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THE FISH ARE IN!

By Charles V. Stanton

Word comes that the fish are in at Winchester Bay. Commercial boats are bringing in limited catches of salmon. Sports boats have had fair success. Several large chinook salmon have been taken, together with a few small silver salmon.

Spreading like wildfire among the angling fraternity, this news will bring fishermen scurrying into Winchester Bay.

It probably will be a week or ten days before the fishing reaches its peak. Winchester Bay will then take on all the aspects of a carnival and three-ring circus rolled into one.

Every available inch of parking space will be taken. It will require long waits—sometimes hours—before a fisherman can get his car, boat and trailer to the water's edge. People will stand in line for hours in front of restaurants operating around the clock. Accommodations will be booked weeks in advance. Anglers will be sleeping in trailers, tents, cars, and even out in the open. Every available skiff will be in service. Charter boats will be packed for every four-hour trip. Traffic cops will be kept on the jump handling traffic. Truly, it is a sight to see!

The Winchester Bay fishery is unique. Salmon, migrating along the coast, pause at the mouth of the Umpqua River to feed on the schools of small fish riding the tides in and out of the bay. The fisherman never knows what he may catch, except that it will be big—salmon, striped bass, ling cod, black bass, halibut, flounder, or, perhaps, sand shark.

Fishery Expanding Rapidly

The season will run through July, August and September. It will be most exciting on weekends. Each year more and more anglers are learning about Winchester Bay. Attendance is growing rapidly.

An elaborate program to improve facilities has been undertaken. Work now is in progress on a breakwater to protect the inner bay, where erosion has been extremely severe since construction of the new training jetty. Plans have been made for eventual development of commercial and sports boat basins, together with parking space for more than 3,000 vehicles.

The Douglas County Parks Board, which has planned the improvements, has adopted a program making the project self-liquidating. Douglas County and the Port of Umpqua have advanced funds to get construction started. Army Engineers are working on specifications for additional improvements if and when appropriations are made available.

Meanwhile complaints are being received from charter boat operators, in particular, against the proposed schedule of fees. We anticipate other complaints from individuals who will be charged for parking cars, launching skiffs, etc.

Contract Basis For Quarrel

One of the chief issues of the controversy is a contract entered into with the owner of private property in the middle of the area.

Charles Marks owns a dock and cannery building from which he operates commercially. He rents out facilities for charter boats and skiffs. He holds ownership to an 80-foot strip extending into the bay, adjoining the county dock at which recreational activities center.

In planning the development program, it was necessary to tie in this privately-owned operation. An agreement was made with Marks whereby he is permitted to operate four charter boats from his pier and to conduct a skiff concession. He is exempt from the fees charged other charter boat operators. But, in return, he is donating certain valuable lands to the county, is filling at his own expense a large parking area, and is making other concessions. Thus he is paying in a lump sum far more than the charter boat operators will contribute in many years through the 15 per cent fees proposed to be collected from them. They object, however, to the fact that they must contribute 15 per cent of their take, while Marks runs his boats free.

While it is true that Marks drove a hard bargain, he is paying out many thousands of dollars—probably more than any other operator will contribute over a period of many years. His contributions make it possible to proceed immediately with the development project. He is bound, under the contract, to operate on the same schedule of fees as other concessionaires and thus enjoys no competitive advantage.

Altogether, it seems to us that the contract is of benefit to everyone concerned and that there is no sound basis for complaint.



Some years ago there was an advertisement in which the housewife, seated on a high stool, with head bowed on one hand, while all around her was a clutter of housekeeping gadgets and equipment. The caption was: Do they manage you or do you manage them? At the time I read the question I was up to my ears in too many things to do and the house was managing me! But that little picture really helped me.

In the May issue of the Farm Journal there is an article by the editor of the Farmer's Wife half of the magazine. It is a challenging, awakening article for any wife or mother which might have far-reaching helpful effects if taken to heart by the housekeeper who feels she "hasn't time" for everything she wants to do, but wants to "put first things first!"

In Gertrude Dickens' editorial "Side Roads"—do read it if you can!—she reports an interview with Elizabeth Lee Vincent, dean of economics at Cornell University, in which she passes along Dean

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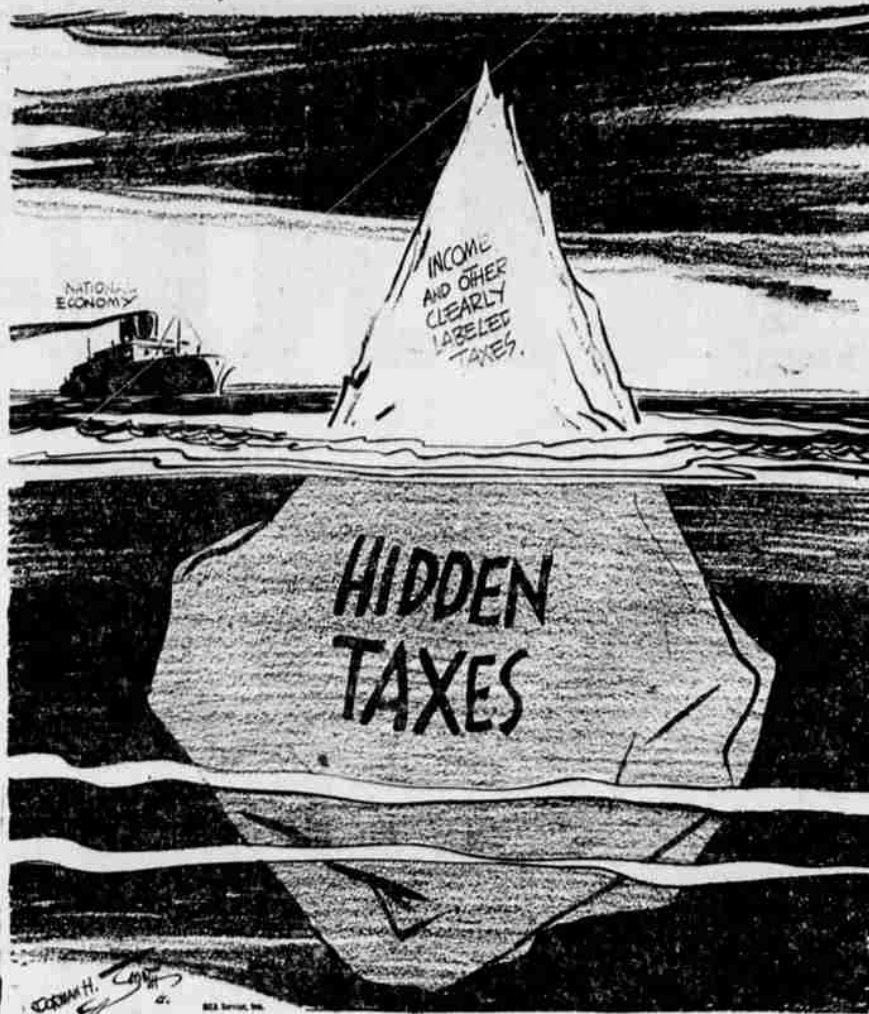
Vincent's inspiring thought that "home should be a filling station, a spiritual filling station. The most important way in which today's home can build for a better world tomorrow is by being a spiritual filling station! I'd rather see a homemaker feed her family a quickly thrown together supper of hot dogs than a perfectly balanced dinner!"

(Mrs. Dickens interpolates "that's strong language from a home economist!")

"If," explains Dean Vincent, "Mother is all tired out and wrapped up in wrestling food so she doesn't even speak unless it's to give a curt order to 'stay out of my way'."

"What people come home to determine what they are more than any one thing, except possibly the church," the Farm Wife editor reports Dean Vincent as maintaining. "Every single day has problems that cause wear and tear on the spirit, and a home, to be good, should be the filling station a family draws on for a new

Brother, You Don't Know the Half of It!



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—Pro-Taft Texans are dusting off their law books in preparation for the pre-convention battle to save their 38-man delegation for the senator from Ohio.

Both slates of Texas delegates, one for Senator Robert A. Taft and one for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, have been granted a hearing before the GOP National Committee starting July 1, six days before the convention opens. The question is: Did the Taft forces in Texas play fair in stampeding the pro-Eisenhower delegates to a clear off the political stage? The answer is vital to both candidates.

Taft's 38-man delegation was named by the regular Republican party in the state. In a raucous convention, they outshouted and outshoved the Eisenhower forces, who retaliated by naming their own slate. From this point on the battle became confusing. One conceivable result, highly unlikely, of course, but nonetheless conceivable, might find the National Convention having to await a Supreme Court decision.

Pro-Taft Texans are already quoting legal decisions which, they say, prevent the national committee from laying a hand on their delegation. It appears that they have a point, but they may have to sue, or at least threaten to do so, to convince the GOP governing body.

The legal argument for Taft's slate rests on the complaint that the Eisenhower delegation is composed largely of "overnight" Republicans who deserted the Democratic party only long enough to vote for the General in primary battles. The claim is strengthened by the fact that many veteran Texas Republicans insist they had never before seen most of the Eisenhower Republicans who were flocking around party headquarters at the time of the state convention. Taft men argue that you can't join the Sunday School just for the picnic.

Texas politics has never been quiet. One scrap that was carried to the Texas State Supreme Court many years ago led to the following summation of Texas party politics by the chief justice. He said:

"A political party is nothing more or less than a body of men associated for the purpose of furnishing and maintaining the prevalence of certain political principles or beliefs in the public policies of the government. The objects of political organizations are intimate to those who compose them. They do not concern the general public. They directly interest, both in their conduct and in their success, only so much of the public as are comprised in their membership. And then only as members of the particular organization."

The pro-Taft forces in Texas are tossing this conclusion at the Eisenhower delegates as a broad hint that the club is permanently closed to "overnight" Republicans. And they point out that the GOP National Committee, by its own rules, has established a precedent of forcing the various states to

calmness, peace of mind, and a feeling of backing or security—to meet the next day! To provide that kind of a place is the homemaker's FIRST job. Letting the routine of a well-kept household get in the way of the personalities in the home is like pulling levers of a machine that has no motor."

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRRR, 9:15 P.M.

Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

In a previous weekly letter, I told the story of the attempt made by the Administration forces to slip some medical provisions in a bill to amend the social security act. The principal purpose of the bill was to provide increased benefits. Since that bill was brought to the floor under conditions which permitted neither adequate debate nor the right of amendment on the floor, the House was required either to accept the unnecessary socialized medicine language along with the desirable part of the bill—or vote against the entire bill. There being little doubt in the minds of any of us that the bill could be brought up again minus the objectionable section, this first effort was voted down.

As anticipated, the Committee on Ways and Means struck out the

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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take over then. During the campaign that will follow the conventions, the politicians can provide a certain amount of sound and fury, but the VOTES will be provided by the voters—and it will be VOTES that will count on the fourth day of the coming November.

I think the voters are going to VOTE THEIR CONVICTIONS this year. I think the conviction that is uppermost in the minds of millions of intelligent, thoughtful voters is that we need a change. A COMPLETE change. Not just a reshuffling of few key persons at the top. There is wide and deep feeling that too much power has been held in too few hands too long.

That is the big issue this year—and the PEOPLE (not just a few disappointed politicians) will settle it come the first Tuesday after the first Monday of next November.

Up in the Horse Heaven country of Washington the wheat growers announce that they are calling off their rainmaker. In spite of all his efforts and all his fancy equipment, it appears that this year rainfall in the Horse Heaven hills has been about an inch BELOW normal.

After all, when it comes to rain-making, it's RESULTS that count. Whether you're an Indian medicine man, painting your face and dancing and chanting incantations, or an exhibitionist bombarding the skies with an old-fashioned cannon whose BOOM BOOM is supposed to shake the rain loose and send it cascading down on the thirsty crops or a modern scientist peppering the clouds with silver iodide pellets, you have to satisfy the customers if you're to stay in business.

When you go through your rigmarole over and over at so much per rig and all you get for your clients is an inch less rain than normal, you just have to expect a falling off in business.

I can't say that I'm greatly disappointed as a result of the failure of the rainmaking campaign up in the Horse Heaven country. When you think of all the grief that could ensue in an economy where one man's meat is another man's poison, where one crop needs rain and another fears it, where on any given holiday half the crowd wants to go picnicking

the coming fiscal year—nearly fifteen times as much.

One senator in discussing this subject summed it up briefly: "The taxpayers back home will wonder why such a program is necessary. It seems to me that the program now proposed is just another attempt to engage in propaganda all over the United States, in an endeavor to sell the American people on the unwise schemes of the State Department."

At this point it seems appropriate to give a few figures on government employment. During the past six months the total Federal civilian payroll has exceeded \$5 billion and is expected to continue at this rate for the next six months. At this pace, the payroll will be \$2 billion higher than at the peak of World War II, when it was \$3 billion a year.

The latest report shows 2,549,715 employees on the Federal payroll, with more than half of the civilians working in the Defense Department. There are 1,307,360 civilians working in the Defense Department, for a military personnel of 3,500,000. The fact that peak military personnel during World War II was almost four times the present number, or nearly 13 million, makes significant the apparent excessive civilian personnel and payroll costs.

Senators O.K. Entry Of W. Germany Into Pact

WASHINGTON—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved a move Tuesday to put West Germany into the Western defense alliance.

At the same time, the committee rejected by an 8-4 vote a provision that would deny the President the right to send troops abroad without the consent of Congress.

The vote on a protocol granting West Germany full guarantees of the North Atlantic Treaty was 9 to 1 with Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), casting the lone "nay" vote.

It was Hickenlooper who tried to write the troops-for-Europe restriction into the measure.

Thus a floor fight on the pact apparently was in the offing.

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