Aberdeen to attend the swim meet there Sunday. They will bring back pointers for the Roseburg meets, and will initiate the log-rolling champ and meet director.

In 1933 Johnny Godman became Open Golf champ when Ralph Guldahl missed a four-foot putt on the Lew Worsham defeated Sam Inch putt on the 18th green.

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