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ON ENJOYMENT OF NATURE

By MERLE F. PUGH

Vernon Pick, in the February issue of *Coronet* magazine, presents a commendable philosophy which promotes interest in the great outdoors. He says it is highly beneficial for people to go prospecting for uranium, whether they find a fortune or merely fresh air.

First, however, for the benefit of anyone who hasn't contracted uranium fever or isn't even running a little temperature: Vernon Pick is the most publicized, but not the richest of the new "uranium-aire" of the Colorado Plateau. He found a high-quality deposit of uranium ore in southeastern Utah and parlayed it into a nine million dollar sale to one of the big development companies. (Several Roseburg men, by the way, are now in or planning to go to the same area to try their luck.)

Pick is no geologist, nor is he an expert on prospecting for uranium ore. So, he doesn't tell others it is entirely foolish to go off hunting the stuff. He found it, even though he did spend all his savings, several thousand dollars, doing it.

Pick says "...don't risk everything on a uranium safari — unless you are so wealthy you don't have to worry about keeping a job." But, he has other good advice for would-be prospectors: "Go ahead and look for uranium. You'll find it a healthy, invigorating hobby and a fascinating educational experience."

He also says, "In some ways, prospecting is like fishing. You get into the outdoors and in close touch with the wonders of nature. Only it's more exciting to go after a fortune than a fish."

Well, whether or not you know a hunk of carnotite or pitchblende from a hole in the ground, it sounds like a good idea.

But you don't have to be carrying a Geiger counter or a fishing rod to enjoy the wonders of nature. Whether you're fishing or just piddling shouldn't make too much difference. In fact, you'll probably get a better look at the scenery if you're not fishing.

So, to extend Pick's proposal a little bit: We office-bound adventurers should go on out and have a look at the wonderful country right here in our own back yard. The weather will soon be conducive, we hope.

And, if you want to carry a radiation-counting gadget along, go ahead. You never know. You may find some uranium ore here in Douglas County. Nearly every day, new deposits are being found in "unlikely" places, and geologists still have not determined the exact way in which uranium deposits are derived from nature.

So, if you don't have a fishing pole or a scintillometer, pick up a stick and go "prospecting" anyway.

LET THERE BE LIGHT—ON AUTOS

Oregon Journal, Portland

With all the advancement in design, horsepower, performance and luxury in the 1955 automobiles, one thing is lacking, namely, an automatic device which will turn on headlights from one half-hour before sunset to one half-hour after sunrise.

Workers who take to the streets early in the morning and who go home fairly late in the evening oft-times are startled by seeing a hulk loom out of the murk, bearing no light of any kind. Occasionally a driver will turn the knob which controls the parking lights, let in the clutch, and go merrily on his way. Parking lights, while visible to some extent, cannot take the place of headlights.

It is only courtesy to the other driver which prompts the use of lights at the hours specified by Oregon law. A driver can see well without headlights. But the fellow in the oncoming car likes to have visible evidence that he is meeting a similar conveyance, so he can gauge his speed, share of the road, and driving thereby.

Hal Boyle

FARMINGDALE, N. Y. (AP) — Would you be afraid to ride in a jet airplane as it broke through the sound barrier? The public generally pictures this as a frightening physical ordeal in a plane vibrating like a sparrow caught in a tornado.

Oscar P. ("Bud") Hass, a veteran test pilot who won his wings at 17 and now is 47 and a grandfather, says this is only one of many misconceptions about the work of the elite fliers who test the nation's war planes. "In most airplanes today if you didn't have a speed indicator you wouldn't know you'd gone through the sound barrier," he said. "You usually don't even know when it happens."

Hass, director of flight operations at Republic Aviation Corp., supervises a crew of 16 pilots who test the new F84 Thunderstreak fighter bombers. The planes can exceed 650 miles an hour and carry an atomic bomb.

Bud estimates there are perhaps no more than 600 jet test pilots in America.

"It's a pretty new field," he said. "Hardly anyone in it deliberately set out to be a jet test pilot. Most of them are former armed forces fliers with combat records. There is no other place for them to get the experience."

Nice work if you can get it. The pay is good—in the \$10,000 a year class. The hours are good—an average of 35 hours a month in the air, compared to 35 for a commercial transport pilot. The fliers check in at 7 a.m. and check out at 3 p.m.

There is also plenty of fresh oxygen and exercise on the job. The test pilot really starts his main chores at an altitude of 40,000 feet.

But no daredevils need apply. No manufacturer wants to put a hot rod flier in the cockpit of a \$400,000 airplane. The test pilot is an intensely serious young man, who must serve both as a scientist and a highly paid bookkeeper and

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—The price tag on President Eisenhower's new health program is now estimated at over \$70 million. This is for the first year's operation only, in getting the new programs started. No government official has yet made estimates on what the costs would be in later years, after the programs are in full operation.

The President's special message to Congress spelled out his new health plans in more detail than his state of the union and budget messages. But there are still great gaps that need to be filled, before Congress, the state government, and the federal government will receive matching grants under some programs, the doctors and their patients who will benefit, can know what to expect.

The health reinsurance plan which President Eisenhower proposed last year and which Congress turned down will be re-submitted as a \$100 million authorization, with a requested \$25 million for the first year's operation.

THE PROGRAM IS BASICALLY the same as last year. It is intended to encourage private insurance companies to develop new health insurance policies with reduced premiums. This is the Republican administration's counter-proposal to the Democratic proposals for compulsory federal health insurance.

Under the GOP plan, the government would insure the insurance companies against possible losses in bringing private health insurance policies to rural areas and to older people not covered by the regular insurance companies. Also, there would be reinsurance for new types of policies covering long illnesses.

The new program to provide medical care for the needy aged, dependent children, the blind and the permanently disabled is estimated to cost \$20 million the first year.

President Eisenhower covered

this in only two paragraphs in his special message, but it is a complicated thing.

TODAY'S TOTAL OF OVER five million public assistance cases costing \$200 million a month is divided roughly 50-50 by U.S. and State governments. Not all of these cases need medical assistance.

President Eisenhower therefore proposes that the federal government appropriate up to \$3 a month to be matched by \$3 a month of state expenditures, for every adult public assistance case requiring medical attention. For every public assistance child requiring medical care, the federal grant would be \$1.50 a month to match every \$1.50 spent on dependent child medical care by the states.

A dozen additional minor health programs mentioned in the President's special message will cost an estimated total of \$16 million of the \$3 million request for grants-in-aid to the states to combat juvenile delinquency mentioned in the budget message, there is no other breakdown.

THE OTHER PROGRAMS TO be proposed in specific legislation to be submitted later by the administration will cover these fields:

Improved grants - in aid for mothers and crippled children. Five-year grants to the states for vocational training in practical nursing. Specialized training for Public Health Service officers, graduate nurses and mental disease specialists. Increased benefits for PHS officers. Consolidation of state public health programs to bring them under one grant.

A four-point program to promote mental health care.

Stepped up research on air pollution. Strengthening and renewal of the water pollution act which expires June 30, 1956.

Continued support for World Health Organization.

More Than Five Calls Per Telephone Per Day Noted By Company In 1954

Every Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. telephone averaged more than five calls a day in 1954 in contributing to a coast-wide total of more than six billion such calls handled by the company.

And there was a gain of 297,000 telephones during 1954, swelling the number of telephones served by Pacific Telephone to a total of over 5,300,000. The gain in Roseburg was 754.

Mark R. Sullivan, president of Pacific Telephone, in an annual report, said 1954 was a year of great progress. The company was helped by improved telephone rates, increased telephone usage, and "wringing the most we could out of every dollar spent."

Pacific Telephone's gross construction in 1954 amounted to 231 million dollars. Its construction has averaged 3 1/2 million dollars a week for the past nine years.

"During 1955 and 1956, we shall need close to 275 million dollars of new money from investors," Sullivan said. "With it, we can keep pace with growth. In addition we

would use it to better our plant, to provide margins to keep us on a ready-to-serve basis, and to get ready for an extensive merchandising program to serve all the needs — expressed and unexpressed — of the people of the Pacific West."

Sullivan observed that the facilities and manpower for this expansion are available. The needed investment dollars depend on earnings which make the investment worthwhile to those who have capital to invest.

Pacific Telephone's total taxes, operating and excise, amounted to \$33 per telephone for the year. In addition to paying 109 million dollars of operating taxes — federal, state and community — the company collected \$60 million in excise taxes for the federal government.

Operating wages and related costs for 77,000 employees consumed half of the company's total revenues. Wages were the biggest single item of cost. They amounted to nearly a million dollars a day, and totaled 333 million dollars.

At present over 64 per cent of long distance calls originating in Pacific's territory are dialed by the operators directly to the called telephone.

Sullivan pointed to the time when people will be able to dial their own long distance calls direct to any telephone anywhere in the United States. Much closer, he said, is the day when all operators will dial long distance calls direct.

The West now has three big long distance switching system installations, among 27 of a potential 55 in the nationwide network.

Senate Approves Bill On Prisoners

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Senate approved Friday a bill which provides for the release of prisoners on parole. The bill, approved 27 to 2 and sent to the House, provides that any prisoner convicted of participating in the taking of hostages would be sentenced to not less than 20 years.

If a hostage died, any prisoner convicted of taking part would be charged with first degree murder. The warden said the bill is needed because of a recent wave of taking hostages. The most recent incidents were in Massachusetts, Nebraska and Saskatchewan, he said.

The Senate deleted a provision that any prisoner convicted under the bill would be ineligible for parole.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to permit mortgage cancellation insurance on veterans farm and home loans. This insurance would be carried on the life of the borrower.

The House adjourned until Monday after its morning session, while the Senate planned to meet a few minutes in the afternoon before quitting until Monday.

Sutherlin Jaycees Number Houses And Businesses

The Sutherlin Junior Chamber of Commerce has completed numbering of houses and business establishments in the city, a project undertaken last fall.

It was the second community project completed by the Jaycees who organized less than a year ago.

There were 563 residences and business houses numbered with metal numbers during the campaign, it is reported by the Sutherlin Sun. The numbers were furnished to property owners for \$1 per building, with installation being done by Jaycees. Don Barlow, who headed the project committee, was assisted by about 15 members.

pilots have to pay an extra premium if they take out personal insurance. But Hass has never had a serious injury.

"A couple of my men have had to bail out," he said, "but we've never lost a man in 120,000 take-offs and landings in 10 years."

"The mortality rate among all test pilots is probably lower than among service fliers on ordinary day-to-day tactical missions."

Democrat Morse Takes Crack At GOP Memorial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic senators from the Pacific Northwest, Sen. Morse (D-Ore) said Friday, "are determined to fight this year for 1 1/2 million dollars" to accelerate planning of John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

"Our area, and the nation, needs that new start in 1956," he said in a speech prepared for Senate delivery.

Morse's remarks were made in connection with a memorial of the Oregon State Legislature urging immediate appropriation of planning funds for the project, and asking that Congress:

indicate its intention to build the John Day project promptly and solely with federal funds.

or, in the alternative, enact without delay such enabling legislation as is required to permit local agencies to advance funds, under appropriate arrangements with the United States, so that construction of the project by the federal government can be initiated immediately.

The senator, asserting that the memorial "requires comment," said he feared the Republican draftsmen of the resolution was ill-advised about congressional procedure, or totally unaware of how long the planning phase will take.

For this sort, Congress limits appropriations to the fiscal year ahead. I fear that the Republican legislators in Oregon were not looking for an assurance that the federal government will go forward with the project, but instead were looking for an excuse for advocating so-called partnership.

Morse said the Senate last year had recommended \$500,000 and \$750,000 for John Day planning only to have the items stricken by House-Senate conference committees.

He said the Oregon Legislatures recommendation for planning funds is fine as far as it goes, but added:

It should state in addition that the President's recommendation of \$500,000 for this purpose is totally inadequate. Apparently the Republican majority in the state Legislature that adopted this memorial, to the applause of the private utilities, thought it best not to mention this fact.

He urged that the legislature follow with a "suitable" memorial seeking an appropriation of 1 1/2 million dollars.

The Republican leadership of Oregon by this resolution has made itself a sound truck—with no parade," Morse concluded. The people of the state I represent are not behind it.



PHILLIP W. THATCHER
... guest speaker

Sutherlin Slates Guest Speaker

Phillip W. Thatcher, one-time Stockton, Calif., bad-boy, gunman and convict, who spent many years in California penal institutions, will be the guest speaker at the Sutherlin Assembly of God Church at the 11th anniversary of the founding of the church, Feb. 27.

The Sutherlin Church was founded by Mrs. Betty Williams, with an attendance of 12 persons present at the initial assembly. At present, there is an average Sunday school attendance of 200.

Thatcher, the guest speaker, is well known in the area, having appeared at Youth For Christ meetings on several occasions. His main interest, he says, is to help young people to keep from the life he led in crime.

Thatcher is the founder of New Life Youth Camps, Inc., and through the years has established youth camps for problem children.

The Rev. Herbert Brown, pastor of the church, extends an invitation to attend the Sunday school, 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. services at which Thatcher will speak.

St. George's Church In Instruction Series

St. George's Episcopal Church announces the spring series of instruction classes in the nature and beliefs of the Episcopal Church. Classes for adults will be held Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall starting at 7:30, and a separate class for those who cannot attend on Tuesdays will be held Sunday afternoons at 4.

Anyone interested is invited, according to the Rector, the Rev. Alfred S. Tyson, and there is no obligation to become a member of the church at the end of the classes. Questions will be answered, including such questions as "Did Henry VIII found the Episcopal Church?" and "Is the Episcopal Church Catholic or Protestant?" The classes will continue for two months.

SUES FOR DAMAGES

Dorothea White has filed in circuit court for \$10,000 general and \$49 special damages for injuries she claims she suffered in an automobile accident March 17, 1954. She named Richard Abercrombie as being negligent in the operation of his car in the accident.

Local News

At Coast — Ronald Cavin attended to business Monday and Tuesday in Coquille and Reedsport.

Arrives For Visit — Mrs. Emma Millet of Foxburg, Penn., is visiting at the home of her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson, who met her in Eugene Monday.

Taylor's Return — Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Taylor have just returned from a trip to Menlo Park, Calif., where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Marcel, and children, Diane and Richard.

Take Part In Evacuation — L. R. Kelly, stationed aboard the USS Noble, and George Langlois, stationed aboard the USS Essex carrier, were both participants in the evacuation of Taichan. Both Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Langlois reside in Roseburg.

New Granddaughter — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell have received word of the birth of a new granddaughter, born to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Malley, of Baker, Ore. This is their second child and a second daughter, and was born Thursday, Feb. 24. Mrs. Russell left for Baker Friday to care for her older granddaughter.

Here For Celebration — Joe Denn, former Roseburg resident, came to Roseburg from his home in Tacoma, Wash., Thursday to attend the golden celebration of Rotary. While here, Mr. Denn was an officer of the club for many years. He was formerly associated in business with Will H. Gerretsen. He left Friday for California, but plans to stop here again briefly on his way back north.

Attend Meeting — Mrs. Arlo Jacklin, Mrs. Robert Kent and Mrs. Emil Kvidera were in Portland several days recently, where the former two attended the 25th annual Hospital Lutheran charity board meeting and dinner. Mrs. Jacklin was a delegate from the local Faith Lutheran Church.

In Oklahoma — M/Sgt. Lloyd F. Gillam, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gillam, Roseburg, has recently been assigned to the 96th Maintenance Squadron at Altus Air Force Base, Okla. Sgt. Gillam entered the service in January, 1942, and was stationed in the Pacific area for 16 months during World War II. As a radar inspector during the Korean War, he flew four combat missions and was stationed for four months on Okinawa.

Attend Celebration — Lt. and Mrs. J. Berry, Mrs. Cora Little and Mrs. Everett Teater of Roseburg drove to Coquille Thursday to attend the Ground Observers Corps anniversary potluck dinner and program. The hope chest given as a prize was won by Mrs. Teater, supervisor here. Mrs. Little is chief observer, Capt. Anderson and his group from Reedsport; Sgt. Lovins, in charge of the Coquille Corps, and Sgt. Bryant of Eugene, were the main speakers.

Weekend Here — Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, formerly of 1405 Arce Drive and now of San Francisco, Calif., spent the weekend here completing plans for the subdivision and developing of their Glen Acres property in Roseburg. Mr. Smith is a former safety supervisor of the Accident Prevention Division of the State Industrial Accident Commission and is currently employed as a safety engineer in San Francisco. Mrs. Smith is the former civilian defense administrator for the city of Roseburg.

Goos To Portland — Tyler Evans of Roseburg drove to Portland today to meet his wife, who arrived there today by plane from Honolulu, where she spent the last two weeks vacationing. Mr. and Mrs. Evans will spend the weekend skiing on the Willamette Pass, after which they will return to Roseburg. Mrs. Evans accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Felt, and the Felt's daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Moore, and her small son, Gregg, to Honolulu for a vacation. The Felt's and Mrs. Moore and son are remaining in Honolulu for another week. During Mrs. Evans' absence, her children were cared for by their paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Evans Jr.

In The Day's News

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to drop from 52 per cent to 47 per cent—which, in view of the fact that we're already spending far more than we're taking in—would be disastrous.

I suppose you read (or heard over the air) Ike's characterization of it this week as "an example of fiscal irresponsibility."

It certainly is. But it's SMART. Anybody can see that.

The best comment on this slick trick comes from Senator Byrd of Virginia, who is a Democrat from way back, but a Democrat who believes that our country must be kept solvent.

He says succinctly: "I'm against it. The federal budget should be balanced before federal taxes are cut."

It's a pity there aren't more Senator Byrds in the congress.

Grim note from Moscow: "Pravda (the communist party newspaper) criticizes the Soviet ministry of electric power—which is now headed by EX-Premier Malenkov. Pravda says Malenkov's administration of it has been INEFFICIENT."

You'll remember, I reckon, that when they bounced Malenkov from the premier's job they let him live—for a while at least—which is something unusual in communist policies.

I'll offer the guess that after reading that item in Pravda informed persons in Moscow are listening for the crack of the firing squad's rifles.

In Helicopter Squadron — Marine Pfc. Howard D. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess W. Brown, Rte. 2, Roseburg, is now serving in Korea with a helicopter squadron of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. He is stationed north of the city of Seoul.

Go To Eugene — Mrs. L. R. Kelly and small son and Mrs. George Langlois and small daughter of Roseburg drove to Eugene today to take her home. Mrs. Stonebraker has been visiting here for the last several days.

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Township 31 South Range 8 West W. M.	
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CRUISE	
This property was cruised by Brown and Brown, Portland, Oregon, in December, 1954 and shows:	
Douglas Fir	5,572 M. ft.
Sugar Pine	767 "
Ponderosa Pine	762 "
Incense Cedar	263 "
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Douglas Fir Poles, 10 to 16" 3,160 (189,600) Lin. Ft.	
but no warranty or representation of the quantity of timber is made.	
CONDITIONS	
1. All offers are to be made on the basis of a lump sum for the timber, payable in cash within twenty (20) days after submission of abstract or title insurance showing marketable title in the owners. All offers must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$5,000.00 payable to Brown and Brown. Such deposits will be returned immediately to the unsuccessful bidders, and the successful bidder will be credited with such amount on the purchase price.	
2. Offers are to be submitted to the law firm of Davidson, Duffy & Stout, at 1525 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon, and are to be in sealed envelopes marked "Offer for Timberland".	
3. Offers to be considered must be in this office on or before April 1, 1955, and will on that date be opened in the presence of Eugene R. Welsh, of Brown and Brown, Portland, Oregon, agent for the owners, tabulated and submitted to the owners for acceptance or rejection, within 15 days thereafter.	
4. All offers submitted will be treated as confidential.	
5. The 1954-1955 taxes on the timber are to be prorated between the buyer and seller upon the basis of the Oregon statute.	
6. This is a solicitation of offer and is not an offer to sell to the highest bidder, or otherwise. The owners may, therefore, decline to accept any offer made.	
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