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NORTH UMPQUA PARK

Charles V. Stanton

The Douglas County Park Department has arranged a meeting with the Oregon Highway Commission to talk over a proposed state park on the North Umpqua River. The project concerns a campground type park, a place where visitors could remain indefinitely. As the state now is charging fees for camping, the project probably could be made self-liquidating and self-supporting.

Members of the State Park Department reportedly have spoken favorably toward the proposal. But this agency is a branch of the Highway Department and does only what it is told to do. It does not, we are informed, recommend projects. Therefore it becomes necessary to get the Commission's approval. That will be the job to be undertaken by a county delegation at the meeting in Portland Nov. 25.

Program Growing Rapidly

We are very proud of Douglas County's Park Department. We had a hand in getting it started. We have been pleased by the way it has operated.

It is the only department of its kind in Oregon. Many other counties are looking at it enviously. Some possibly will organize similar units. Already we are far out in front of any county in Oregon in the acquisition, preservation and development of public recreational areas.

One trouble with our program, however, is that it doesn't have nearly enough money to meet all requests and demands from the public. It is operated on a very limited budget. A major part of its available funds have gone into the Salmon Harbor development at Winchester Bay, a sports fishery that is gaining widespread popularity and drawing exceedingly heavy recreational use.

Consequently only small amounts have been available for other purposes.

But, despite limited finances, the department has been enlarging its holdings, and has made many improvements. Local cooperation has been obtained in various instances, making it possible to spread out the dollars.

A long-range program is planned on the North Umpqua Cooperative agreements have been reached with the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and State Highway Department, whereby a master development plan is being prepared. It is proposed to expand this plan unit by unit until we have made full use of all potential recreational resources along the river.

The county has improved the R. G. Baker Park and opened up a number of smaller picnic spots. The Forest Service has succeeded in maintaining its fine campgrounds, built during CCC days, and is hopeful it will obtain congressional appropriations for further development of these sites and the construction of more camps.

Fine Site Available

Perhaps the best site in the whole North Umpqua area is the one the county department is asking the Highway Commission to take over. This is the large tract near Susan Creek. As many as 500 acres are available for improvement. It would be possible to set up a magnificent campground in the heart of a superb recreational section.

It is not proposed, however, that anything elaborate be undertaken, but only that a camp with sanitary facilities, water and fireplaces now be installed, with the possibility of later enlargement to any size the state may desire to control.

It is a project too large for the county department. It is possible that the county might undertake a small development and add to it year by year, but, with the very limited money available, it would be many years before the camp could be made large enough to serve adequately the tourist and local recreation seeker now needing these accommodations and facilities. A larger program would be of great service to hundreds of people immediately instead of several years hence.

We sincerely hope the Highway Commission will give the application serious consideration.



Scraps From the

MENDING BASKET

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Wonder what will happen to Drain when the new highway bypasses it seven miles to the east? One hears that question now and then. It's interesting to hear the answers. They range all the way from a shrug and a pessimistic foreboding word, to a smiling assurance that Drain will get along all right.

One business man has confidence enough in his home town, highway or no highway, that he has just built and moved into a fine new office building, specially adapted to his particular business needs. Since his hobby is tropical fish, he designed an aquarium so that he can sit in his private office and enjoy his fish; yet they also form part of the decor for the main part of the office. The tank, with a special heating apparatus, is built in the partition.

The other evening the O's were sitting in their living room, reading, or maybe writing to one or the other of their sons, when the telephone rang. Dallas (Texas) was calling, and there was Dan and his wife, Dorrine, on the wire. They had been awarded a telephone call anywhere in the United States at any time program at the Dallas Fair. Nice thing, telephone. I hadn't heard our Ernest's voice for two years and eight months (overseas all that time) and when I did hear it I couldn't think of anything sensible to say! Don't know to this day what I said — Even when one doesn't put in

DAMAGE SUIT SETTLED

A personal injury suit against Engle and Worth Lumber Co., in which E. T. Marsh asked \$4,028 damages, has been settled out of court and dismissed in Circuit Court.

In a suit filed Monday, E. A. Pearson asks foreclosure of a mortgage on a promissory note in which \$872.00 is alleged due from Paul Poppine.

What Do You Make of This, Watson?



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—The dispatch of an aide to help President Truman and Budget Bureau officials prepare the 1954 fiscal budget to be delivered to Congress in January can backfire on President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The budget has been in preparation for seven months and contains the Administration's hair-brained spending schemes. All that is left to do on the budget is to implant the political decisions, which are made by Mr. Truman and his White House economic advisers.

Unless Eisenhower has instructed his assistant to do nothing more than examine the budget and advise him on the numerous areas of political fat that can be trimmed, he will be making a mistake. For there is nothing the Democrats would like better than to associate the President-elect with one of their big spending budgets at the outset of his term in the White House.

Actually, Mr. Truman is not expected to seek more than \$70,000,000 from Congress this time, in actual cash than the Fair Dealers demanded and got for fiscal 1953. The political albatross that the administration would like to hang around Eisenhower's neck, however, will be the fund requests for the President's pet projects. If he could get Eisenhower to do a "me too" on some of these items, the Democrats could harp on that for the next four years.

The best thing Eisenhower can do is to take a look and, when the President has submitted the budget to Congress, announce in detail where the trimming is going to take place. Not only will he evade association with the big spenders but his remarks will supply the GOP-controlled Congress with a guidepost on his political plans.

The budget, of course, is not essentially a political document, although the Fair Dealers have used it as such consistently. Any president knows that the Government has to use taxpayer money to exist and basically Eisenhower will be committed to spending more than \$5,000,000,000 annually for the next year or two. Military and foreign economic aid will taper off starting with 1953 and billions can be saved by eliminating the thousand or so useless presidential commissions, committees and boondoggling agencies.

The President, however, does have a purely political document he is anxious to swat the opposition with as a departing gesture. It is being prepared by Mr. Truman's economic advisers and when they give birth to it the product will be very familiar. It will contain all of the Administration's warnings of economic collapse unless the wild spending at home is not only continued but expanded.

The President will also make a farewell address to Congress even if it is under Republican control at the time. Normally he sends to Congress a state of the union message, but White House plans now are for a personal appearance instead — a sort of farewell appearance. The idea is that Mr. Truman can use the occasion to wipe some of the political mud off his back that splattered on him during his whistle-stop trips for the defeated Democratic nominee. If he succeeds, he will acquire a masterful oratorical reputation that so far he has failed to earn.

In leading both the budget and the economic report with demands for every administration spending plan on the books, Mr. Truman is merely doing his party an ordinary political favor. In fact, he will be providing Democratic Party politicians with a handbook of accusations against the GOP for future use. Even if the GOP knocks out current funds of \$10,000 for the study of mating habits of lizards, the opposition will find

In the Day's News

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with it. Nothing was too crazy to do. The crazier the better. The war was over. The world has learned its lesson. Never will there be war again.

So much for 1918. Let's return now to 1952.

An Armistice Day dispatch from Korea this morning says:

"In many ways, Flanders Field and the river line of Northern France are not as far away as they seem. Here again (in Korea) are the trenches, the barbed wire, the river, the mud and the rain, the scarred slopes, the battered hills and the Rendezvous with Death."

Why is there still war?

Well, SOMEHOW mankind has failed to get LEADERSHIP of the right sort.

That's the only answer I can think of that seems to fit the situation.

In the news this morning the word and grisly story of the Katyn Forest comes back to life. It was in the Katyn Forest (along midway in World War II) that the bodies of some 5,000 or more Polish officers were found in one great grave. The first stories hinted strongly that these Poles had been slain BY THE RUSSIANS.

But it would never do for us to be allowed to believe that. The Russians were then our allies. So in one way and another the story was twisted around so that we were made to believe it was the wicked Nazis who had done this mass murder. The Nazis were our enemies, so it was all right for us to regard them as fiends in human shape.

Well—

It now finally appears that it WAS the Russians after all who committed these mass murders to clear the way for a communist-dominated Poland. The Poles who were slain were the kind of Poles who never could have been converted to communism.

So they were purged.

Why is it that this deed was so camouflaged with propaganda that we came to believe it was done by the Nazis and not the Russians?

It's like this: If we had KNOWN THE TRUTH, it would have aroused our suspicions as to the true nature of communist Russia. If we had known the true nature of communist Russia, we wouldn't have disbanded our mighty military force in 1945, for it would have been clear to ALL of us that these communist rulers of Russia were not fit to be trusted.

If we had stayed strong in 1945, we wouldn't be in the terrible fix we're now in. If our leaders had told us the truth then, we wouldn't have permitted ourselves to become WEAK.

Another prayer—for Armistice Day:

Dear Lord, give us leaders in the critical years that lie ahead who will TELL US THE TRUTH instead of feeding us with propaganda. If we are given the TRUTH, we can guide ourselves intelligently in the years that face us.

Weyerhaeuser Man Heads Logging Congress

SAN FRANCISCO — Clyde Coran of Longview, Wash., an executive of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., was elected president of the Pacific Logging Congress at opening sessions of the 43rd annual meeting Monday. Coran succeeds Waldron Hyatt of Samoa, Calif.

Other officers elected by the 2,000 delegates from 11 Western States and Canada were Roy A. Gould, Glenwood, Ore., vice president, and Robert F. Dwyer, Portland, Ore., treasurer. Corwin A. Woolley, Portland, was re-elected. The convention continues through Wednesday.

Travel Of U. S. Down Road Of Socialism Pointed Out By Steel Corporation Head

CHICAGO — The United States has gone pretty far down the "long, sterile road to communism," Admiral Ben Moreell contended Monday.

Moreell, chairman of the board, Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, told members of the American Petroleum Institute opening their 32nd annual meeting:

"Since Marx (Karl Marx, co-founder with Friedrich Engels of Communism, and author of the Communist Manifesto published in 1848) enunciated his doctrine slightly more than 100 years ago, we Americans have adopted—in varying degrees—practically his entire program."

Moreell, in his address prepared for the opening general session, listed the 10 steps of the Communist program as outlined by Marx, then went on:

"The first plank (given by Marx) is government ownership of land... The Federal government now owns one-fourth of all the land. How long will it be before it owns one-half, and then all of it?"

"The second Communist plank is: 'A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.' In the United States, the personal tax has progressed to better than 90 per cent in the highest brackets and is being used, as originally intended by Marx, as a punitive measure to achieve equalization of status."

Taxes and Confiscation

"Plank three of the Communist platform," Moreell went on, "is

"Plank four of the Manifesto provides for confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.... In the last war, American citizens of the Japanese race were deprived of their property and placed in concentration camps."

"Plank five is: 'Centralization of credit in the hands of the state by means of a national bank.' The trends of our federal reserve system and government controls of credit and interest rates would appear to be exactly what Marx had in mind."

"Plank six of Marx's program is: 'Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the state.'... At various times the federal government takes over and operates the railroads.... in any case, our railroads are so strictly controlled and directed by the government they cannot be pointed to as examples of private ownership and operation."

Land Grabbing Noted

Moreell went on: "Plank seven of the platform is the extension of instruments of production owned by the state.... On Jan. 1, 1952, the federal government owned 10.7 per cent of the total generating capacity in the United States."

"Plank eight is the establishment of labor corps for agriculture and industry.... The Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps of the early New Deal years made a good beginning on this program."

"Plank nine is the listing of other ideas for government planning in agriculture and industry and in population controls. In one form or another, we seem to have accepted the fundamentals of all of these."

Plank 10 of the Manifesto, Moreell said, is government ownership of schools, with compulsory attendance and compulsory support.

"We have already taken important steps in that direction," Moreell contended. "Recently, one of our most eminent educators, the president of Harvard University, frankly advocated the abolition of all privately operated grade and secondary schools."

There has been no want. The nation responded with donations of more than \$21,000 after the accident. There will be an accounting of the trust fund next March, after which the balance may be used for care of Jerry and Ann.

All are reported adjusting to their new life with youthful resiliency and the memory of the head-on collision that shattered their lives, is fading.

Plea To Congress Slated For Nuns Facing Ouster

PORTLAND — Three Catholic nuns, accused of overstaying their permits to visit the U.S., face deportation. Congress, though, will be asked to intervene.

All members of the Servite Order, the three came to the U.S. in 1948 on six-month visitor permits.

Sisters Mary Romana, 41, and Mary Clara, 38, came from Czechoslovakia. Sister Mary Benita, 47, was a resident of Austria. They worked at a seminary at Hillsdale, Ill., until 1950. Then they came to Oregon where they since have worked in hospitals.

L. C. Hafferman, hearings commissioner for the U.S. Immigration Service, said after their hearing here Monday that he would recommend deportation.

The nuns' attorney, Leo Smith, said that if deportation was recommended, he would appeal. He added that he intends to ask Congress to pass a special law giving the sisters permanent residence in this country. Such a law got committee approval a few months ago, but Congress adjourned without acting on it.

Prison Term Dealt For Livestock Theft

BAKER — Wilbert Steele, convicted here last month in circuit court of larceny of livestock, has been sentenced by Circuit Judge Forrest L. Hubbard to an indeterminate term in the Oregon penitentiary, not to exceed six years.

He was accused of slaughtering a beef on the William Widman place and selling the hind quarters.

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Settlement Drawn For Aly's, Rita's Child

PARIS — The lawyers for Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan agreed on a settlement Tuesday whereby Aly sets up a trust fund for the estranged couple's three-year-old daughter, Yasmine. But they wouldn't say how much money is involved.

The American actress instructed her lawyer to ask for three million dollars. This was shortly after she filed divorce proceedings in Reno, Nev., about a year ago.

Press reports have speculated that the fund for Yasmine may yield \$50,000 a year, but there was no confirmation from the lawyers. The prince set up a three million dollar fund for each of his two sons by a previous marriage.

Damages Asked Of SP For Underloaded Cars

PORTLAND — The federal government filed a \$12,500 damage suit here Monday against the Southern Pacific Co., charging the railroad with violation of an Interstate Commerce Commission order by dispatching freight cars with only partial loads.

The suit charges that in 25 cases, the railroad sent freight cars less than 25 per cent filled to out-of-state points.



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