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CURB ON VANDALS

Charles V. Stanton

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club has been working with Douglas County granges in an effort to achieve an improvement in farmer-sportsman relations. The program, however, is not exclusive in Douglas County, although the Roseburg club was one of the first to undertake a combined and cooperative study.

The Dalles Chronicle and the Bend Bulletin, both in the area served by the Deschutes Sportsmen's Association, report on activities in that part of the state. Sportsmen in the Bend area, it is reported, have been building stiles to provide crossings over fences. Two lumber companies donated materials. Construction was by sportsmen. In the Dalles area sportsmen also have built stiles, installed a cattle guard, and contributed to the cost of widening and surfacing a parking area.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club and the Deschutes Sportsmen's Association are both affiliated with the Oregon Wildlife Federation which has made the matter of improved farmer-sportsman relations one of its major projects for several years.

Ample Room For Improvement

That there is ample room for improvement is obvious to anyone who has occasion to witness some of the more depredations on private lands. These depredations are not caused by real sportsmen. Perpetrators seldom belong to any sports organization. Studies show that the percentage of vandals is low. But as population increases the number of vandals also grows, even though the percentage may remain the same.

The practice of many landowners consequently has been to post their lands against trespass in an effort to keep their property free from damage.

Landowners in the northeastern part of the state are beginning to alter this practice. At a recent meeting in Pendleton several stockmen, owners of large acreage, announced that their lands will be open to hunters who request permission.

One cattleman, who has kept his land posted for many years, said he found he was simply maintaining a refuge for poachers and vandals. Real sportsmen honored his trespass signs, but the undesirables sneaked in by the back way, breaking down his fences and doing other damage, while harvesting game denied to hunters who could be expected to respect property rights.

This fall, said the landowner, his several thousand acres will be open to all who request permission. He hopes to gain help from those granted the right to hunt on his lands in locating and prosecuting hunters disregarding property rights.

A great deal of work is being done to educate hunters and anglers in the matter of cooperation.

The Game Commission is furnishing, free of charge, signs for farm property advising that access is obtainable upon request. Persons using private land are urged to seek permission to hunt or fish, identifying themselves to the landowner. A person who so identifies himself is not apt to engage in any sort of depredation.

Sportsmen Given Warnings

The Game Commission also is posting signs warning hunters and anglers that their privilege of using private land is dependent upon their cooperation. The Oregon division of the Izaak Walton League of America coined the word "Litterbug" and is conducting an extensive "shame" campaign as a means of discouraging those persons who so thoughtlessly defile the landscape with promiscuously discarded rubbish.

Our state is growing rapidly in population. More and more land is being withdrawn from recreational use for homes, farms, factories, etc. As farm lands are posted against trespass, recreational sites shrink while population and land usage gains. Many farmers and landowners would welcome hunters and anglers if the hunters and anglers would behave themselves. Therefore it appears the sports groups are engaged in a worthwhile campaign if they can educate thoughtless and careless people into better habits, while actively cooperating with owners of private lands to apprehend and prosecute the very small percentage of vandals, poachers and "Poison Oakes" who have never learned decent conduct.

Hal Boyle

BONN, Germany (AP)—Here where Beethoven was born and wrote some of the world's mightiest music a 78-year-old German statesman is trying to bring true a mighty dream—the dream of European unity.

And time is running out for the old man.

As of the first of this year Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was the strongest and most influential political figure between London and Moscow.

By the end of this year Adenauer will probably either go down in history as a kind of European Abraham Lincoln—or merely another old Titan with a faded dream, cultivating his rose garden in quiet bitterness as his countrymen forget him.

The issue is simple. His coalition German federal government so far has gone along with him in his program for European defensive cooperation. But the coalition is wavering. How long can he hold it together in the face of France's refusal to vote for a six-nation European army in which French and German troops would serve together?

Just last week the sturdy elderly chancellor told a group of visiting American former war correspondents about his dream of European freedom. Lean and erect, he has the dark impressive facial immobility of an Indian chieftain.

But although he has lived eight years beyond man's Biblical age, his eyes were firm and strong, his voice bright and intense, and he talked for more than an hour on the present plight of Europe.



ICC Gives Lumber, Grain Shippers Assurance Against Railroad Car Discrimination

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The Interstate Commerce Commission has promised western Oregon lumber and grain shippers "relief" from any future "inequitable (freight) car distribution" by the Southern Pacific Railroad. But at the same time the ICC dismissed a complaint of the shippers dating back to the car shortages of 1950.

The ICC action came in its final decision in the case of the Shippers' Car Supply Committee vs. SP. The committee, composed of 15 shippers of lumber and grain and seed, sought assurances from the ICC of "adequate and non-discriminatory" service in western Oregon.

After hearing testimony at Portland in December, 1951, and again in September, 1952, ICC Examiner O. L. Mohndro recommended that the complaint be dismissed. But Mohndro suggested that in the future the government might give the shippers relief if a car shortage again developed.

The ICC itself heard oral arguments in the case last February. Its decision, which has just been rendered, follows Mohndro's recommendations precisely.

"The car shortages in the periods complained of were largely national in scope," the ICC declared in its decision. "The record would not support a finding that the defendant is guilty of unreasonable laxity in meeting the great and largely unexpected demands made upon it in the periods referred to."

Decision On Gas Considered Boon For Northwest

OLYMPIA (AP)—Federal authorization of a natural gas pipeline to the Pacific Northwest was termed a "boon to the industry of the state" by Atty. Gen. Don Eastvold Friday.

But, he added, he didn't expect the pipeline to be in operation for two to three years.

"I think it's going to be a real boon to the industry of the state by making available another source of energy," Eastvold said. "We're continuing to face shortages of energy of all kinds needed to keep our industrial potential where it should be."

He said it would take a long time to arrange financing and to construct the line from the San Juan Basin of New Mexico and Colorado to Washington state.

Firm commitments from industrial firms for use of natural gas would be required before actual operation could begin, the attorney general stated.

Authorization for Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation of Houston, Tex., to build the pipeline was granted by the Federal Power Commission. Asst. Atty. Gen. Frank Hayes and State Public Service Commissioner Robert D. Neumann had appeared before the FPC to urge permission be granted to one of the several companies seeking to serve the area.

development of Germany since 1945 holds no danger to the Free World. In a unified Europe no country could be a threat to another country. We must overcome the selfish egotism of European nationalities.

The strong old man sat there a moment, his firm face framed against the white-walled reception room in the palace Schaumburg. Then he rose and quickly walked out.

Seeing him leave, some of us couldn't help wondering who, if Dr. Adenauer falls, would have his strength of will or purpose to weld a free and united Europe. He seems the tallest tower in a dubious landscape still darkened by ancient fears and old distrust.

In The Day's News

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By the time we get this year's crop tucked away in the (government) bins, we'll have wheat enough to run us for more than a year—including both domestic and export demand—even if next year's crop was a total failure.

Soybeans went higher on reports that Formosa has the money to buy about a million bushels of old crop beans and that money must be spent by June 30. That, if it happens, would mean movement of more soybeans INTO CONSUMPTION.

In the case of soybeans, consumption and production are already in a fairly reasonable balance.

One more slant on markets.

Pork prices are slipping. That's an interesting story if you're interested in ECONOMIC reasons why prices rise and fall. Year before last the pig crop was small. It was small because the price of pork had been too low in relation to the price of corn. Because of the small pig crop, the price of pork went up. That resulted in MORE PIGS. These pigs are now coming to market in numbers great enough to cause pork prices to begin to slip again.

On the world front, Premier-designate Mendes-France tells the French national assembly this week that if he is chosen premier he'll go all out to get a settlement of the Indochina war by July 20 and that if he doesn't achieve a peace by then he'll resign.

Well, we went all out to get a "peace" in Korea. We had our reasons. We felt that the war in Korea was a profitless war because we couldn't afford to win it and we couldn't afford to lose it.

So we did what was necessary to stop the shooting. It is understandable that France feels the same way about Indochina.

Question: If France goes out, should we GET IN?

That's a big question, but my personal opinion is that the answer should be NO—period!

Until the time comes when the people of Southeast Asia (including Indochina) are willing to fight to protect their OWN liberties, we have no business to be mixed up in the fighting there.

Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. Given Gas Right

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Power Commission authorized the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp., Houston, Tex., Friday to deliver natural gas to Pacific Northwest markets.

The project involves a 1,446-mile pipeline from gas fields in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico and Colorado to Bellingham, Wash.

It would cost initially an estimated 160 million dollars. Service would be provided communities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.

The commission also authorized Colorado Interstate Gas Co., Colorado Springs, Colo., to build a pipeline to carry gas received from Pacific Northwest to market areas in Colorado and Wyoming.

Permission to pipe gas into the Northwest states, last major area of the nation without natural gas, also has been sought by West-coast Transmission Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del., Trans-Northwest Gas Co., Spokane, Wash., and Northwest Natural Gas Co., New York City. Each of these three proposed to import natural gas from Canada.

Reader Opinions

Opinion Is Expressed On Need To Call Halt

ROSEBURG—Being a steady reader of The News-Review I get quite a kick out of some of the ideas expressed in the reader opinion. It has never been my policy to let someone else's opinion get under my skin but sometimes I wonder.

I got along fairly well with Mr. Robinson's open letter (not agreeing with him but not letting it bother me either) until I came to his last paragraph bringing up how bright and alert our present generation is to maintain freedom. Does Mr. Robinson wish to insinuate that without acres and acres (over ten I believe he said) of schools we wouldn't as Americans be able to fight and win any old war they want to push our way? Does he forget the Boston Tea Party? Does he forget the sinking of the Maine? Does he forget World War One? These boys had a little vigor, vim and know how, even if they did get their education in a backwoods school.

Mr. Miller in his letter sure had things pretty well summed up only he didn't go half far enough. Now don't form the opinion I am an old fogey and only remember the good old days. Far be it from such. Up to the last year I have voted "Yes," for every school bond on the ballot. But, how much longer can we go on, and on, and on?

Should we build ten more acres of schools to give employment to a chosen few and all of us go broke trying to pay the taxes? I don't know Mr. Robinson's age or how far he can go back. But I am sixty two and went to school when we sat two in a seat, walked four miles to get there and home and carried two hours of home work with me, and, believe you me, we had to have it ready to hand to the teacher in the morning or else. We didn't have time for hot rods in those days. We were too busy getting an education. We didn't have nice shiny buses to pick us up at our door and bring us home again. We didn't have massive gyms for exercise. We were taught what our legs were for the hard way.

Now please don't form the idea I am not for progress. I am but we have to stop some place. We just can't go on forever. We can't keep voting more bonds and bonds and bonds forever. If we do we might just as well give our homes and businesses to the county, buy a trailer where we don't have to pay any school tax, and then vote for every bond that reaches the ballot.

Well, be it as it may, Mr. Robinson has his opinion. I have mine. He may be right. I may be wrong. But one thing I am sure of, we have got to stop some place. With working conditions as they are in Douglas County today should we vote for more school bonds or any other bonds to raise our taxes at the present time?

I am well aware of the fact that if this letter is printed I am due for a lot of criticism, so go ahead, I can take it.

Think it over folks and let your conscience be your guide when you go to vote.

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Making Alliance Strong Aim Of Churchill Visit

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said his June 25 meeting with Prime Minister Churchill is intended to keep the bridge between America and Britain strong.

Eisenhower told his news conference the suggestion for the meeting came from Churchill, and that the talks will cover the whole range of mutual interests between the powers. He emphasized, as the original announcement Tuesday had done, that there is no agenda or formal schedule of subjects.

The highly informal talks, Eisenhower said, will touch not only on the crisis in Southeast Asia but on virtually every topic which reporters could bring up.

The President said he agreed with Churchill that the meeting should do much to put an end to reports of rifts between the two countries.

He said the main purpose of the talks is to make the alliance between the two nations as strong as possible.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Secretary of State Dulles will participate in the White House conversations, which some have presumed might eventually lead to some form of united action to check communism in Indochina and the whole of Southeast Asia.

This country has been working for creation of a Southeast Asia security pact as soon as possible.

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Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

RECESSION FEAR RECEDING Albany Democrat-Herald

Croaking Cassandra's who have been seeking to make political capital for themselves out of what they were calling a recession seem to have been ignoring some rather obvious facts. In a recent issue, Washington Report, published by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, summarized business statistics issued by the Chamber showing improvement in several of the most important and definitive indexes of the economic life of the country, including take-home pay, individual savings, consumer debt, life insurance, national output of goods and services, growth in population, size of labor force.

Average family take-home pay has been rising at the rate of almost 3 per cent a year for 13 years—from \$3,603 in 1940 (figured at 1953 prices) to \$4,855 in 1953, a total of 35 per cent.

Individual savings have been increasing at the rate of 7 per cent, from \$130.8 billion (at 1953 prices) in 1940 to \$250 billion in 1953.

Consumer debt, as a percentage of savings, has been dropping at the rate of 1 per cent a year—from 49 per cent of savings, or \$33.6 billion in 1940, to 36 per cent of savings, of \$88.8 billion in 1953.

Life insurance in force has increased 38 per cent—from \$220 billion (at 1953 prices) in 1940 to \$304 billion in 1953.

Total national output of goods and services has been increasing at the rate of 6 per cent a year—from \$205.7 billion (1953 prices) in 1940 to \$309 billion in 1953.

Growth in population—more customers for goods and services—is beneficial to a nation with large resources and an expanding economy, and our population has increased 10,633,000 in four years, or at the rate of 2,658,000 a year.

The size of the labor force is a measure of economic capacity, and ours has grown 4,197,000 in four years, or at the rate of 1,049,000 a year.

It was pointed out that even with 3,000,000 unemployed, more than 60,000,000 still have jobs and this is 5,000,000 more than were employed during the massive production of World War II.

Built-in stabilizers, the U. S. Chamber points out, provide protection against a serious depression. Among these "stabilizers" are listed:

- (1) An estimated \$27 billion of liquid assets held by individuals and businesses;
- (2) The amortized nature of most of our private debt;

VOICES CUT EXPENSES

DES MOINES (AP)—A Des Moines firm reports it has reduced expense accounts of its traveling salesmen by 25 per cent by requiring that the men submit them by wire recording instead of in warranty. The company says the psychology of the system seems to be that the men don't mind padding a written report but are reluctant to do so when making a voice recording.

Quill pens were in common use well into the 19th Century.

ATTENTION: TAXPAYERS

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayer's League will be held at 10:00 o'clock A.M., Monday, June 21st, at the Circuit Court Room, Douglas County Court House, Roseburg, Oregon, for the purpose of discussing the 1954-55 budget and for the election of directors. All taxpayers should attend this meeting.

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J. F. Bonebrake, President

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