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CONSERVATION WEEK

Charles V. Stanton

Governor Paul Patterson has proclaimed the week of
May 1-7 as Conservation Week in Oregon and is urging
everyone to participate.

In his proclamation the Governor declares that "the
intelligent development, use and protection of our natural
resources is of primary importance to our present genera-
tion and to generations yet unborn." He adds that "soil,
water, forest, range, fish and wildlife, and mineral re-
sources are the foundation of our economy and way of
life."

We observe so many special weeks that programs of
this sort are apt to lose their effectiveness. But Conser-
vation Week, if it adds to the education of the public,
can be of great value to the future of Oregon and its citi-
zens.

A former national president of the Izaak Walton League
said in an interview in Roseburg a number of years ago
that "Everyone believes in conservation, but no one knows
what it is."

Conservation Is "Wise Use"

Conservation is broadly defined as the "wise use" of
natural resources. But what is "wise use?"

To the agriculturist the wise use of water, for instance,
is to put it on the land to grow more crops. But the angler
believes wise use is for fish propagation. The power ad-
vocate, however, says wise use is storage of water behind
high dams for generation of hydroelectric energy.

The timber operator will contend that wise use of our
forests is production of lumber. The recreationist will ar-
gue that forests should be left in primitive state to protect
watersheds, provide wildlife habitat and permit enjoyment
of God's creation.

The stockman says the open range should be avail-
able for raising cattle and sheep. The hunter wants the
range left free for use of game animals.

And so the controversy rages. Each interest promotes
a different definition of "wise use."

One general school of thought is that our natural re-
sources should be locked in the deep freeze. Another is
that resources should be exploited for the benefit of the
living. Let the next generation look after itself!

The real definition of "wise use" is to be found be-
tween the various extremes.

Resources Renewable

In speaking of soils, forests, water, wildlife and range,
we are talking of renewable resources. They can be used,
within reasonable limits, yet preserved and even improved
for continued future use.

Conservation is found in the manner of use: taking a
harvest within the limits of sustained yield, while protect-
ing, developing and improving the resource for the future.

Achievement of this purpose requires constant study.
Selfish special interests must be kept under control.
"Wise use" must be given added qualification by specifi-
ing that it "serve the greatest number of people for the
greatest period of time."

The public has indicated an increasing interest in con-
servation. As resources diminish, enthusiasm for conser-
vation grows. Despite desire for conservation, however,
few people know the techniques. They frequently are mis-
led into false reasoning, and are too prone to permit sen-
timent for the old ways to interfere with needed reforms.

Conservation Week is intended to bring more infor-
mation to more people, thus increasing public knowledge of
true conservation. It is hoped to get the message before
a large segment of the public. It is proposed to accom-
plish this purpose through sermons from our pulpits,
programs before service clubs, presentations in schools,
and through special meetings and discussions. Newspa-
pers, radio stations and other vehicles for disseminating
information will be used in the effort to promote a more
thorough understanding of the importance of conservation,
not only in our own lives, but also as our responsibility
to future generations.

If this purpose can be achieved, Conservation Week
will have proven its value.

Hal Boyle

CAIRO (AP) — It is one thing to run a revolution. It is
quite another thing to build up a nation after you have
won a revolution.

Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, the 37-year-old strong
man of Egypt, spent 10 years plotting the Army's over-
throw of King Farouk. That was accomplished nearly
three years ago. Nasser now seems quietly determined
to devote the rest of his life to carrying out a reform pro-
gram that will cure his backward country of its ancient
ills.

He told of his hopes the other
day in a rare interview granted
to a group of visiting American
newsmen. Coming into the ante-
room of his headquarters, you
had the feeling the revolution had
just been pulled off a few mo-
ments before.

It was crowded with milling
army officers and businessmen,
all anxious to reach the leader's
ear. Armed guards loomed by the
windows, carefully scrutinized
each visitor who entered.

Prime Minister Nasser, six feet
tall and handsome, greeted the
newsmen pleasantly, answered
each question slowly and thought-
fully. He spoke in perfect English.

Nasser, who proved himself a
master plotter in his seizure of
power, spoke many times bitterly
of the "landlords" whom he holds
responsible for Egypt's poverty
and past corruption. Millions of
acres of land have been redistrib-
uted to peasants under his regime.
"No man now can control more
than 200 acres," he said.

His problems range from pro-
viding fertilizer to small farmers
to the building of giant irrigation
and industrial projects. But Nasser
emphasized the new regime's at-
tack on illiteracy. Less than one

out of four of Egypt's teeming 22
millions now can read or write.
"We plan to build 4,000 new
schools in the next 10 years," he
said. "Last year we completed
368, more than had ever been built
in so short a time before."

The prime minister indicated he
felt free elections were meaning-
less until the voters were educated
enough to vote for their own best
interests.

"We hoped to have an election
in 1956," he said. "But it has al-
ways been easy to hold arranged
elections in this area. We don't
intend to let the landlords who
misled Egypt before mislead her
again."

The impression gained by his
listeners was that neither Nasser
nor his revolutionary council of
young army officers intend to step
down from power until their re-
form program has modernized
Egypt. Of this task Nasser has
written, "It is not in the twinkling
of an eye that one is able to set
right the waste of so many cen-
turies."

Nasser, a quiet, self-controlled
dynamo, never raised his voice. It
is his philosophy "We are strong
when we remain calm."

Even when one newsmen brashly



MARIMBA SOLOIST—Donnel Stapleton, student at North-
west Christian College, Eugene, will be guest soloist at the
Bible school and worship service at the First Christian
Church Sunday. He is the only marimba player in the
United States to play in the national band of the Future
Farmers of America in their national meeting last year.
The public is invited to attend both services.

In The Day's News

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smallpox destroyed 60 MILLION
human beings.

The smallpox vaccine was dis-
covered in 1796 by a British physi-
cian named Edward Jenner. On a
small scale, he proved its efficacy
in the same year.

At this point, I'd like to describe
an incident that occurred nearly
a century and a quarter after Jen-
ner's discovery of the smallpox
vaccine. In a small town in the
Mississippi valley in the early
years of the present century a col-
ored boy came home from a near-
by city with a bad case of smallpox.

It threw the town into a panic.
The section in which the boy lived
was roped off and hastily recruit-
ed sheriff's deputies patrolled the
boundaries of the roped-off area.
They were armed with shotguns
and had orders to SHOOT, if ne-
cessary, anyone crossing the ropes
outward bound.

The town and county authorities
acted promptly to provide what
we now call an isolation hospital
but which was then known as a
pest-house. The problem was
where to locate it. Wherever health
authorities appeared, armed with
condemnation powers, they were
met by citizens armed with shot-
guns and were driven off.

The upshot of it was that no
pest-house was established. Fortu-
nately, no epidemic followed. But
the incidents illustrates the terror
in which smallpox was held more
than 100 years after the discovery
of the preventive vaccine.

We're doing better now.
This modern world is a better
world to live in, you see. We ARE
learning how to act together in
concert to protect ourselves
against dangers.

I'd like to close this piece with a
word on the VALUE OF AN IDEA.

Edward Jenner, practicing medi-
cine in his native Gloucestershire,
was aware of a local belief to the
effect that dairymaids who caught
COWPOX couldn't have SMALL-
POX. It started him thinking. Then
he started experimenting. He took
matter from the hard of a dairy-
maid who had been pricked by a
thorn and had become infected
with cowpox while milking the
cows.

He made two cuts on the arm of
a healthy boy of eight, and insert-
ed the matter from one of the in-
fected dairymaids' sores. Small-
pox matter, which would ordinar-
ily have proved fatal, was intro-
duced into the boy's arm six weeks
later.

It had no effect. BECAUSE THE
BOY HAD BEEN VACCINATED.
That is what comes of THINK-
ING.

questioned whether any of Nas-
sur's relatives had been libeled
from the land redistribution pro-
gram, the prime minister, instead
of bristling, merely looked at him
for a moment, then said quietly,
"No."

Nasser said he saw no solution
to the tense situation with Israel,
because of the pressure from hun-
dreds of thousands of Arabs dis-
possessed there.

"We cannot control these refu-
gees—they want to return to their
homeland," he said. "On the fron-
tier we are afraid of us."

At the close of the interview
Nasser presented each visitor with
an autographed portrait.

Some observers in Cairo see
Nasser as a young idealist trying
to carry out a socialistic program
that will collapse of its own weight.

"Already the people are begin-
ning to ask, 'The revolution was
fine—but now what's in it for
me?'" one said.

Others feel that Nasser has
grown in stature with his job, and
that through his hold on the loyalty
of the young nationalistic officers
he can sit in the saddle of power
for a long time to come.

All agree that Nasser, the postal
clerk's son who threw out a king,
has been personally incorruptible
—and that he has made progress
in improving his country. They
also agree that Nasser has stub-
born dreams of a larger political
role for Egypt in Africa, the
Middle East—and the world.

Senate Approves Measure For Easier Recount Method In Very Close Elections

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Senate
gave unanimous approval Thurs-
day to a bill which would provide
a way to get recounts in close elec-
tions.

At the same time, the House
voted 42-16 for a Senate bill to
legalize use of radar to catch
speeding motorists, and the build-
ing subcommittee approved a \$14-
744,558 program of new construc-
tion for state institutions and col-
leges.

The recount bill, which won bi-
partisan support, goes to the
House.

It is the outgrowth of last No-
vember's election contest in which
Richard L. Neuberger won his
United States Senate seat by only
2,462 votes over then-Sen. Guy Cor-
don.

Cordon supporters wanted a re-
count. But the only way to get one
was to file suit in every county,
demonstrating that fraud was com-
mitted in each county.

The proposed procedure would
permit any candidate or party of-
ficial to file a recount demand with
the secretary of state within seven
days after election. Upon posting
\$10 bond for each precinct or a
maximum of \$8,000, the contestant
would get his recount.

The secretary of state would
notify the county clerks to get the
counting boards busy, and the re-
count would have to be completed
within 24 days after the election.

If the election results were
changed, the contestant would get
his money back.

There was no debate on the
measure.

The bill to legalize radar is in-

tended to remove doubt as to
whether its use is a violation of
the state law against speed traps.

The House amended the bill pro-
viding that where radar is used,
there must be signs warning
motorists that it is in use.

Several cities already are using
it in Oregon.

After an hour-long debate, the
Senate passed 18-10 and sent to the
House a bill that would let county
courts close courthouses on Satur-
days.

Supporters argued that the public
doesn't visit county offices on Sat-
urdays, and that employees of coun-
ties are entitled to a five-day week.
The opponents claimed that the
people of each county should vote
on the question, and that the pub-
lic is entitled to Saturday service.

The subcommittee which is pre-
paring the 3 per cent sales tax bill
said it hopes to submit the mea-
sure to the House Taxation
Committee Friday morning.

The building subcommittee unan-
imously voted for \$10,305,000 worth
of new state institution buildings,
\$3,975,000 for the university and
colleges, \$4,360 for Oregon Tech-
nical Institute at Klamath Falls,
and \$50,298 for the Fish Commis-
sion.

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Body Of Youth Found In Submerged Automobile

DALLAS, Ore. (AP) — The body
of a young motorist was found
Thursday morning in a car sub-
merged in a slough east of here.
The victim was Robert W. Moore,
19, Rt. 3, Salem. His car, headed
east, apparently skidded on High-
way 22, hit the side of Moulson
Bridge and plunged into Basket
Slough, two miles east of Rickre-
all. The stopped hands of his watch
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