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WATER AUTHORITY

By Charles V. Stanton

One of the anticipated major achievements of the forthcoming session of the Oregon legislature is the creation of a water resources board. Little controversy is expected. The matter probably will be the subject for lengthy legislative committee hearings, but it is the general belief there will be little opposition to creation of the board or commission.

An interim committee, of which General Beecher of Douglas County is a member, has made an exhaustive study. This committee visited every part of Oregon to gather statistics and ideas. It has since devoted many hours to a careful study of accumulated data and has prepared a most comprehensive report which will be presented to the legislature. The report contains recommendations for legislation needed to create the board, define its duties and establish authority, both as to surface and underground water.

The interim committee recommends that all existing laws and regulations pertaining to water be transferred to the board, commission or other governing body set up by the legislature. The legislation, it is expected, will place full control of all water management into the hands of this new Authority.

Regulation Essential

Establishment of state control over water is many years too late, in our opinion. The action is one that should have been taken many years ago. But even at this late date, it becomes possible to retain what we have left in the way of a water resource and to start repair of the damage done in the past.

The destruction of our water resource has progressed so rapidly that immediate regulation is essential. Yet it will take much time for a regulatory body to gain necessary controls.

Many people doubtless will become impatient. But it should be realized that, aside from setting up certain fundamental policies, the Authority will need several years just to complete basic studies. It will undoubtedly be forced into a reallocation of water rights, which will lead to extended controversy and much litigation. Many conflicts will arise. Varying usages, such as agriculture, power, recreation, industry, etc., each demanding water for special purpose, will war on regulations. The members of the new agency will need extreme patience and wisdom as the project gets underway.

It is our hope that the legislature will emphatically declare the right of the State of Oregon to control its own water resource and that the agency set up to manage water be given authority to fend off federal encroachment.

Policies Cause Damage

Untold millions of dollars worth of damage have been caused to the country's water resource through ambitious federal projects.

The National Wildlife Federation points out that when the white man first came to America he found more than 120 million acres of marsh and swamp in what is now the United States. Of this expanse of wetlands, less than 30 million acres remain.

Some of this drainage was justified in producing land for agricultural purposes, but millions of acres were drained and became desert. Serious damage has been done to underground water supplies. Habitat for wildfowl has been ruined and millions of dollars lost annually through reduction of area previously productive of fur-bearing animals.

Extensive damage has been done to the fishery resource by monumental dam building. Productive agricultural lands have been inundated in projects developed to irrigate deserts. Many of the projects sponsored by the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation have absolutely no rhyme or reason in the field of conservation.

There even is a project on the federal drawing board to take water from the Rogue, Umpqua and Klamath Rivers for transport to California, thus reducing still more Oregon's diminishing water resource.

The new board, we believe, should be given veto power over any federal project affecting Oregon's water.

Hal Boyle

By SAUL PETT
For Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Between telephone calls, Bob Hope relaxed and talked of the triumphs and tribulations of entertaining huge crowds in gyms, airplane hangars and baseball parks.

He had lately returned from Greenland, where he filmed a TV show which you will see Sunday night. Hope, Bill Holden, Anita Ekberg (the smorgasbord Marilyn Monroe), and other members of his troupe reached 11:00 a.m. the day before New Year's.

At 3 p.m., they did a snow before 2,500 Air Force men in a gymnasium. Miss Ekberg wore a tight sweater which brought so many howls and whistles the lines were completely lost in the noise. For the evening show, which was filmed, Hope ordered a costume change. That's why you won't see the sweater.

They went on again that night at 8:30 playing right through midnight and took off at 1:30 a.m. On the way back, they landed in a swirling snowstorm at Goose Bay, Newfoundland, and performed for 2,000 men in a hangar where the heating system was so noisy it had to be turned off. Hope reached New York elated but smiling.

As he told about the trip, during an interview in a New York hotel he was continually interrupted by the phone. Hope answered the calls in a variety of accents — British, French, Viennese and several I couldn't place — and a variety of jokes. But in less than an hour he had promised to call at

least two dozen people back. To one friend on the phone he said, "Why don't you give yourself up and go to Bellevue the mental ward? They're holding an outside suite for you."

We talked about the times Hope almost "died" or laid a "big bomb" before large audiences.

"About four years ago I did a big July Fourth show before 175,000 people in a park at Buffalo," he recalled. "They haven't heard a line yet. The mike went dead. I screamed. But only about 100 people heard me."

At Cleveland, his home town once gave him a big day at the ball park. Some 80,000 people, he recalls, were in the stadium. He got a big introduction and a big hand as he approached the mike. "That public address system may be fine for baseball announcers," he said, "but it laid a big egg on me. Just as I was doing the punch line, the straight line was reaching the crowd. It was so bad my relatives were grumbling that I must have been stealing the money all these years."

Once, during the war, he was playing a small provincial town in Australia. Material which had proved sure-fire elsewhere for the comic was now laying a monumental egg. "When that happens," he said, "you get worried, of course, but

"Sorry, That Seat's Taken"



Bruce Brossat

For a generation, auto makers have been busy giving us bigger and more powerful cars. Prices have advanced, too, but few motorists would complain that they are not getting good value today. At most all cars seem like luxury items.

But now an eastern big city traffic commissioner steps in to deplore the whole trend. He sees to day's automobiles as getting beyond human capacity to handle, and thinks it's all "sheer madness."

The tremendously increased power is part of the story. But so is size. Some motorists can't fit their cars into garages built for yesterday's vehicles. Or, if they get them in without part of the rear fenders sticking outside, they can't open the car door wide enough to get out without a tight squeeze.

The traffic commissioner says parking lots as well as garages are proving inadequate. And as for streets, in some cities they were hardly suitable for the old skinny cars. Today's sleek, fat jobs make a lot of them look like footpaths.

There's no argument about the increased size and power and what they have done to outdate many types of facilities constructed to serve the automobile. The only question is: What should be done about it?

The commissioner says the motor makers have a responsibility to set limits on size and performance which are geared to what the driver can do and what the economy can afford in the design of streets, highways, and car storage facilities. He thinks the manufacturers are guided mostly by the pressures of competition within their industry.

The auto makers, however, dispute this line of thinking. They say the heightened power of cars is not for greater speed but for better performance at the slow and middle ranges. This power is a hazard only when misused, according to some.

Furthermore, they contend, the added power gives the driver vital agility in passing on the open road,

Teenagers Deal \$15,000 Damage To Four Schools
DENVER — Two teenagers were jailed Sunday night after sheriff's officers said they admitted breaking into four schools in suburban Adams City and Derby and causing damage estimated at \$15,000.

Sheriff Ira Bashor said two other boys are being sought in connection with the vandalism, which he termed "the most vicious and destructive" in the county in years. Officials said classrooms were ransacked in all of the schools, lockers were written on blackboards, and ink had been splattered against walls.

The vandals set fire to the Adams High School Arts Building, broke windows and flooded a room. The blaze was brought under control early Sunday by volunteer firemen.

You don't get panicky. You try to diagnose the trouble. In this case, in this little place in Australia, I simply broadened the humor and it worked."

The gag which won the Australians over was: "I stopped in Brisbane and saw a woman standing in the rain. She had her dress up over her head. I said, 'Madame, you're getting your legs all wet.' She said, 'What do I care? My legs are 50 years old but my hat is brand new.'"

We talked about writers. Hope now employs five for his TV shows and two for radio. He used to have 13 writers for a half-hour radio show. Each man wrote for the same scenes. Then they would all assemble and read their competing material before each other. Hope would make the selections.

"You know," Hope said, "some people think it's some kind of a disgrace for a comedian to have writers. I don't know why. If I could get good ones, I'd have more today — 20 if I could get them."

"President Roosevelt used four great writers and he wasn't making nearly what I was making and he used up much less material."

more reserve for fuller fuel economy, and longer car life. A car which can cruise all day at half its power obviously is under less strain, and so are the people who ride in it, the makers argue.

If you give the manufacturers the benefit of the doubt and acknowledge the worth of their technical arguments, that still does not solve the problem. A big car is a puzzle to handle in many places today. And a powerful car is a great temptation to any motorist who discovers what he has beneath that fancy hood.

But certainly we can't compel the makers by law or decree to turn out smaller automobiles. The motorist, the buyer, is the only one who can exert any fair leverage on the manufacturer.

When cars get so big they can't pass each other on the street, or so powerful they can't be stopped short of the telephone pole looming beside the road on a sharp curve, then maybe the trend will be halted.

Reader Opinions

Need For Additional School Units Stressed

ROSEBURG — I assume that most patrons of school district No. 4 will readily agree that the growth of our community makes it mandatory that we provide for next year's elementary school needs by approval of the \$225,000 bond issue for the proposed new eight room elementary school in the Hucrest area. It is more difficult for people to understand why an additional \$207,000 is needed at this time for the brand new Joseph Lane Junior High School.

I am a parent of a student attending this school and have been active in the parent affairs of the school. As a result, I have visited the school on several occasions and can verify the needs for the additional facilities as requested by the school board. Due to limited funds available on the bond issue of 1952, only the barest essentials could be provided for a "starter unit" of a junior high school building. The present request will provide a number of essential facilities and does not provide for any services not now available to the students of the Central Junior High School.

I want the students who attend our school to have a hot lunch program that will require a kitchen and cafeteria tables. Two additional classrooms are needed to relieve the congestion already existing due to the enrollment. Probably our greatest need is for physical education facilities, including showers and adequate dressing rooms. More lavatories are badly needed, as there are now only sixteen fixtures to serve 410 students. More lockers are needed since nearly a hundred students must now share small lockers with others. The library needs completion by the addition of shelving and work and conference rooms. I find there is lack of adequate space for important guidance and counseling by the vice-principal and the special education teachers, and no space has been provided for group meetings. We have a fine new building but there is no lawn or shrubbery and more developing of the playground area is very much needed.

I believe that more parents and other taxpayers will agree that these deficiencies in facilities at Joseph Lane should be provided at once so that our boys and girls have the essentials of a good educational program. I appreciate the recent editorial endorsing the current needs of the school district and join in urging the people to vote "yes" on both bond issues recommended at the school election on Tuesday, January 11.

HENRY WILCOX JR.
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In The Day's News

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ory is that the tropics are moving slowly northward.

It is supported by evidence that the seas are rising as the polar ice cap melts, that birds and animals hitherto confined to the more southerly latitudes are moving northward. Opossums, for example, are being encountered as far north as upper Michigan.

This change has been going on GRADUALLY for a couple of centuries or more, but is now progressing at an ACCELERATED pace. Each year, according to the now widely held theory, this northward movement of warmer and drier weather proceeds farther than it formerly proceeded in a couple of decades.

Here is a MOST interesting facet of the theory:

As the warmer and drier weather moves northward at a pace that to the south of us will GET DRIER STILL.

People will follow the water northward.

People MUST HAVE WATER.

A question is in order here. Just what is the Pacific Northwest?

Practically speaking, the Pacific Northwest is the watershed of the Columbia river. That may not be a precise geographical fact, but it is an economic fact.

That brings into the picture our own mythical State of Jefferson. This mythical State of Jefferson includes the watersheds of the Umpqua, the Rogue and the Klamath rivers.

These watersheds constitute an economic unit.

That prompts a thought.

If — As weather scientists contend — Warmer and drier weather is moving northward — at a pace that in the past has been slow but is now much faster — it will reach us first. As the already dry areas to the south of us get drier still THERE WILL BE INCREASING COMPETITION FOR OUR WATER.

In the future, water will be MOVED from areas that are not using their water to the fullest possible extent to areas that want it and WILL use it to the fullest possible extent.

This thought in conclusion:

We of the mythical State of Jefferson, which includes the watersheds of the Umpqua, the Rogue and the Klamath, better begin NOW to put our water to COMPLETE use. Complete use of water includes agriculture (irrigation), industry, power and recreation.

We have great resources — land, water, minerals, FIBER, unsurpassed recreational areas. Water will be needed for the development of ALL of them. Without water, our other resources will be valueless.

It's high time NOW to begin to protect our water.

The way to protect our water is to put it to COMPLETE use.

Unemployment Benefits At High Peak In 1954

SALEM (AP) — Unemployment benefits paid in Oregon in 1954 reached a new high of \$24,132,219, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission announced.

That was more than 25 per cent above the 1953 total of \$19,275,204.

The picture brightened in December, however, with monthly payments of \$2,238,419. That was a decline of 22.4 per cent of the December, 1953, total.

The commission estimated that 53,300 persons were unemployed at the end of the year, compared with 63,400 a year ago, and 54,227 two years ago.

Strong demand for lumber and moderate weather delayed seasonal layoffs in logging camps and sawmills at the end of the year. Construction work also is holding up better than a year ago, but cannery layoffs are increasing.

Only 6,400 lumber and logging workers are getting jobless benefits, compared with more than 13,000 a year ago.

Eisenhower Passes Oregon In Allowing Project Funds In Budget Sent To Congress

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Eisenhower administration has passed over Oregon in preparing the new federal budget in the field of new reclamation projects for 1955, while approving new starts on added irrigation acreages in neighboring Washington, Idaho and California.

Oregon was left out because of the outcome of the recent election, in which the voters of the state refused to return Republican Sen. Guy Cordon and thereby gave Democrats control of the Senate, according to a highly placed administration official.

The Oregon project which the Bureau of Reclamation and Oregon members of Congress have been seeking to get started in 1955 is the Talent division of the Rogue River project, a \$20,500,000 irrigation proposal near Medford authorized by Congress last summer.

But reportedly the project was turned down by the Budget Bureau, which has the last word on how to allocate the president's annual budget requests — that is, which projects go in and which get chopped off. Official word on the matter will not be out until President Eisenhower sends his detailed budget message to Congress Jan. 17.

Only three new reclamation projects were reportedly contained in the new budget — Santa Maria, near Santa Barbara, Calif.; Michoud Flats near American Falls dam on the Snake River, Idaho; and Foster Creek near Chief Joseph dam on the Columbia River, Wash.

A high administration official said Sen. Cordon had tried before leaving office this past week to get the Budget Bureau to loosen funds for the Rogue River project.

"But the boys in the Bureau feel, 'Why should they help Cordon?' He was defeated. And that's all they need to cut a project out of the budget."

Reminded that Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay is still in office and favors the project, the official declared: "But the Budget Bureau has seen the Oregon election returns, and they know McKay came out on the short end."

In short, it was pointed out the few projects gaining approval were doled out to states that stood by GOP candidates. The California project is a pet of Sen. Thomas Kuchel, a Republican re-elected in November; the Idaho project is a favorite of Sen. Henry "Borah" Shuck, a victorious Republican in 1954; and the Washington project goes to Rep. Walt Horan, Republican, and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, a Democrat who will be the top man from the Northwest on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee in this Congress.

Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said he vigorously argued for a Rogue River project funds but had no word on whether they had been approved or disapproved.

From Democratic circles, it became clear that Sen. Wayne Morse and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger will try to add funds to the budget during its review by Congress and that the slightest Oregon project would be one they would push. The long-haul strategy of Democrats so long as they control Congress and the GOP controls the executive departments, it is expected, will be something like this:

Although Eisenhower does not ask Congress for funds to start many new projects, the Democrats will move to jack up his budgets by adding funds for such resource development. They will initially appropriate the minimum amount of money needed in each case to which would be calculated to force the administration in subsequent years to request additional funds to complete the projects without politically-risky and uneconomic interruptions.

Woman Killed When Dog Knocks Over Gun

OVERBROOK, Kan. (AP) — An eager dog accidentally knocked over a shotgun leaning against a fence and the weapon fired, killing Mrs. Maurice E. Fager, 41, Sunday.

Her husband is manager of the Kansas Free Fair Assn. and formerly was director of the Kansas Industrial Development Commission.

The accident happened as Mrs. Fager was crawling through a fence while hunting near her home with her husband and a son, Mark, 14.

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Slur Of Cowboy Boots Leads To Fatal Fight

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A 74-year-old pensioner was stabbed to death in a downtown hotel lobby Saturday in what police said was a fight over criticism of his cowboy boots.

The victim was Andrew Jackson (Bugs) Stages, a resident of the hotel. Officers arrested another hotel occupant, O. N. Nettles, 56.

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