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## MAY POISON LAKE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Oregon State Game Commission is conducting extensive studies into the possibility of rehabilitating Diamond Lake's sports fishery.

The commission recently issued a bulletin outlining some of the problems being studied. The project would be the largest and most expensive ever undertaken.

The Commission proposes to diminish the lake by dropping the water level 20 feet. The remaining water area and tributary streams then would be treated with rotenone, a fish toxin. It is necessary to lower the level of the lake, which has a maximum depth of 52 feet, to permit toxicity of the poison to wear off before water again starts flowing from the outlet. Otherwise fish life might be endangered in the main river.

Several methods of lowering the water level are under consideration. One proposal is construction of a deep ditch to serve as an outlet. Construction of this ditch would require heavy blasting. County Judge Carl Hill, former chairman of the Game Commission, fears that blasting might open fissures in the light pumice structure, thereby causing permanent damage. Siphoning and pumping also are suggested. These methods, however, would require a large amount of critical materials.

### History Of Diamond Lake

In scouting material for historical pages *The News-Review* is presenting at intervals in observance of Douglas County's centennial year, we learn that Diamond Lake, named for its shape, originally was called Cowhorn Lake, lying adjacent to Big Cowhorn Mountain on the east and Little Cowhorn on the north. Big Cowhorn in 1872 was officially named Mt. Thielsen, in honor of Hans Thielsen, prominent engineer in western railroad construction. Mt. Thielsen originally was called Big Cowhorn because of its spire, rising to an elevation of 9,173, giving it resemblance to a cow's horn.

Diamond Lake had no fish population prior to 1913, when it was stocked with rainbow trout. Within a few years the lake became widely known for size and number of its fish and was for many years the largest rainbow trout egg-taking station in the world.

In 1940 roach, a trash fish related to carp, was introduced by live-bait fishermen, who captured the minnows in Klamath County lakes and then dumped unused bait into Diamond Lake. Roach are extremely prolific. Within a short time they began crowding out trout population. In 1946, the Game Commission reports, aquatic food in Diamond Lake amounted to 292 pounds per acre. Bottom samples in 1951 yielded only 2.3 pounds per acre. The Commission has expended \$20,500 since 1946 to control the trash fish but they have multiplied faster than they could be killed. In the meantime, the take of trout from the lake declined from 37,500 in 1947 to 3,994 last year.

### Enormous Project Planned

Should poisoning the lake be attempted it will be the largest project of its kind ever undertaken. To date this method of rehabilitation has been used on no lake larger than 396 acres, we are told. Diamond Lake has an area of 3,000 acres. This area, of course, would be considerably reduced were the level to be dropped 20 feet.

If it is decided to construct a drainage outlet, that ditch must be more than 20 feet deep, much of it through solid rock, and it must extend 1,700 feet into the lake itself, and possibly another 1,000 feet outside the lake shore. Cost of the ditch alone is estimated at around \$148,000. It would take six months to lower the lake the required 20 feet at a rate of flow not exceeding the flood stage of Lake Creek, the existing outlet, engineers report. More rapid drainage might be dangerous to the river and to Copco's power installations.

The Commission, in considering this drastic step, also must give thought to the effect upon the resort concession and summer homes during the year of operation.

Before the experiment is made, it is possible that the lake will be thrown open to unrestricted angling, permitting removal by anglers of as much of the game fish population as possible. This will not be done in 1952, however, the commission says.



A small boy was riding his squeaking tricycle up and down the street. After about the third time past an annoyed adult went out with oil can in hand and offered to "fix that trike." The small boy was delighted to have attention, and watched the proceeding solemnly. Rode off happily. For about ten feet, that is, the he burst into loud, indignant wails. His trike rolled along noiselessly—he wanted it to squeak loudly as it had been doing!

I just wonder if the men who work in the mill across the Elk would mind very much if somebody invented a way to eliminate the loud, mournful, protesting screech which accompanies the dragging of a log by the high line? I'm sure we neighbors shouldn't! One neighbor remarked today: "I thought I'd lose my mind the first few days that noise was over there!"

It is not so allergic to frictional noises as some people. He said the noise made him think of an old cowbell off in a back pasture! Well, it would be nice if this "cowbell" were still further off in a back pasture. Not that I mind real cowbells, or sheep-bells. They have pleasant associations. One living in the city can't hear the cowbells, or sheepbells either, outside one's window. Well, one can't hear a high-line either in the city!

It's an odd thing about noises. I was doing welfare work in Colt's Patent Firearms, way back in 1918. The first three days I was in the plant I couldn't hear a thing when I stepped out of the office into the big "sawtooth building" (shape of roof gave it that name) where more than a thousand men were being replaced by women workers. My superior told me to never mind. In a day or two I'd hear ordinary speech. Sure enough, I became accustomed to the noise and could hear ordinary conversation. I had learned to listen "under" or "through" the loud noise of all the drill presses and so on. I had made adjustment mentally. Everything else was the same! So often when we feel we must talk louder, we really need to relax our throat muscles and drop our voice and speak "through" or "under" whatever is hindering hearing. Teachers know that trick. Often it helps in speaking to one who is hard of hearing. I guess it's "stage whisper" technique.

**NOTED WRITER DIES**  
ISLE OF CAPRI — Norman Douglas, 83-year-old British novelist and essayist, died here Saturday on the island he loved and helped make famous. One of his most noted books was the novel, "South Wind," published in 1917.

## Just a Matter of Taste

PRIMARIES ARE EYEWASH

—TRUMAN



## Fulton Lewis Jr.

### WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The testimony of Matthew Cvetic, Communist undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, should be required reading for all student editors and reporters of the Daily Californian.

This campus newspaper, published by students at the University of California, has been successfully wooed by the Labor Youth League, to the disgust of University officials and the Board of Regents.

The Labor Youth League is the youth arm of the Communist Party, financed, directed and nurtured by domestic Reds on orders from Moscow. It is active on the University of California campus. It has 467 members in the Los Angeles Chapter, of whom 96 are college students and 61 are high school students.

In Cvetic's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which Daily Californian editors can obtain free for asking, the following colloquy took place between the undercover agent and Frank Tavener, Committee counsel:

"Mr. Tavener: Are you familiar with an organization called Labor Youth League?"

"Mr. Cvetic: Yes I am."

"Mr. Tavener: Is this a national organization of the Communist Party?"

"Mr. Cvetic: Yes, it is."

Cvetic worked for seven years behind the Communist Party's Iron Curtain. He advanced into the party's hierarchy before he was unmasked in the trial of the 11 Communist Party leaders in New York. His voluminous reports to the FBI on party functions were of great value to the nation's security.

Countless times in public sessions members of the Un-American Activities Committee have noted Communist efforts to infiltrate university campuses. Yet there is no indication to date that student editors of the Daily Californian reported these pertinent facts of life in the U.S.A. today.

As noted herein before, the LYL distributes its treacherous literature on the University of California campus. In a recent blurb it accused American troops in Korea of torturing, burning and burying alive Korean civilians. Yet the Daily Californian describes the LYL as an "off-campus political organization."

In view of this, for the further education of the campus daily's editors and reporters, herewith is more Cvetic testimony:

"Mr. Tavener: Is this organization completely controlled by the Communist Party, to your knowledge?"

"Mr. Cvetic: Yes. This organization is completely controlled by the Communist Party. It was set up by the Communist Party for the purpose of activating the youth and to carry the Communist Party line into youth organizations, the colleges, into the schools and into the steel mills."

Cvetic and other undercover FBI agents inside the Communist Party consider the LYL completely dangerous to the nation's security. LYL members do considerably more than lounge around in slacks on college campuses. Cvetic testified that a Communist named William Gordon sent 50 LYL members into the coal fields to stir up discontent and recruit party members. The order dispatching the 50 was issued from Communist Party headquarters in New York.

The LYL was pretty well cased

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SO THEY'RE STILL 'BARBERS' Albany Democrat Herald

Editor Charles A. Sprague of the Oregon Statesman, commenting the other day on the new five-day week for Salem barbers, recalled the old days when the once-a-week shave at the barber shop was fairly standard and when the shelves around the shop were decked with ornamental individual shaving mugs. Probably few present-day customers of the barbers can remember ever having seen a shaving-mug—which is now perhaps even more thoroughly obsolete than the mustache-cup. Those were the days, too, of the Saturday night bath at the barber-shop, when the family bathtub was much less common than today.

All of which, now we're on the subject, recalls the even earlier day when the barber used to be a semi-surgeon, who did a lot of the "bleeding" which in modern times was supposed to be a reasonably sure cure of a wide variety of human ills. The barber-pole, with its red and white stripes, was a visual sign of the bleeding part of the barber's activities. It was one of those old trade-mark signs that marked stores and tradesmen's places of business—such as the big shoe hanging over the shoemaker's door or painted on his window; the mortar and pestle for the druggist (chemist, in England).

So times change. But the language lags. The barber hasn't been shaving to amount to much for a generation or so, but he's still a "barber"—a word taken from the old Latin word for beard, which he seldom touches. Maybe, when shaving by barbers is completely obsolete, the old term "barber" will return. It's more accurate for a hair-clipping establishment. But probably it won't.

"Manufacturing" used to be done by hand, as the "man" part indicates; but when the factories made hand work generally obsolete, the term was carried into the "man" part of the word, for the primitive processes while the complex machine processes were virtually appropriated the term "manufacture." Examples could be multiplied.

But, of course, the accepted meaning of a word at any time is what counts, regardless of its derivation or history. The etymological clock is never turned back.

## OSC Savants Offer Substance In Cancer Study

CORVALLIS — Three Oregon State College scientists are manufacturing substances which may lead to new discoveries about cancer.

The three men — Dr. Bert E. Christensen, chemistry professor; Dr. C. H. Wang, research chemist, and Roland K. Robbins, a graduate chemistry student — are working under a \$5,200 grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Christensen, who is head of the project, said he and his two assistants had found an easy way to make the substances by combining chemicals. In nature the substances—purines and pyrimidines—are found in nucleic acid in living tissue.

He explained that any substance which could effectively retard the growth of cells was important in cancer research. He described cancer as a disease of uncontrolled cell growth.

After synthetic purines and pyrimidines are manufactured at Oregon State, they are shipped to Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y. There they are tested on living tissue by Dr. Agnar Nygaard, a former OSC scientist.

## Reader Opinions

### Down-The-River Route To Lone Rock Favored

ROSEBURG—The amount of controversy over the location of a county road connecting Lone Rock bridge with Sutherland is amazing. A road over the mountains, close to Mt. Scott, would, no doubt be of benefit to the Weyerhaeuser Co. and its hangers-on, as it would provide a short haul to the Weyerhaeuser railroad. It does not seem logical, however, that the county should build a road to facilitate the hauling of logs out of the county while there are locally-owned and operated mills that can handle the logs and keep the employment and the profits at home.

Such a road would not lower trucking costs from Lone Rock through to Sutherland and would be of no use other than log hauling, as it would open up no district suitable for homes and small farms. As opposed to a road from Lone Rock to Sutherland by the Mt. Scott route, the route down the river towards Wilbur and Sutherland would open up a large district for settlement and sportsmen would provide as short and as feasible a route as that near Mt. Scott.

R. B. OLIVER  
Idleyville Route  
Roseburg, Oregon

### Defense Army Article Approved By A Mother

ROSEBURG — I would like to draw to every man's and woman's attention the article by Brig. Gen. Henry J. Reilly in the Feb. issue of Blue Book magazine. It is of importance to every thinking person. It suggests a way in which we could have a large army for defense and save our youths from actual battle experience, except in real out-and-out war and at no greater cost to us in money than we are now spending.

If we, the United States, have to police the world and pay for the policing, why not use a plan such as the one General Reilly suggests and save the lives of countless boys of our own?

In my 40 years of reading and studying I have never read nor heard suggested a more serviceable idea. This army would be battle-wise and battle-trained and would know what it is all about, and would be there because it was their own choice. If our servicemen's and women's organizations of all wars would get behind a plan of this kind and push, it could be put there.

Think of Korea! If a plan of this sort had been in operation, look at the lives of our boys that could have been saved. Would you sell the life of your son for \$10,000—for a million dollars? No, of course not! You have a chance this way of helping to save your son, your neighbor's son, a thousand sons, fathers, brothers and husbands' lives. It is not worth the effort it would take?

A GOLD STAR MOTHER  
(Name on file.)

### Says Deek Creek Unfit For Angling Proposal

ROSEBURG—I see where a plan is in progress by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce and others whereby Deer Creek, between Dixonville and its confluence with the South Umpqua River, is to be stocked with trout and turned loose as an angling haven for the juveniles of Roseburg under the age of 14 years.

The plan would be most commendable and fine for the youngsters if that part of Deer Creek was a suitable place for such a project. It is not, however, from the time school is out in the spring until school commences again in September. That part of the creek is so low and rotten from sewage and from septic tanks, a self-respecting trout would not stay there and would hardly be fit to eat if it did.

As far as opening that part of Deer Creek as an angling haven for youngsters is concerned, the whole plan seems stupid and seems to be a scheme on the part of Roseburg to shove its juveniles off onto the farmers and others who already have enough troubles of their own.

LLOYD COLE  
Roseburg, Oregon

### Mexico, U. S. Agree On Migratory Labor

WASHINGTON — The State Department announced Saturday that Mexico has agreed to extend the existing migratory labor agreement for one month.

A Department announcement said the agreement, due to expire Monday, now will continue to Mar. 11, 1952.

The statement also said the two governments "are in accord there should be no interruption to the program whereby Mexican agricultural workers may legally enter the United States when determined to be necessary on terms agreeable to both governments."

The one-month extension will give Congress time to complete action on a bill designed to stop Mexican "wetbacks" from entering the United States. "Wetbacks" are Mexican laborers who cross the Rio Grande illegally.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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nearly as may be judged, is fairish. Its attitude toward customers is non-committal, there being neither a "vacancy" nor a "no vacancy" sign.

So I enter the office and brace whatever motels call the functionary that hunches term the room clerk. "How's hotels?" I say to him.

He turns to his key rack and begins to fumble with the keys. Just then the phone rings. An assistant to the functionary who dispenses the rooms answers. It appears that someone is phoning ahead for accommodations for the night. The assistant glances my way. Just then the room clerk (if that's what the motels call him) takes down a key and lays it on the desk while he reaches for his registration cards.

The assistant says into the transmitter: "I'm sorry, sir, but our last room is gone. I fear you'll have to drive on to the next town."

Boy! That was a close one. It helps to make up for the times when I've been the one who got there just a little too late. It's a grand and glorious feeling on a foggy night.

Leaving Modesto the next morning (still foggy).

There's a woman driver ahead. As a driver, she is about as good as they come. She holds an even speed. She drives as straight as an arrow flies. When the exigencies of traffic require her to shift from one lane to another, she SIGNALS. Drivers just don't come any better than she is.

Is that unusual?

I don't think so. It is my observation that women drivers are generally good. Not, of course, as good TECHNICALLY as this one, who not only does what she ought to do when it ought to be done, but makes excellent speed besides. But the records bear out the fact that women drivers HAVE FAR FEWER ACCIDENTS than men drivers. They are much more careful.

That's what I call good driving.

Women who drives cars, of course, do have faults.

There is the woman, for example, who comes out to get into her car just as you approach from behind. There isn't a parking place nearer than the next town, and you have a hopeful idea that you'll drive into her place when she drives out. So you wait.

And wait! AND wait!

She seats herself under the wheel. She turns the rear view

mirror down and gives herself a critical appraisal. She straightens her hat. She puts on fresh lipstick and applies a pat or so of powder where it will do the most good. Then she reaches in her handbag for her key, and when she opens the bag it becomes apparent to her that it is in disarray. So she tidies it all up. What else she does you don't know, for by this time you have given up and have driven on out into the outskirts to find another parking place.

But women ARE good drivers.

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