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BLM ANNIVERSARY

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The Bureau of Land Management observed its ninth anniversary last Saturday. Actually, the bureau is both the oldest and the youngest agency in the Department of Interior, for it is a composite of organizations dating back to 1812.

The Bureau of Land Management was created in 1946. It is a consolidation of the General Land Office, the Grazing Service and the O & C Administration. By combining the activities of the three agencies, the Department of Interior brought under one head the administration of more than 440,000,000 acres of land in the United States and Alaska. The bureau's jurisdiction extends also to the disposal of mineral resources on the entire 778,000,000 acres of public domain. The bureau administers some 16,200,000 acres of land in Oregon, roughly one-fourth of the state's land area. Grazing districts and range lands, chiefly in southeastern Oregon, total around 13,000,000 acres. Forest lands, including the heavily timbered Oregon and California grant lands in southwestern Oregon, total approximately 3,200,000 acres.

The bureau is one of the very profitable agencies of the federal government. During the fiscal year of 1953-54 collections were $77,487,000, almost eight times the total cost of operations.

Counties Share In Revenue

During that same period, the five BLM forest districts in western Oregon sold 728,254,000 board feet of timber from the O & C lands for a total of $15,845,833.04 Under the existing formula, counties receive 75 per cent of these revenues, less cost of construction of timber access roads.

But the 1953-54 fiscal year, which ended June 30, 1954, will be left far behind by 1954-55 revenues, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, former governor of Oregon, revealed in a message of congratulation to the bureau.

During the last six months of 1954, McKay reports, BLM deposited in the federal treasury $183,815,788.54 which is obtained from lands, timber, minerals, grazing, special uses and miscellaneous sources. One of the large items in this great increase in revenue was that of offshore oil drilling leases in underwater areas lying beyond state limits in the Gulf of Mexico. Another factor was higher prices paid for timber stumpage in Oregon.

Secretary McKay's message commended the bureau for its efficiency, expressing pleasure that it had carried out "practically to the letter" some 52 recommendations for reorganization and improvement made by a survey team which he appointed in 1953. He listed as an achievement in conservation the investment of more than $5,000,000 in range conservation and improvement work.

Douglas County Benefits

Douglas County has good reason to add its congratulations to the many received by BLM on its anniversary.

The bureau has played an important role in the county's economy.

Decentralization of administration from Washington, D. C., through the granting of more authority to regional offices, has greatly speeded up activities in this region. In Douglas County the BLM has brought its annual timber sales up to allowable cut through a fine program of access road construction. This work is continuing.

In Douglas County the local office was moved a few months ago into more adequate quarters. The staff was enlarged. An active advisory board was organized to work with the staff in policy matters. There has been a sincere effort to cooperate with industry, coupled with a good program of public relations.

Congratulations are due Supervisor James Watts and his staff, along with those given the Bureau of Land Management as a whole.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. John Hullinger, who is 94 years old, has delivered 3,200 babies — including a second son by his second wife just last May — and worn out 23 automobiles in 63 years of medical practice, is an unusual physican.

For example, he likes to play a cornet.

Dr. Hullinger, who stands a bent 5 feet 9 inches and weighs a dwindling 150 pounds, has hazel eyes, comes from Clinton, Iowa, and says the American Medical Assn. has designated him as the nation's oldest practicing physician.

He has been a fine ice skater, doesn't take pills himself, hasn't been sick since he was a youth.

The doctor, whose prescription for longevity is based on daily exercise and abstinence from bad habits, is married to a former nurse, age 36.

He came here to appear on an NBC-TV show called "Make This Connection." Here is his life story in his own words:

"I was born Dec. 7, 1860. I lived 62 years with my first wife. She died of the rheumatism of old age the 13th of January, 1952. She was three years younger than I.

"Before I went into medicine I was a principal of schools. She was a teacher under me. She was a good girl and I married her and kept her.

"I remember the principal battles of the Civil War and the assassination of President Lincoln.

"My father died in operation for gall bladder trouble at 89 years and 6 months, and knowing what we do now I think we could have saved him.

"Mother lived to be 92 years and died of natural causes. What? What did you say? What is a natural cause? I'd say she died of senile arthritis—the rheumatism of old age.

"What really kills most people did you ask? Bad habits. I never used tobacco, liquor, coffee or tea.

Mental bad habits? Well. . . worry. . but I'd rather not go into that.

"How can you stay young? Well, exercise. I have a garden and when I come in from it I have an appetite that can take on a dead cat. Never tried to eat a live cat.

"Sleep? I sleep 6 to 8 hours a day. Yes, lately I have been taking a nap.

"I started practicing medicine on foot, then I got a bicycle, then a horse and buggy. I wore out two horses, then in 1904 I got a one-lung Cadillac. Since then I wore out 23 cars. I had 13 Maxwells, Chryslers and Plymouths—Oh, yes, and a Chevvie—and now I drive a Ford.

"I set bones and I've given anesthesia 300 times but I don't do belly operations. That's where the big money is. You can do three in a morning. But I'm a general practitioner.

"Babies? I delivered 13 babies before I was out of medical school. I delivered a baby just last week. I never lost a mother. I have lost a few babies. . .out of 3,211.

"I'm a firm believer in the Christian religion. I think God has given me this time to do charitable work.

"The most charitable thing I've done is to tell single girls who came and shook money at me and asked for abortions: 'Go ahead and have your child, regardless of money, and I will place the child in a good home.'

"To me abortion is murder. I have placed 68 of these babies at birth in childless homes. All of them are doing fine. People know I feel this way. Right now I have five applications for babies I can't fill.

"I've got $68,000 on my books that isn't worth the paper it's written on. I treat 3 to 8 patients now a week. Now I don't like to get up at night for nothing. For an office visit I charge $1 to $3, depending on whether they can afford it, and I give them the medicine.

"I'd say if you really want to stay healthy you should exercise regularly, trust in God, wear out your pants in the knees instead of the seat—and make people pay you in cash.

"What am I afraid of? Maybe hellfire. Retire? When I am in a box six feet underground and can't hear anyone asking for help.

"I admire nature and the heavenly bodies. Only a Supreme Being could have created this world."

Incidentally, Dr. Hullinger, who never took a music lesson—"I dug it out myself. . . It came slow and hard, but when it came I had it"—has directed a local brass band for 65 years.

He can still lip 31 pieces from memory on the cornet he bought second hand 80 years ago for $30.

"I figure it's worth $100 now," said the doctor who, at 94, also changes the diaper on his two-month-old son—and hasn't yet felt the need of taking vitamin pills.

Slowness To Act Lost Oregon Title To Land

SALEM (AP) — Oregon lost title to a section of land in Coos County near the turn of the century because it failed to act in time.

Under the provision of Oregon's admittance to the Union, which allowed every 16th and 36th section of land to go to the state for school purposes, the state should have surveyed and made a claim, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled here.

In answer to a request for an opinion from John J. Pickett, district attorney for Coos County, Thornton held that the government, by federal executive order, claimed the area in question in 1903, three years before the state made its required survey. The land is now part of the Siskiyou National Forest.

Student Minister Told To Apply Common Law

PORTLAND (AP) — Elmer Church, 44, Salem, a student for the ministry and a part-time accountant, was put on probation Friday for three years, or until ordained if that comes sooner, on an income tax report charge.

He received a check from a client with which to pay the tax on a return he had prepared, but failed to turn in all the money with the return. His attorney told Judge Claude McColloch payment was made later and the matter straightened out.

"While you are studying to be a preacher," the judge told Church, "you had better devote some time to common law research and combine it with ecclesiastical law."

Clergy Rejoices In Eisenhower's Call For Peace

NEW YORK (AP) — President Eisenhower's call for prayers for the success of the Geneva conference drew an immediate response Saturday from clergymen.

Leaders of various denominations announced that prayers would be said Sunday at their churches.

The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. already had appealed for special prayers.

The Protestant Council of the City of New York submitted to the clergy a "petition" to be made a part of the pastoral prayer during morning worship.

Special prayers will be said at all masses in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The Protestant Council suggested this petition:

"Almighty and eternal God, father of all mankind, source of all peace, wisdom, justice and love, we pray thee to give unto the leaders of the four nations meeting in Geneva a spirit of dependence upon Thee, that their hearts and minds may be open to Thy guidance and Thy will.

"Remove them from the limitations of fear and suspicion and endow them with the power of faith in one another and complete trust in Thee.

"May righteousness and honor, patience and forbearance, undergirded by divine grace, bring them to a point of understanding that will produce for our world peace with love."

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

staff of engineers, a segment of the state parks advisory committee, a quorum of the legislative highway interim committee and representatives of the federal bureau of roads and the federal forest service — both of which cooperate in the financing of Oregon's highways.

The route from Portland follows the new Banfield expressway, leading into the new Columbia highway. This expressway is 14 miles long and when completed will cost 16 million dollars, of which ten million will be for construction and six million for right-of-way.

Pretty stiff for right-of-way?

True enough.

But it's wide and roomy, engineered for the future. And the right-of-way included some pretty valuable real estate.

Moral for Oregon's smaller cities:

Get the plans made now for your FUTURE system of wide, through streets, freeways and expressways to handle the traffic of the future. The right-of-way will cost a lot less now than if you wait.

It was because Portland waited too long that the right-of-way for the Banfield expressway cost so much.

But—

Oregon's smaller cities will say—

We won't ever get big enough to warrant such fabulous things.

Let's not fool ourselves.

GREAT GROWTH lies ahead of the cities of Oregon and Far Northern California. The population congestion that started in Southern California is moving steadily northward along the Pacific Coast—which is America's most favored region. Travel to the East and talk to people. East of the Rockies, two out of four of those you talk to will tell you they're going to live in the West or else.—

We'd all better start making plans now for growth. Right-of-way for the wide through streets and highways that future traffic will demand is cheaper now than it will ever be again.

Financial note:

The new Columbia highway from Troutdale, in the edge of Portland, to The Dalles will cost 37½ million dollars. Back in 1917, after a campaign that stirred the state to its bottom dregs, the people of Oregon voted a bond issue of six million dollars — which we thought then would build all the roads we'd ever need.

Time marches on.

And as it marches on it calls for more and more and MORE of such modern necessities as roads. It will be that way as long as America remains a DYNAMIC growing nation.

Optimistic thought:

It's easier to find the hundreds of millions we need now than it was back in 1917 to find six millions.

Our roads get steadily better—and safer.

You doubt the statement that our highways get steadily safer Wait a minute. Try to imagine the traffic of today on the highways we built with the first six million dollars.

They were narrow — and full of curves. Many of the curves were put in on purpose. The cars of that day wouldn't go much faster than 20 mph, and the engineers thought (probably with reason) that long straightaways would be so tiresome that drivers would fall asleep out of sheer boredom. So they put in the curves to keep people interested and alert — and AWAKE.

If we tried to carry the traffic of today on those narrow, twisty roads, we'd have to float big new bond issues to provide money enough to finance the new cemeteries we'd need.

As it was — away back in 1917 —many people claimed the engineers, spending the people's hard-earned dollars lavishly, were EXTRAVAGANT when they insisted on building two traffic lanes.

One lane would be enough, these citizens asserted. Why, they said, if one did meet a car every now and then one could get off the paved strip while passing.

But the engineers were stubborn. They insisted on two lanes, one to carry traffic going in one direction and another to carry traffic going in the other direction.

Their stubbornness turned out all right. Experience taught us that we DID need two lanes. We need four lanes already on vast mileages of our highways, and will need six lanes in the not too distant future.

Local News

Picnic Cancelled — Ladies of the Teamile Club have postponed the picnic for Wednesday until Aug. 3 because of the funeral of the late Herbert Whitney, father of two of the members.

New Employe — Mrs. Gaylon Fish has completed clerk-typist training at the Roseburg School of Business and is now employed in the office of Consolidated Freightways.

Move — Mr. and Mrs. John L. Shirley moved Friday to their new home at 1928 Dogwood Drive in Roseburg. They formerly resided at the Trued Apartments.

Back To Job — Don Hubbard has returned to his work at the News-Review after a two-week vacation, part of which was spent at Newport.

Called To Portland — Mrs. Ethel Bailey was called to Portland over the weekend because of the illness of her son, Howard Bailey, who is in a hospital there.

Improving — Mrs. Argie Beels is reported to be much improved at her home on Yale Street. She has been ill for several weeks.

Have Guest — A houseguest at the E. C. Patterson home for several days was Darrell Smith of Wallowa. He came by plane Thursday and returned home Sunday.

From Coos Bay—Guests for several days at the Mike Gibbons home are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Dwyer and sons, Timothy and Michael, of Coos Bay.

Vacationing — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cavins and Michael and Charlene left Saturday on a vacation trip to Yakima and Seattle where they will visit relatives.

New Residents — New residents in Roseburg are Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dow and children, Diane, Dan and Davey. The former has been transferred here from Lakeview by COPCO.

Convalescing — Mrs. Walter Dage is convalescing at her home from a serious illness following her discharge from a local hospital.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The annual pork barrel bill — formally known as the Public Works Appropriation Bill for 1956 — now looms as one of the major obstacles to the adjournment of Congress July 30.

The reason is that the House of Representatives in passing the bill, made so many changes in the amounts originally recommended by Bureau of the Budget and approved by the House Appropriations Committee.

In considering all these changes, the Senate Appropriations Committee will have to conduct extensive hearings.

SOME SENATORS — notably Paul Douglas (D-Ill) — have in recent years made heroic but futile efforts to trim a great deal of fat out of this pork barrel bill. If they repeat the performance this year, it will take a week or more to get the bill through the Senate. Then will come conferees with the House to iron out difficulties, which will take more time.

In grand total, the House this year cut the Budget Bureau request by 400 million dollars — from 1.7 billion to 1.3 billion. This makes it look like an economy action.

Actually, a sum larger than this apparent reduction was a bookkeeping cut on Atomic Energy Commission appropriations.

THE HOUSE APPROVED the AEC program in full. But because there must be authorizing legislation before money can be appropriated, the House set aside an item of 260 million for new plant and equipment. This amount will have to be appropriated later.

Then the House arbitrarily decided that AEC would not spend 166 million dollars it said it would, and so lopped off this sum. It will also have to be appropriated later.

Minor cuts of a mere million dollars, more or less, were then made in appropriations for Tennessee Valley Authority, Bureau of Reclamation, Southeastern, Southwestern and Bonneville Power Authority appropriations.

These adjustments out of the way, the House then got around to the Army Corps of Engineers' rivers, harbors and flood control appropriations. And there's where they began to pack in the pork, reversing the economy trend of cutting appropriations below Budget Bureau requests.

IN DEBATE ON the floor, the House restored all cuts recommended by its Appropriations Committee.

On two new and five going navigation projects, four new and 16 going flood control projects, and 10 going multipurpose projects, this added 31 million dollars to the appropriations for the new fiscal year.

These 37 projects are in 25 states, spreading the benefits around pretty liberally. Total appropriations for this work will be 218 million dollars, as passed by the House.

Then in addition, the House added 573 million dollars' worth of new unbudgeted projects to the program. This figure represents the total, completed costs.

Appropriations approved by the House for first-year operations on the 16 new projects in 10 states will be 17 million dollars.

THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION passed by the House for next year's operations on Corps of Engineers navigation, flood control and multipurpose projects is 520 million. This is an increase of 13 million dollars over the budget and an increase of 53 million dollars over the amount approved by the House Appropriations Committee.

COOL CUSTOMER

DETROIT (AP)—Mrs. Evelyn Kay Snedeker, 22, a cool customer, appeared in Federal Court yesterday clad in shorts, a blouse and no socks.

She was charged with kiting six money orders before cashing them.

What did she use the extra money for, the judge inquired.

New clothes, Mrs. Snedeker replied.

Credit Buying Increase Adds To Collection Action

NEW YORK (AP) — The Wall Street Journal said Wednesday that soaring buying on credit is pushing a rising number of delinquent bills into the laps of collection agencies.

A survey by staff reporter Ray Vicker said that collectors attribute the bad debt boom to the widespread easing of credit terms.

The newspaper added that the credit easing has helped to push up the volume of installment credit outstanding by $2,700,000,000 in a year to a total of $24,100,000,000 on May 31.

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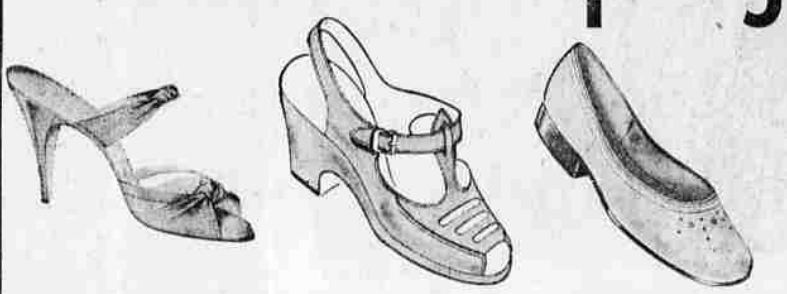

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