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PUBLIC MISINFORMED

By Charles V. Stanton

Opponents of the Coastal Streams Closure bill, which will come before voters as an initiated measure on the November ballot, constantly keep repeating that spawning areas of coastal streams have deteriorated to the point that streams are not capable of reproducing salmon runs without artificial help.

During the last campaign, when a similar bill went down to defeat by narrow margin, the Chairman of the Oregon Fish Commission went on the radio to tell Oregon voters that spawning area in coastal streams was inadequate.

At the very time he was making such statement, he had before him a scientific report, made by the Fish Commission's own biologists, giving exactly contrary information. The public was deliberately misinformed.

The report entitled "Salmon Fisheries of the Coastal Rivers of Oregon South of the Columbia River," and listed as "Contribution No. 13" in the Commission's research library, was made in December of 1950 by John T. Gharrett and John L. Hodges, experienced biologists employed by the Oregon Fish Commission.

This report points out that in 1923 the commercial fishery took some 900,000 pounds of spring chinook salmon from coastal streams; that since closure of the Umpqua River in 1947 no spring chinooks have been taken—a loss of almost one million pounds. Fall chinook salmon declined from 3,500,000 pounds in 1924-25 to 350,000 pounds in 1948-49—a loss of 3,150,000 pounds. Silver salmon declined in the same period from three million to less than one million—a loss of two million pounds.

Spawning Beds Not Utilized

The two scientists, on page 27 of their report, make the following observations and recommendations:

From spawning ground surveys and historical records, it appears that much of the available spawning area is underutilized. Granted that all of the factors affecting stream production and the fishes' choice of spawning areas are not known, yet when so few numbers of fish are observed on spawning areas which, according to reports, once supported many times that number, it behooves the commission, in the face of declining fish populations, to insure that escapement is improved. Furthermore, should it be that factors have developed in the watersheds which reduce the survival of the salmon during their freshwater existence, it is necessary that an increased spawning escapement be provided to perpetuate the runs.

These are not the words of a "hysterical conservationist," a term which opponents of the measure have applied to this writer. They are, instead, the scientific findings of biologists employed by the Fish Commission to ascertain true conditions on coastal streams. The Fish Commission, however, has not only ignored these findings and recommendations, but in public statements by the chairman, made to radio audiences of Oregon voters two years ago flatly declared a lack of spawning area.

Effect Of Net Removal

It may be true that certain streams have been damaged to the point that spawning facilities have been greatly reduced. An example may be found in Coos County, where splash dams have resulted in scouring out gravel beds. But these cases are few and isolated.

Will removal of gillnets, however, increase use of spawning beds?

We have a good answer to that question in surveys made on the Umpqua river, where the Game Commission, since 1945, has made annual counts on 16 tributary streams of the lower Umpqua in connection with the silver salmon migration. In 1945 the average number of adult salmon per mile on these streams was 4.1. In 1946, observers counted 7 fish per mile.

The river was partially closed to net fishing in 1947, and the count rose to 28.8 adult fish per mile. Last year, although observations were hampered by inclement weather and poor water conditions, the check revealed 56.1 adult salmon per mile.

That's rather conclusive evidence, isn't it?

The Fish Commission's own biologist have found large areas of "under-utilized" spawning areas on coastal streams. Removal of gillnets would permit, as proven on the Umpqua, a large increase in spawning bed utilization.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Some things a columnist might never now if he didn't open his mail:

That the American working girl is growing older. In 1940 the feminine work force averaged 32 years of age. Today the figure is 39.

That in a contest to pick the nation's most heroic dog seven dogs named Lassie were nominated—but not a single pooch named Fido, Rex, Rover or Buster.

That wood, fully protected from fungus growth, will never decay—and that a tree's resistance to disease, like that of a man's, is affected by heredity.

That if you need a pep up slogan, here is one from Emerson: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." (But the ordinary man's problem isn't how to be great—it's how to get through another day.)

That Americans eat 7 to 10 million pounds of pistachio nuts annually. (Editor's note: Where does Boyle get all these amazing news scoops?)

That many long distance trucking firms now require their drivers to take a 10-minute road break every 100 miles or so for safety's sake.

That the opera star with the most American name is Ula Mae Turner, the contralto. Incidentally, she designs her own costumes.

That tea, now a beverage, was one of the world's first medicines. The Chinese philosopher Shen-Ning, who lived 27 centuries before Christ, said, "Tea is better than wine, for it leadeth not to intoxication... it is better than water, for it does not carry disease."

That the Kiwanis magazine warns, "It is a mistake to think that if you lead a double life you'll get twice as much out of it." That it costs 50 million dollars a year to pick up the trash dumped

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Voice of America is going in for television in a big way.

Five years ago there were only seven countries offering their people TV. Today there are 29, with 130 TV broadcasting stations and an audience of around 40 million viewers, increasing daily.

Robert E. Burton, new chief of the U.S. Information Agency's international broadcasting, had 16 years of commercial radio and TV experience before entering government service.

For the past year he has been deputy director of VOA and has helped build up its TV programming. It will show a 400 per cent increase this year over last.

In the past six months some 450 TV programs have been put on film. About 10 per cent were original productions. Others were newsreels, special events, documentaries, and "how to do it" educational programs prepared for International Cooperation Administration, which is in charge of technical assistance for newly developed countries.

THE NEWSREEL shows are prepared in three editions for Europe, Latin America, Near and Far East. Sometimes the films are sent out with script for sound to be dubbed in by native language announcers under close monitoring.

Most successful of the USA-TV programs has been the "Report on America" series of half-hour, once-a-month shows.

It presents Americans in their everyday life. They're human beings with the same problems as other people all over the world.

In The Day's News

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who hold the lives of other men in their hands must be ALL MAN. Otherwise they can not measure up to the heavy responsibilities that rest upon their shoulders.

Reading carefully all the testimony in this long drawn out court martial trial that has stirred the American people so deeply, it has seemed to me that Sergeant McKoon did not measure up fully to the high standards that must be required of an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps.

Speaking of men, what of Secretary of State Dulles and his Friday night speech that was regarded as so important that it was broadcast and rebroadcast by radio and television all over our country?

In his handling so far of our part in the Suez canal crisis that was precipitated by Nasser's sudden and rather peevish seizure of the great international waterway that links the Mediterranean and the Red seas, did he measure up to the great responsibilities that rest upon the shoulders of the foreign minister of the United States in crises such as this?

It seems to me he did. When he entered the situation, Britain was calling up limited numbers of her reserves. She was putting her ships in fighting trim. She was assembling military and military equipment at her Mediterranean bases, from which they could be rushed quickly to the Suez area. France was making military gestures.

The situation was such that shooting could have started at any moment. Anyone who has read history even sketchily knows that once shooting starts it is frightfully difficult to get it stopped.

In his Friday night speech, Secretary Dulles told us that he doesn't believe armed force will be necessary to resolve the Suez crisis.

With President Eisenhower sitting by during the broadcast, Dulles said the U.S. has given no commitments to use military forces. He added that any plan for international operation of the waterway should protect the legitimate interests of Egypt and assure her a fair income from the use of the canal.

These statements seem to indicate that calm reasoning, instead of hot anger, is presently dominating the handling of the Suez crisis. At least, it appears that an effort will be made to settle the Suez quarrel at an international conference rather than by immediate shooting.

That, in a world where no one knows when a little war will grow into a big war, is something. If the head of our department of state had a hand in bringing this situation about, he deserves credit.

Prices Of Steel Forced Upward By Strike Award

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The basic steel industry, backbone of America's industrial might, roared back toward full production today under an unprecedented three-year, no-strike contract.

The five-week walkout of 650,000 members of the United Steelworkers was declared officially ended Saturday when the last major company, Armco Steel Corp., signed a contract.

The major steel companies are expected to announce price boosts soon. They're estimated to range from \$8 to \$12 a ton. Steel sold at about \$120 per ton before the walkout.

Manufacturers of everything from hairpins to autos are expected to pass along at least part of the price hike to consumers.

The steelworkers, who lost an estimated 225 million dollars in wages, averaged \$2.46 hourly under their old contract. The new contract gives them a hourly package increase variously estimated at from 45 to 55 cents over the three-year contract.

Glendale Residents Attend Relative's Funeral In California

By MRS. GERALD B. FOX

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stackhouse and children left Monday night to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Charles Stackhouse of San Luis Obispo, Calif., who died in an ambulance en route to the Canyonville Hospital while visiting here. The funeral was held in San Luis Obispo.

Back From Vacation The Rev. and Mrs. Ed. Grafstrom returned from their vacation last week and took charge of Assembly of God Church. Miss Glenora McMillan conducted services in their absence.

Mrs. Bob Gadecke of Cow Creek Canyon above Azalea, was treated at the Glendale Clinic July 26 for cuts and bruises on her right foot, received from a rock she struck while swimming in Cow Creek. Bits of imbedded rock were removed from her foot.

Jerold B. Brady of Wolf Creek, employed by the Dollar-Patterson Co. in Glendale, got a stab wound in the knee July 21. He was treated later at the Glendale Clinic for infection in the wound.

Mrs. Amanda Garrett of Roseburg is visiting for a time with her son, Wilton Garrett, and his wife, and with her grandson, Dean Garrett, and his wife in Glendale.

Word received in Glendale recently indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Fort Wayne, Ind., former Glendale residents, are the parents of a baby girl born about July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meeks, who live near Roseburg, former Glendale residents and teachers in the Glendale Elementary School system, are the parents of a baby girl born recently in Roseburg.

The Church of God is holding a camp for its Southern Oregon congregations at Fir Point this week. The conference opened July 30, with 107 registrants.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buchanan and children visited relatives in Jacksonville last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Osepan and children of Azalea; Mr. and Mrs.

Drain Resident Enters Hospital For Treatment

By MAUDE DEEVER

Mrs. H. L. Irwin who has been ill at her home on Laurel Hills Drive was taken to the Canyonville hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment.

Dr. Edwin A. Mickel returned home Sunday from a trip to New York where he had a brief vacation of sightseeing and attended medical meetings. He made the trip by plane, returning with a non-stop flight from New York to San Francisco, Calif.

Gardiner Visitor Mrs. Agnes Warren of Gardiner is staying with Mrs. Roy Spalding who is now recuperating at her home in north Dracoma following a serious two-month illness in a Roseburg hospital. Roy Spalding, who recently suffered a heart attack and is in the Mercy Hospital in Roseburg, is reported much improved and is expected home Sunday.

A houseguest of Miss Elsie Wiegarter the past week was Mrs. Rose Coffee Powell of Portland. Mrs. Powell who was accompanied to Drain by her daughter, Mrs. August Purchi, returned home early this week.

A weekend guest of Miss Wiegarter was Mrs. Amanda Hedden Hoover from Raymond, Wash. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hedrick over the weekend was his sister, Mrs. Opal Wilson of Portland. Weekend guests of Mrs. Eva Applegate and Mrs. Mabel Swearingen were Mrs. Lulu Anderson of Salem and Mrs. Robert Newell of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen of La Center, Wash., spent the weekend in Drain visiting with Mrs. Jensen's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hedrick, and her aunt, Mrs. Myra Hedrick.

Tillman Redford, who has been quite ill at his home here is reported much improved this week. Calling on the Redfords Sunday were Dr. Bertha L. Devore, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Amanda Hoover, Raymond, Wash.; Mrs. Rose Powell, and Mrs. Ed MacGowan, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor, and Mrs. Thaea Taylor, Eugene.

Accused Murderer Back After Psychiatric Exam GRANTS PASS (AP)—Lloyd Eugene Wahl, 18, accused of first-degree murder in the rape-slaying of his 6-year-old cousin, Katherine Sue Wahl, is being held in the Josephine County jail without bail following his return from Salem where he was confined one month for psychiatric examination.

The youth pleaded guilty to the murder charge July 2. His attorneys had asked for a pre-sentence investigation. Judge O. J. Millard said he would examine reports from Salem before deciding whether Wahl would be placed on trial.

July Building Permits In Sutherlin \$53,000 July building permits in Sutherlin amounted to \$53,000 according to the Sutherlin Sun.

Major construction as announced by James C. Irwin, building inspector, includes a new service station owned by Harley Matlock, Sutherlin, which is expected to cost \$10,000, and a \$15,000 dwelling planned by Leonard F. Peplet.

The biggest remodeling project is an \$8,000 alteration of a building formerly occupied only by Umpqua Valley Appliance Co. half of which will now house Held Ford Inc., used and new car dealer.

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Commander Orders Courts Martial

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—A squadron commander ordered courts martial Friday for three instructors who are charged with hitting airmen in their basic training groups at Parks Air Force Base.

Airman 3C Richard T. Smith, 20, of Omaha was charged also with soliciting and accepting money from several trainees. The other two charged are Airman 3C Dean A. Warren, 19, of Omaha and Airman 2C William A. Ott, 22, of Selah, Wash.

No date was set for the trials. All three were relieved from their duties as technical instructors. They were not confined.

Air Force spokesmen emphasized the charges were not similar to the case against S-Sgt. Mathew C. McKee at the Marine Corps base.

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TIVERTON, R. I. (AP)—Benjamin French, 82, and Mrs. Mabel Smith Kibbe, 79, were married Saturday after a hoax had kept them apart 60 years.

The pair were sweethearts in 1894, when her family moved out of town.

French said a jealous woman caused them to stop corresponding. Then the woman sent the girl a clipping reporting the death of a "B. French," and giving her the impression French was dead.

Mable married another man and after her first husband died 15 years later, she remarried. Her second husband died in 1946.

French, meanwhile, had left Tiverton and married a New Hampshire schoolteacher, who died in 1935.

French and Mrs. Kibbe were reunited when he returned to Tiverton for a family reunion last May and met his old love again.

Said French: "When you have something true in the beginning, it never fades; it's always there, especially in time or need."

Tire Service Co. Will Handle Dunlop Tires

Tire Service Co., 2335 NE Diamond Lake Blvd., will be the exclusive Douglas County distributor for Dunlop tires, according to an announcement made by P. F. McClintock, territory sales manager for the tire company.

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