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RECREATION LIMITED

Charles V. Stanton

Establishing the date of May 1 for a uniform opening of trout season in Oregon, and setting the spring closure ahead to March 1, the Oregon Game Commission has further limited angling pressure. The Commission met in Portland last week for final decision on regulations governing angling during the season.

Year by year sports anglers have experienced progressive restrictions. Seasons have been shortened, bag limits reduced.

Anglers from states of the Pacific Northwest are disturbed as their opportunity for sport shrinks with each new set of regulations. New residents from many other states, however, feel that Oregon's seasons and bag limits are very generous, for they come from states where necessity has forced restrictions far in excess of those established here.

We hear much complaint concerning Game Commission regulations. Yet seldom do we encounter a person having a complaint who will not agree that the disputed regulations have at least some degree of merit once he understands the reasons behind them.

Public Needs Information

It has been our experience that the public is cooperative and sympathetic if fully informed. The Game Commission we believe, could eliminate much complaint if it were to devise some program for getting information to the public. If people understood why limits and seasons must become progressively restrictive, they would be more cooperative.

The Commission in recent years has greatly improved its public relations. It has a very efficient department assigned to public information and education. Funds are lacking, however, to enlarge this service to secure needed coverage. We have urged upon the Commission the appointment of a public information officer for each of its five game districts. The Commission has not had sufficient funds to employ men for such purpose.

We can understand something of the problem when we realize that only 90,300 hunting and angling licenses were issued in 1920 while 446,784 hunters and anglers were licensed in 1952.

The number of licenses, however, is only a small part of the increased load. We still have the same land area we had in 1920. We have less fishing water because of depletion and poor watershed management. While land and stream areas remain comparatively equal to that of 1920, thousands upon thousands of acres available for recreational uses in 1920 are now in farms, homes, factories, logging shows and other uses. Many more thousands of acres are posted against trespass. Hundreds of miles of once open streams are now inaccessible because of posting.

Each of the 446,784 licensed hunters and anglers in 1952 had more leisure time than did the license holder in 1920. He also had an automobile to transport him long distances. He had roads leading into areas once accessible only on foot. Consequently the pressure has increased not only from more people, but from more time and more accessibility; yet, at the same time, greater concentration because of so much land and stream withdrawal.

Poor Management In Past

We also have experienced sharp declines in fish and game populations. It has only been in recent years that scientific management of fish and game has been undertaken. We can't expect new management policies to show immediate results. It takes many years to obtain even slight gains. Yet we observe hopeful signs.

Our state deer herds, once in very bad shape, have been brought back to a high level in a comparatively few years. Furthermore, by balancing herds with availability of feed, the Commission has succeeded in improving the vigor of the deer population, lessening the danger of epidemic diseases which in past years often wiped out virtually all deer in affected areas. Many people are not in sympathy with special seasons, hunter's choice rules, etc., but the Commission must be credited with having made a vast improvement. Much remains to be done, but the problems are known and are getting attention.

Restoring angling resources is a more complicated program. It is particularly complicated by the demand for water for other than recreational purposes. It is complicated by pollution, watershed damage, withdrawals for irrigation and industry, high dams, flash floods, siltation and many other factors. Huge sums are spent annually on hatchery programs designed simply to maintain a sports fishery, while efforts go on to build up native and anadromous populations. Present management policies show cause for limited optimism. But it will be many years before we can claim success.

In the meantime the public should endeavor to learn reasons behind restrictive regulations before complaining. Naturally we grow impatient. We are resentful when our recreation is limited. But if we fully understood all the facts we would be more tolerant.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — "Ham it up!"

This is the advice of oldtime crooner Benny Fields to anyone trying to make a success of marriage — or anything else.

"If you're not a ham, no matter what business you're in, no matter what life you're trying to do," said Benny. "You'll never be any good in it."

To Benny "ham" means a food to the spirit instead of the body, or as he puts it — "the ability to keep on enquiring, and not take your next song or your next breath for granted."

Fields hailed by Bing Crosby as America's first crooner, was a prince in the days when vaudeville was king. And he married a crown princess, Blossom Seeley, a famous star who introduced many famous jazz songs as the teen-agers today still like to hum.

They have trouped together for 32 years, and most of the years were fat, but some of them were lean. Sometimes Blossom was starred, sometimes Benny; often they shared top billing.

Benny said it never made any difference to either of them.

"If two married people start getting jealous of each other's career," he said, "they don't have a marriage. They've just got a financial arrangement."

Blossom and Benny, who don't mind at all being called "Mr. and Mrs. Show Business," are starred together again now on two daily programs over station WMGM here.

"We aren't exactly disc jockeys," said Benny. "We just add a little music. But we worked up to a top rating in just 14 weeks, and Blossom did a jig."

"That girl still flips. And she used to have everything — big money, big cars, chauffeurs, maids — everything. That's what I mean by ham: you have to en- thusiase to do good work. And once

It's a Must!



Peter Edson

In The Day's News

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soon become a semi-barren desert.

Let's not complain about the snow.
Let's not bite the hand that feeds us.

It's unpleasant, you say? History tells us that too much pleasant living rots away human stamina and wrecks civilizations. Take a look at the Mediterranean lands, where civilization was born. If we except Turkey, most of which lies at high altitudes where snow falls, the people living on the Mediterranean's shores are soft and indolent.

Excepting Turkey (in whose mountains and high plateaus the SNOW FALLS) we haven't in the whole Mediterranean world an ally that would be worth two whoops to us in a pinch—except in the way of providing bases from which OUR MEN can fight.

That's what a perennially soft climate does to people.

Take a look to the north—where, twenty-odd centuries ago the barbarian Goths and the barbarian Vandals and the barbarian Germanic tribes came down from the snowy forests and played hob with the softer peoples of the softer climates. This infusion of new and rugged blood reanimated for a while the peoples of the Mediterranean world, but it was only a shot in the arm. When it's effects died out, the Mediterranean peoples slipped back into their old indolence and their old ineffectiveness.

In the modern world, the peoples of the rugged north (where the snow falls) are the dominant peoples. The Germans, for example, who after two disastrous wars are coming back to their old place of dominance in the economy of Western Europe.

Britain's Monty of Alamein (an able soldier, although perhaps a trifle old-fashioned in his thinking) questions today the effect of atomic weapons. The A-bomb, he says, is a strategic and tactical impossibility, and it is too early to say just how it will affect the size of ground forces needed to defend Europe.

That is to say, he is questioning the new strategic concept based upon air power and atomic weapons which President Eisenhower is advancing.

It is true, of course, that atomic weapons are still an imponderable. They are too new for us to estimate their importance on the basis of EXPERIENCE.

But so was the bow and arrow back in 1346 when English archers on foot met and MASTERED France's armor-clad mounted knights at Crecy. These English archers, using what was then a new weapon, went into battle greatly outnumbered, but when the shades of night fell upon the field of Crecy these outnumbered how-men had defeated and half-wiped out their more numerous enemies and England was on her way to dominance of the world.

Give that a thought, Monty. Maybe Ike is the modern Black Prince—who was not afraid of new strategic concepts.

Portland To Try New Traffic Ticket Plan

PORTLAND (AP) — A new traffic ticket system will be put into effect here Feb. 1.

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If a motorist chooses, a court hearing may be demanded. Court appearances will be mandatory for more serious offenses.

Charge Of Currying Favor With Reds, Lodged Against Ex-POW, Stirs Sharp Fuss

WASHINGTON (AP) — Col. Edward S. Dickinson, the former prisoner of war who changed his mind about remaining with the Communists and then was charged with unlawfully dealing with the enemy is described by one of his attorneys as "quite a sick man."

Col. Edward W. Hendrick said Sunday night the 23-year-old soldier from Cracker Neck, Va., is "obviously run down and nervous and was very much surprised and shocked when these charges were read to him Friday night."

Hendrick, a member of the military district of Washington, judge advocate general staff, and Capt. Wilton B. Persons Jr., son of Maj. Gen. Persons, President Eisenhower's assistant in charge of congressional liaison, were named by the Army to represent Dickinson. An inquiry will determine whether the returned POW must face court martial trial.

The case meanwhile continued to have repercussions both inside and out of the Defense Department.

Threats Received
Col. Norman F. Sprowl, public information officer for the Washington Command who announced the filing of the charges Friday night, said he had received three threatening telephone calls and had been given permission to carry his service pistol at all times. Sprowl said one man who called from somewhere in West Virginia early Sunday "said he didn't like the way we were handling the case—asked if we hadn't agreed to give 'these guys' liberty."

"The general idea was 'we'll get you for this,'" Sprowl added. Asst. Secretary of Defense John A. Hannah said Sunday night the Defense Department has planned for some time to take action against returned war prisoners when their actions justified it.

The charges against Dickinson, which are still subject to further investigation by the Army, are that he had unlawfully dealings with the Communist enemy and curried favor with his captors to the detriment of fellow prisoners.

Dickinson first decided, under the Korean armistice arrangements, to remain with the Communists, then changed his mind and came home.

Hannah, interviewed on an NBC television program, said that "maybe it would have been better" to have held off charges against Dickinson until the case of 21 other American soldiers, who still have refused repatriation, had been settled.

Hannah indicated it was the timing of the charges that worried the Defense Department. The day they were announced was the day the 21, under the armistice agreement, were to have been declared civilians. However, the Reds have refused to take them back into custody, so their status still is undetermined.

One of my reasons... Of course, my desire to work for world peace is the main reason. I can't speak out for peace in America without being persecuted.

Cpl. Morris R. Wills, Fort Ann, N.Y.: "People who voice an opinion for peace in the United States are persecuted and their voices suppressed. There is not a democratic government in the United States as long as McCarthyism and McCarraism are allowed to exist—the people cannot be allowed to fight for peace."

"There is no freedom of speech... People in office in the United States were put there by those who hold monopolies and control money."

The 21 Americans looked healthy, rosy-cheeked and warm in their huge blue padded Chinese overcoats.

They were cheerful, had good flesh on their faces and looked well fed.

Vital Statistics
Divorce Suits Filed
PHILLIPS — Vereta J. vs. Odie O. Phillips, Married at Ola, Ark., Sept. 18, 1949. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff seeks custody of two minor children and \$35 per month support for each.

MOON — Sam, C. vs. Betty L. Moon, Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Married at Gallup, N. M., July 16, 1947. Plaintiff asks custody of two minor children and property settlement.

Divorce Granted
LINDER — Ann J. from Kenneth R. Linder, Plaintiff awarded \$100 per month alimony, custody of three minor children and \$200 per month support for them and property settlement.

Marriage Licenses
DENN-BARTH — Henry L. Denn and Margaret D. Barth, both of Camas, Va.

DUNCAN — Donald James Duncan, Sixes, and Shirley Joanne Almond, Roseburg.

TERWILLIGER-WHINERY — James D. Terwilliger, Roseburg, and Carol Ann Whinery, Lebanon.

NURSES TO MEET
Members of Oregon State Nurses Assn., District 11, will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 in the nurses' home at the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg.

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Teamsters Sue For \$51 Million In N. Y. Debacle

NEW YORK (AP) — The AFL Teamsters Union filed a \$51-million dollar damage suit in Federal Court Monday against 222 defendants for losses allegedly suffered because of the existing cargo handling system on New York's waterfront.

The action named steamship lines, stevedoring companies and the old International Longshoremen's Assn. plus a number of individuals as defendants.

The lawsuit added a new complication to the tangled port of New York picture, already disturbed by jurisdictional battles between dock-handlers' unions and efforts of government officials to rid the great harbor of racketeering elements.

The suit said the losses were suffered by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters because of continuation of the public loader system "in defiance of the New York-New Jersey waterfront commission act."

BIRTHS

Douglas Community Hospital
HUMPHRIES — To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Humphries, Glide, Jan. 19, a daughter, Tera Yvonne; weight seven pounds eight and one-half ounces.

McINTYRE — To Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre, Rt. 2, Box 247, Roseburg, Jan. 20, a son, Frank Allen; weight six pounds seven and one-half ounces.

STEVENSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson, 1407 Cedar St., Roseburg, Jan. 20, a son, Donald Marion; weight three pounds two ounces.

SEVERSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Severson, Oakland, Jan. 21, a daughter, Judy Ann; weight four pounds six and one-half ounces.

CUNNINGHAM — To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cunningham, N. Stephens Street, Roseburg, Jan. 21, a daughter, Rosalie Mae; weight six pounds one and one-half ounces.

SMITH — To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, Winchester, Jan. 22, a son, Richard Harris; weight eight pounds four and one-fourth ounces.

Oregon Tops Washington In Population Gain

WASHINGTON (AP) — California, Washington and Oregon were among states reporting population increases between the April 1, 1950 census and an official estimate July 1, 1953. The Census Bureau said Sunday.

California led the way with a 14.2 per cent gain, from 10,418,000 to 11,667,000 to replace Pennsylvania as the nation's second most populated state.

Oregon gained 7.1 per cent, from 1,519,000 to 1,625,000, to place 16th in percentage gain, and Washington's population went up 5.9 per cent, from 2,317,000 to 2,442,000 and placed 19th.

New York remained first among all the states with a July 1, 1953 estimated population of 15,190,000.

ADMINISTRATOR NAMED

Probate Judge Carl Hill has signed an order appointing Gunnar Johnson administrator of the estate of Joseph Nathaniel Sand, county clerk's records show. Sand died at Roseburg Jan. 4, 1954, at the age of 71, leaving personal property valued at \$4,500.

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