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PARKS FOR THE FUTURE

Charles V. Stanton

The Douglas County Park Board is scheduled to meet this week to prepare its budget for submission to the County budget committee.

It is my hope that the Park Board will ask a large appropriation for land acquisition, while keeping its operating budget within the average of late years.

Having had a hand in organizing the county's park department, I have had a great personal interest in its operation. It is my opinion that opportunity now exists to put this important activity on a solid footing for the future. It is an opportunity which probably will not come again soon.

The County Court, it is realized, is under pressure from many directions to carve up the financial windfall resulting from distribution of the Controverted Lands Fund. The Court, in my opinion, is deserving of commendation for earmarking the major part of the fund for improvement and construction of industrial roads. The money should, I believe, be used for the greatest benefit of the greatest number of people. Certainly no project better meets this requirement than improvement of the industrial road pattern.

Building and improving industrial roads means more job opportunities. More jobs will bring in more people. In addition to jobs, people need recreation and recreational facilities.

Must Look To Future

The county's population continues to grow steadily. There is every reason to believe it will continue to grow for many years to come.

At this time there are many potential sites for park purposes. Land for recreational use now can be obtained at reasonable cost. Values will increase as the county develops. Now is the time to obtain sites suitable for future development.

It is not necessary that improvements be made immediately. The improvement program can be expanded as time goes on and need arises. But the opportunity to buy sites will not exist forever. We should take advantage of the existing opportunity by securing sites advantageously located for recreational uses.

We should have, I believe, many small parks and picnic grounds, conveniently located with relation to each center of population. A large number of small sites, although more costly to maintain, will, I believe, better serve the population than a smaller number of big recreation spots.

While there will be much demand for immediate improvement, once sites are obtained, it is my opinion the annual departmental appropriation for operational expense should be kept as low as possible. It is entirely too easy to build up a heavy tax burden, but it is most difficult ever to reduce a public function once it has been expanded.

Money Due Parks Department

The Park Board, I believe, should ask the County Court to set aside from the Controverted Land Funds, at least \$100,000 to be used strictly for the purpose of land acquisition. It should ask, in addition, the sum of \$42,000 realized by the county from the sale of salvage timber off the Britt Nichols Park.

The Nichols Park was burned over in the Hubbard Creek fire of a few years ago. The County Court sold salvage timber for \$42,000. The money thus obtained rightfully should have gone to the park fund, I believe. Instead it went into the general fund.

The County Court by setting up a fund of \$142,000 exclusively for acquisition, while keeping the operational budget around the \$30,000 mark, would make possible a long range program in advance of immediate need. It would provide for the purchase of land while it is available at reasonable prices, instead of waiting to be forced into more expensive acquisition at some future date.

Douglas County's unique park program, the first of its kind in Oregon, has functioned well. It has been given widespread approval.

There doubtless will come a day, however, when we will have less money with which to operate not only the park department, but all other county functions. It then will be too late to meet recreational need. The time to prepare for the future is now while the opportunity is present.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — At least one spark of humor and human nature was uncovered in the new Russian boss Nikita S. Khrushchev by William Randolph Hearst, Jr., and his two associates after their series of interviews with four Soviet leaders. "When you get back to the United States and you are investigated by Senator McCarthy for having associated with Communists," said Khrushchev, "I'll be glad to testify that you presented your side of the argument very ably."

THE NATIONAL Federation of Republican Women really cranked through with tips to reporters on the big political issues GOP lady delegates could be interviewed during their three-day conference with party leaders — men — in Washington. Said the NFRW press release:

Mrs. Roy T. Bishop of Portland, Ore., third vice-president, is an expert on antique glass.

Mrs. Ruth Gaddis Jeffries of Tucson, Ariz., is also a dress designer.

Mrs. Glenn Wise, of Madison, Wis., NFRW Secretary. "Once upon a prize jackknife because of her boyish first name, Glenn. Miss Frieda E. Schlicht of St. Louis, Mo., state president of Federation of Republican Women's clubs. . . . Has served as consultant on rodent control in St. Louis and is known as the city's Pied Piper.

Mrs. Yuki Deane Simon of Jefferson, Okla., also a state president. . . . lives in a very small town in Oklahoma and whenever she has long distance calls, the telephone operator plugs in local grocer, beauty shop and other stores to track down Yuki.

AMERICAN FEDERATION of Labor will have to make one sacrifice if the merger with CIO goes through. Originally, A.F.L. had planned to rent out part of the space in its big new office building, a block from the White House. President Eisenhower will be the cornerstone in dedication ceremonies some time soon. The building will be ready for occupancy in 1956. But if the CIO headquarters staff is moved in with the AFL staff, there won't be any offices for rent to outsiders.

DEPARTMENT OF Commerce got into a strange mix-up over a picture. The Business and Defense Services Administration had arranged a big display of equipment used in atomic energy development. The General Electric exhibit included a photo of the huge sphere in which the atomic submarine reactor is being tested. When the show opened in the Commerce Building lobby, an Atomic Energy Commission security officer gave it a double take and ordered the photo taken down. The reason given was that it showed

ip Stubbs made note of the fact that "ladies stockings were of silk, janssey, worsted, creweil, thread or cloth — in all kinds of changeable colors such as green, red, russet, tawny, white and else what, cunningly cut and curiously indented at every point with quirks, clocks, open seams and everything else accordingly."

It would appear, you see, that for a long, LONG time men have been watching women's stockings.

And — One suspects — For a long, long time women have been studying the subject of wearing the kind of stockings the men would want to watch.

Then there are the play clothes the women wear, including the bathing suits they play around in on the sands of the seashore — taking care meanwhile to see that they don't get the pretty things we

Those, you'd say, must CERTAINLY be STRICTLY modern.

Wait another minute. Away back in the dim beginnings of things, when man had just come down out of the trees and started living in caves instead — having just discovered fire, which, when built in front of the cave door, kept the wild animals away — there was a precious race known as Cro-Magnon man.

The Cro-Magnon ladies appear to have worn away back then in the pleasant summer days, along the banks of the river, a leotard to the caverns a "celature" (French for belt) of leopard skin, or something of the sort, that was apparently a very, very early model of what a few years ago knocked our eyes out in the form of the Bikini bathing suit.

How do we know these things about the people who lived so long ago?

Well, Cro-Magnon man had an amazing artistic touch and he spent a lot of time drawing pictures on the walls of the caverns in which he lived. These pre-Bikini centures are prominent among the pictures, which have been preserved amazingly in the dry air of the Cro-Magnon caverns.

So far as women's fashions are concerned, we are almost forced to believe that there is no new thing under the sun.

In closing, a word about this Frenchman Rabelais. He was a physician who wrote as a hobby. He is famous in literature for his robust and outspoken style, and "Rabelaisian" has become a synonym for boisterously satirical, grotesque, extravagant and licentious language.

Even Ernest Hemingway, you see, didn't start that. There was somebody still earlier for him to copy.

ed part of the submarine hull, which was classified as secret. Curiously enough, this same view is found in a G. E. documentary movie, "The Atom Goes to Sea," which was cleared by AEC and has been shown all over the country.

SEN. WAYNE MORSE, Oregon's former Republican, former Independent and now Democratic senator, has served notice on his new colleagues that he'll be disagreeing with them, too, on some things. He raised this point during debate on the congressional pay-raise bill in demanding more time for argument.

Sen. Earle C. Clements (D., Ky.), acting majority leader, said he had heard no complaint from Democrats on the time allotted for debate.

"I am very glad to have the senator's viewpoint," cracked Morse dryly. "He is having the experience of a complaint for the first time from this side of the aisle. It probably will not be the last complaint either. I never deal my cards under the table. They are always face up."

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In The Day's News

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Reader Opinions

Letting Pets Live Isn't Always Humane Way

ROSEBURG — Kindness is a virtue sorely needed in this world today; but if some common sense is not applied with it, the effect often is the opposite from that intended.

People do not or will not realize, and particularly kind people, that one of the cruellest things you can do is to let puppies and kittens live to grow up. At birth many, in fact most of them, should be put to sleep humanely before they have become attached to people and have grown to enjoy life, only to be abandoned, housed or passed on into careless or worse than careless, cruel hands.

We have asked people who love animals so much to put kittens to sleep humanely at birth. Instead they pass them on to neighbors, or give them to little children passing by, or dump them on farmers, when only six to eight weeks old. It seems difficult for some people to understand that the kindest and most sensible thing to do is to put all but one or two to sleep a birth, and help check over-population of the cat and dog world.

Don't think that just because you think you have found nice homes for all of them that the future inevitable suffering does not rest on your shoulders. First of all you should have had your female dog or cat spayed, or should not have accepted a female, if you could not accept the responsibility of keeping your animal tied up while in season.

Cats can and do have three or four litters a year. If one-half of each litter is females, (and often the quota is much larger), and they in turn will each have three or four litters a year, one carelessly given away female cat can in two years result in several hundred cats.

Do you know of several hundred good homes for cats? One unsightly female dog can lead to more than one thousand females in five years, not counting the males.

When we ask people to put a litter of kittens humanely to sleep at birth, they bring up the argument that "they have a right to live," or, "they were so cute," or "such darlings the children wouldn't hear of parting with any of them," or "we gave them to a farmer," or, to a little child who lost a kitten, etc. Most farmers have too many cats wished upon them on the farm. The females he has are continually adding to his number of cats, and cold weary strays sneak into his barn for refuge. The little child who "lost his kitten" will probably also lose the new one you give him. Most children have heard too much and their kittens run away, or they sometimes take them to a neighbor's yard to play and forget about them. The kittens wander off, only to be frightened or killed by dogs or cars.

Please remember that many people do not like cats. Some despise them and are very cruel to any that happen their way. It is not easy for a cat to get itself a good home. Some of the homes that the unwanted kitten family are given to will not be good homes six months later. Just call and ask about the kittens you gave away last year before you start giving this year your "too-cute-to-be-put-to-sleep" kittens. People must realize that it is not fair to the cat world to keep all kittens born to their female cat and expect some one else to care for them later.

Fortunately there are a lot of good homes and parents that see that their children are taught to be kind to their cats or other pets; to see that they are well fed and kept off the street and out of their neighbor's yard.

What about the little puppies who are too cute to be put humanely to sleep at birth, before you know how cute they are, or before they learn to enjoy living; is it more kind to let them all

live, to be tied in gunny sacks or carous and dumped along the highways, or thrown in ditches or brush along the road? It has been done many times. Some people wait until they are running around playful and cute, then give them to just anyone who will take a cute little puppy, keep it until time to get a license, then they want to get rid of it too. No home for it, no humane shelter to take it to, the dog is abandoned, left to starve, or crippled or killed by cars, poisoned or shot. This may sound cruel to some, in fact most people, but it is the kind of thing the Humane Society has to deal with all too often.

Since Jan. 1, 1954, to Jan. 1, 1955 we have answered over 1250 calls, on lost, strayed, and abandoned cats and dogs and other animals. We have investigated 167 cases of reported cruelty. We have found and returned nearly a hundred "lost or strayed" dogs and cats to their rightful owners.

Many people object to the leash law, or the city ordinance requiring all dogs to be kept on leash, or in their own yard. Which is the kindest way to treat your dog? To keep him on a leash or in a pen or to let him run all over the neighborhood destroying lawns and shrubs, to pick up poison, (which is one of the most cruel ways to try to solve the dog problem) to be run over by cars, crippled or killed, or to become a lost frightened animal?

Your dog can be happy if you make him a family dog, not a community nuisance and a pest. (Not all people are dog lovers.) So remember your dog is just what you make him, a pet or a pest. People in the country should keep their dogs tied or shut up at night, and that would help a lot in controlling sheep killing. If your dog is kept in a safe place at night you can have a clear conscience that your dog was home next time you read about sheep killing dogs.

Buy a license for your dog, and keep him in a fenced-in yard if possible. If no yard is available, he can be made contented by fastening his chain on a ring to a long wire stretched between two posts or other similar arrangement. Suspend his chain on a ring large enough to slide easily on the wire. Then he can exercise freely. Be sure his chain is long enough to allow the dog freedom to lie down and get up at will, but short enough that he may run without danger of getting tangled up in his chain. There are also iron stakes with swivel top that are very good for exercising your dog. Check his collar regularly to make sure it is not too tight. A collar that fits your dog or pup now may be too tight in a short time, as the pup grows or the dog grows older. Provide plenty of fresh water, and a shelter to get in from rain or sun, also provide a bed of some kind for him to lie on. Don't leave your dog tied out all the time. Bring him in for companionship with the family once in a while and you will have a happy, healthy dog.

The Humane Society wants to help you with your animal problems. We have booklets on care of dogs and cats free for the asking, and a stamped envelope to mail it in.

We would like to be in a position to take care of all the animals we are called about, but until such time as we have a shelter to keep them, until placed in new homes, or humanely disposed of them, we cannot take them all. We are doing the best we can under the circumstances, and if you people need help with your animal problems why not help us, by sending in your membership or contributions now—before you forget? We do not receive help from the United Fund, City nor County.

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Mining Claims On Federal Forest Lands Still Knotty Problem For Government

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WASHINGTON — Congress is moving swiftly to open up additional millions of acres of national forestland to mining claims, but has yet to move in the direction of protecting federal forests from encroachment by those who stake claims primarily to cut timber instead of mining the earth.

The House last week passed without debate a bill sponsored by Rep. Eagle (D-Calif.) which would open up to mining claims 3.5 million acres of national forestland and 3.5 million acres of other public lands in the West. These 7 million acres have been reserved for years as power sites and thereby restricted from the usual mining claim that is allowed on most public land. Mining on power sites has been allowed only if specifically approved by the Federal Power Commission.

The Eisenhower administration sent Congress a favorable report on the bill, and it was quickly reported favorably by the House Interior Committee and approved by the House on the calendar of minor bills brought up last week.

No action has been taken, however, on legislation pending before the House Agriculture and Forestry Committee designed to protect valuable national forestland from exploitation by those who file mining claims to cut the timber rather than get any minerals that may be present. It is sponsored by the senior members of the committee, Reps. Cooley (D-N.C.) and Hope (R-Kan.). Action on the bill has been delayed because the administration has not yet disclosed its views on the proposal, although the Forest Service is known to favor such legislation.

Valuable Timber Tied Up
Existing mining laws permit any mining claimant to get title to forestland by paying \$5 per acre and showing he has invested at least \$500 per 20-acre claim for improvements to tap the minerals in the claim. With title goes ownership of the timber which is often worth many times his investment in the property.

This law was enacted in 1872 when timber values were negligible. The Forest Service has estimated timber worth \$100 million has been tied up by such claims in the three Pacific Coast states alone.

Under the Cooley-Hope bills, ti-

tle for mineral development would not be affected but timber rights would go to the claimant only if he paid the going price of timber in that area as established by the Forest Service. Otherwise, it would remain under federal jurisdiction. The only timber the miner could use freely would be that deemed "necessary in the development and operation of his mine" for such uses as shoring up tunnels and building structures on the property. And even this timber would have to be logged "in accordance with sound principles of forest management as defined by the national forest rules and regulations."

Contest Funds Lacking
Indicating the position of the Forest Service, Edward C. Kraft, assistant chief forester, told the public lands panel of the American Mining Congress that the Forest Service is finding it practically impossible to contest invalid mining claims because of inadequate funds and manpower. He estimated it would cost \$20 million to contest the 84,000 claims currently outstanding and \$4 million annually to examine each of the 16,000 new locations filed each year. The Mining Congress in the past has mustered opposition to similar bills to help block their passage. In the last Congress, the Interior Department also opposed this legislation, while the Forest Service favored it. Congress failed to write the bill into law.

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Oregon Accidents Claim Five Lives

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A plane crash killed one man and four others died from traffic accidents in Oregon over the weekend.

David Berger, 32, Grand Ronde, died in a McMinville hospital Monday from injuries suffered on the highway near Grand Ronde Sunday night. Police said he was riding a motor scooter, and apparently skidded out of control in trying to avoid a collision with an automobile.

Harold Skinner, 25, a member of a prominent Medford family, was killed outright when his light plane crashed at Emigrant Lake near Ashland Sunday.

Skinner, who is survived by the widow and two small children, was alone on a pleasure flight from Medford to the Ashland area when the plane hit a power line, caught fire and crashed.

Isaac H. Porter, 78, died in a hospital Saturday a few hours after he was struck by a car while crossing a street in Medford. The driver was not cited.

Two men died in separate traffic accidents Saturday in the Portland area. Cecil Currier, 52, was injured fatally in a head-on truck collision. Leroy E. Ritchie was killed when his motorcycle collided with an automobile.

Hallinan Completes Second Prison Stretch

SAN FRANCISCO — Vincent Hallinan, 1952 Progressive party candidate for president, was released Sunday after his second federal prison term.

Hallinan, 59, left-wing attorney and politician, told reporters, "Nothing will stop me from continuing to fight for liberal causes." He flew to San Francisco after his release from McNeil Island, (Wash.) Federal Prison. There he served 14 months of an 18-month sentence for tax evasion.

His wife and six sons greeted him at the airport here. He carried a copy of "False Witness" by Harvey Matusow, turncoat witness in Communist hearings.

Hallinan's first prison term was a six-month sentence for contempt of court in the trial of Harry Bridges, West Coast longshore leader, on charges of falsely swearing he was not a Communist. Bridges' conviction was reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Do It Yourself Charge Thrown At Administration

WASHINGTON — A CIO official here has accused the administration of offering the states "do it yourself kits" in place of constructive programs to meet national domestic problems.

Keynoting the eighth annual convention of Americans for Democratic Action, Victor G. Reuther spoke of the deplorable level of leadership to which our government has fallen under the Republican administration.

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