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SEASON FOR COMPLAINTS

Charles V. Stanton

After taking a look at what's going on in the North Umpqua district, I know I'm in for a lot of ear-banging for the next few months.

Whenever the waters of the North Umpqua River are disturbed, interfering with sports fishing, complaints pour into the newspaper office.

There'll be plenty of reason for complaint this year, I anticipate.

Vondis Miller, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, permitted me to tag along while he was showing J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, some of the work being done in the North Umpqua District. The whole area bustles with activity. The many projects are encouraging from the standpoint of future economy. But progress usually is accompanied by some disadvantages. One of these disadvantages this year, I expect, will be considerable interference with sports fishing.

Anglers in the North Umpqua region have been complaining since development work started several years ago with the Copco hydroelectric project. Every succeeding season has brought its troubles for the fisherman.

Much Work In Progress

Copco now is one of the least offenders, although it is responsible for fluctuation in water level. Some silt still is coming into the upper river from Copco's extensive construction work, but most of this silt is settled in the several impoundment basins above Soda Springs, and little reaches the main river.

Copco may contribute some discoloration to the river below its Soda Springs dam in the event of accident. Otherwise sportsmen must look to other offenders. But they will have little trouble finding complaint, according to the present outlook.

Steamboat Station, where Steamboat Creek joins the North Umpqua, is a small town, occupied by workmen for several construction companies.

Loaded at Steamboat is a quarry where rock is being crushed for use on the several road projects fanning out from that point. The rock is being washed and, despite efforts to settle out silt, considerable water discoloration comes from the washing operation.

Heavy road construction is in progress up Steamboat Creek, where access is being built into one of the finest bodies of timber on the Umpqua Forest. In addition to the work being done by the Forest Service and Bureau of Public Roads, several timber operators soon will be building feeder roads. Road construction normally results in much siltation of adjacent water.

Heavy grading is in progress up the North Umpqua, where the new highway is being built at the river's edge. A bridge has been constructed at Panther Creek, and a road will branch off at that point, up this tributary of the Umpqua, to join with the network of roads on top of the Umpqua-Little River divide. Another road is projected up Cougar Creek. Surveys have been made from the end of the present main highway project, between Steamboat and Panther Creek, with the prospect that contracts will soon be let to continue grading to Copeland Creek.

Job Security Involved

Road construction in the North Umpqua Basin will continue for several years, contributing to discoloration of fishing water.

The sports angler, dependent upon the timber industry for his employment, possibly will be somewhat tolerant when he meets unfavorable water conditions. Others, however, will continue to complain.

But the road construction now in progress in the forest means job security for a large number of Douglas County workers and improved economy for the whole area.

The Forest Service permitted heavy overcutting of the Little River area to provide a maximum timber supply to mill. Cutting on the Little River watershed now will be materially reduced, as the Steamboat Creek timber stand is opened. With the completion of the road up Steamboat, together with feeder roads off the Umpqua Highway, it is hoped that the Umpqua Forest for the first time can begin to yield its full allowable cut.

Increasing our supply of timber from the national forest will permit better management of private lands and will stretch by several years the peak of primary manufacture.

But while the construction work necessary to improved economy is in progress, we can expect considerable disturbance of fishing water. And, while a fisherman may have extreme patience in pursuit of his sport, he doesn't have much patience with any interference.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—"Man, there are so many things to do, I'd like to live 10 lives," said Burl Ives, contentedly unrolling a battleship signal flag.

The red and white flag was as tall as Ives, the folk singer who became a dramatic star as "Big Daddy" in the Pulitzer prize-winning play, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

Burl, who doesn't own even a rowboat at present, bought a complete set of battleship flags at a sale of government surplus supplies. Wrapping one of the flags around his 200-pound bulk, he said cheerfully:

"I've always wanted a set of ship signal flags, although I really don't need 'em battleship size. Now I got 40 of 'em. Do you think maybe I could get a seamstress to turn some of 'em into sport shirts?"

The huge old-fashioned apartment in which Burl and his wife, Helen, live with his 6-year-old adopted son, Alexander, is crowded with souvenirs of his travels.

"Isn't this a wonderful thing to split a head open with?" Inquired Burl, holding up a Maori war club from New Zealand. "And how do you like these parade drums I picked up for 12 bucks apiece? Gonna make 'em into lamps. Got

'em at another government surplus sale. You can't beat those surplus sales for bargains. Never can tell what you'll be able to pick up."

Burl walked over and patted on the head two drowsy looking wooden ship figureheads.

"This one is Vasco da Gama, and the other is Pocahontas," he said. "Seen a lot of salt water, these babies. Got 'em both in England during my last concert tour."

"I bring junk home from all over the world. Helen complains about it, but after it's here a while she gets so she likes it as much as I do."

Burl settled back comfortably in a big overstuffed couch. The phone rang.

"Let it ring," he said. "I don't like to talk on the phone."

'He Changed His Mind, He's Not Buving at Present!'



Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—"Operation Alert," the nationwide civil defense exercise set for June 15—will test five years' almost futile effort to make America conscious of the dangers from atomic bomb attack.

In Federal Civil Defense Administration they refer to their education program as "The Story Nobody Wants to Hear."

They began telling it shortly after the Korean war broke out. Since then, succeeding generations of government press agents have beaten their brains out to get their message across, then gave up and resigned.

They really got going in 1951 with 20 million copies of an "alert card." This was followed by 250,000 copies of a booklet, "Survival Under Atomic Attack." It went into more detail than the alert card. Private organizations and business concerns reprinted 29 million copies at their own expense.

There were seven half-hour TV shows. They cost only \$1600 to make, but they got \$100,000 worth of free time. For dramatic wallop, three 10-truck convoys were put on the road with a three-dimensional picture exhibit big enough to fill a basketball floor. They covered 36,000 miles, hit 82 cities and were seen by 4,300,000 people. But this was less than one per cent of the population.

In the fall of 1952 a "Pledge for Home Defense" campaign laid an egg.

In 1952 the first atomic bomb test was thrown open to press and radio at the Nevada proving grounds. It was televised and described in awful tones, but it didn't scare anybody very much.

The Government Printing Office reported it had sold 70 million

The phone bell died into silence. "I like sailing," Burl said. "If I didn't have to earn a living I'd spend the rest of my life riding around on a boat."

"That's the trouble with this world. Life is too short. You're lucky if you can get one thing done, let alone all the things you want to do."

"I've got all kinds of hobbies. I like to write books, and I've always wanted to own a dude ranch. I was going to buy me a Western ghost town some years back, but there turned out to be too many on the market. Couldn't make up my mind."

"I'd also like to own a goat cheese farm. I had 28 goats once in California. They call 'em eating goats there, and they use 'em to clear the land. They'll eat practically anything that grows."

"I got so interested in those goats I even wrote a novel about them. You know most animals can be disciplined through fear."

"But the buck goat is an exception. He'll fight you until he dies. You have to win him by affection."

"I could sit among those goats for hours doing nothing but watching them."

"But the Indian is the only man civilized enough to find happiness just sitting and watching goats eat. I'd like to get me some Indian herders and some goats and really go into the goat cheese business. I'd get me some electric milking equipment and put it on a jeep, and milk the goats from the jeep."

Burl is a happy fat man who says he has no fears, few worries, and keeps so placidly busy he rarely finds life ever boring.

"People are the only thing that can ever bore you if you keep your mind busy," he said.

Ives says he has only two major theatrical goals left now. He'd like to play Falstaff sometime, and he'd like to make a world tour with a cameraman and soundman and record all kinds of national folk music and dances.

"But right now I'm learning to ride a new Italian motor scooter. It's more fun than a Rolls-Royce. There may be somebody on Broadway who gets more rest out of living than Burl Ives. If there is—he's keeping it to himself."

Conservation Week Observed In Riddle

In commemoration of Conservation Week, the Riddle Elementary School participated in a poster contest sponsored by Kenneth A. Stuart, superintendent of schools. Cash awards were given for three places in four divisions and all winning posters and those receiving honorable mention were later exhibited in the windows of Strohbridge Insurance Agency, according to Erma Best, News-Review Correspondent.

Winning posters were entered by the following students: Grades 1 and 2—Larry Olsen, 3rd; Juanita Goin, 2nd; Larry Keatley, 3rd, and Thomas Himes, 3rd; Susan Bonn, honorable mention; Grades 3 and 4—Carolyn McCoy, 1st; Lee Fuller and Johnnie Brown, 1st; Sunday and Jayette Hall, honorable mention.

Grades 5 and 6—Linda Owens, 1st; James Loughridge, 2nd; Ann Johnson, 3rd, and Don Carter and Lawrence Hunt, honorable mention; Grades 7 and 8—Nancy McCoy, 1st; Janice Rhoads, 2nd; Willie Pinnell, 3rd, and Treva Lakeland, 3rd; and Howard Barlow, honorable mention.

Riddle High School recently held a special assembly to celebrate Conservation Week. Mrs. Best said, Bruce Ferguson of the local state forest protective association gave a talk on the lumber industry in Douglas County. He showed items and told of incidents which had caused several of the forest fires in this area.

Rep. Coon Accepts Neuberger Invite To Debate Issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Coon (R-Ore) told Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) Friday he would be "very happy to meet you in public debate on the merits, or demerits, of any timely subject."

But he indicated he feels the question of partnership construction of John Day Dam, the merits of which Neuberger challenged him to debate, may be a moot issue by fall.

Neuberger opposes Coon's bill under which local interests would pay for power features of the Columbia River dam and receive 50-year power contracts in return. He has challenged Coon to a series of debates in Oregon this fall as to whether the proposal is in the public interest. Neuberger said Thursday he had accepted an invitation from the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce to debate Coon there.

Coon earlier told newsmen he would debate the issue with Neuberger "anytime, anywhere at our mutual convenience."

In his formal reply Friday, Coon said:

"Senator, I want you to know that I shall be very happy to meet you in public debate on the merits, or demerits, of any timely subject. However, as seems to be your habit, you have presumptuously jumped to the conclusion that H.R. 5789 (the partnership bill) will not have become law by September. For your information, I do not introduce bills for publicity, or other facetious purposes. I sponsor constructive legislation and work tirelessly for its passage. At no time have I deviated from this practice, and you may be sure that I will not in the present instance."

Bank Debits Increase In Three Largest Cities

PORTLAND (AP)—Bank debits, reflecting check volume, continued to increase in Oregon's three largest cities in April, the Federal Reserve Bank said.

Eugene reported a 20 per cent gain over the previous April, a total of \$5,334,000 for the month. Portland had a 10 per cent gain, a total of \$819,176,000, and Salem a 6 per cent gain and a total of \$81,853,000.

For the year so far Eugene's debits are up 24 per cent, Portland's 16 per cent, and Salem's 3 per cent.

Commons Committee Told U.S. Wants Canada's Water

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