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SUSAN CREEK PARK

By Charles V. Stanton

Representatives of the Travel and Information Division of the Oregon State Highway Department were in Douglas County early this week to obtain some pictures of the state's beautiful new camp and picnic grounds at Susan Creek on the North Umpqua. These pictures will be used in the advertising campaign conducted by the Highway Commission to attract tourist travel to Oregon.

Susan Creek Park is one of the most beautiful in Oregon. The state has installed two parks, separated by a few hundred yards, one equipped for camping and the other limited to picnic use.

Unfortunately too few tourists know about this new recreation facility. It is one of the very few the commission has authorized off a major highway. The State Park Department has been restricted in the past by commission rules to sites adjacent to main state and federal highways. Inasmuch as the park department is an agency of the highway department, it takes its orders from the commission. The Susan Creek site was adopted only after considerable argument over this issue of distance from Highway 99. It was finally selected because of the exceptional recreational advantages and the fact that the North Umpqua Highway, on which it is located, undoubtedly will become a cross-state route eventually.

Needs Promotion

The Susan Creek camp isn't being filled to its installed capacity. Too few people know about it. The bulk of the usage to date has been from the local area. More and more people from this community are passing word-of-mouth advertising to neighbors about the fine camping to be had at the park. Usage is improving, but slowly. No promotion has been undertaken to inform the passing tourist of the location of this fine camp.

The highway commission and parks department probably would not care to undertake the erection of signs calling attention to the park. They might be persuaded to erect directional markers on their highway designation points. But if out-of-the-ordinary methods were used for promotion of Susan Creek Park, it would not be long until demands would be made for similar promotion for every other park in the state and there is not enough money available to meet such a widespread appeal.

Perhaps, however, some local organization could find ways and means of cooperating with the highway department in setting up signs calling attention of passing tourists to the presence of an unusually attractive park and camp ground east of Roseburg on the scenic North Umpqua Highway.

The Susan Creek Park utilized only a small part of the available acreage. One of Oregon's largest and most beautiful recreational developments could be installed on that site if usage demanded. Thus, if the camp becomes well enough known to attract more campers than present facilities will support, expansion unquestionably will follow.

It is to be hoped that the pictures made this week will be of some help in increasing usage.

Road Building Urged

One of the complaints voiced at hearings held last year, into the proposal that the parks department be taken from the highway department and set up as a separate agency, was an objection to the rule that parks and camps must be adjacent to highways. Some of the best sites, it was contended are off highways. It was the opinion of a number of persons that such sites should be obtained and developed.

The Susan Creek Park is one of the very few in which the rule was broken. It does, however, have the advantage of being on a road which eventually will become a part of the major highway network. The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, however, is asking "how long?"

The Chamber of Commerce in its current bulletin points out that at the existing rate it will be at least another five years before a decent grade is established between Highway 99 and Highway 97. Then, no telling how long it will take to get the road surfaced.

In the meantime the road between Steamboat and Rock Creek is inadequate for heavy traffic passing over it, with every prospect that there will be a much greater increase in traffic as allowable cut on the Umpqua National Forest is reached.

If and when the North Umpqua Highway is built to highway standards it will become a most important commercial and tourist route. It will be one of the busiest east-west roads in Oregon. The Chamber of Commerce, and a lot of the rest of us, have a hard time understanding the resistance to early completion of the route.

We can be sure of one thing, however. When the North Umpqua road is finished there will be no trouble filling Susan Creek Park to capacity—and then some.

Doukhorob Found Dead Of Hanging

KRESTOVA, B. C. — A son of Freedom Doukhorob was found dead in a hanging in Victoria, the government has no plans concerning summer vacation for the Freedomite children in the school.

The body of Mrs. Mary Gieniger, 32, was found suspended from a beam in her home. Nearby was a letter from her daughter Patsy. It read:

"Mommy, I am lonesome for you... Come and visit me... I Love you, Goodbye."

When authorities arrived at the farm they were met by a gathering of neighbors who charged that the British Columbia government's policy of enforced education for Freedomite children had caused the death.

There are 80 children in the school in New Denver in the Kootenay District.

Each is considered a ward of the courts. The children were taken when their Doukhorob parents refused to send them to school in accordance with British Columbia law.

Wednesday a delegation of Sons

Ex-Prisoner Surprised In Tavern Burglary

SALEM — A man released from the state prison only a month ago was surprised in the burglary of a tavern here early Thursday. Salem police reported.

John Raleigh Taylor, 31, was charged with burglary of Charles and Eleanor's Tavern where police said they caught him after getting a telephone tip that someone was breaking into the tavern.

Taylor had with him a flashlight stolen earlier in the night from a market. Police Capt. Glenn Bowman said.

Taylor was released from the penitentiary on June 22 after serving just over three years on two consecutive terms for larceny in Douglas County and burglary in Marion County, Warden Clarence T. Gladden said.

"I'm Positive Now That Teachers Are Underpaid"



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — "I can think of nothing better for anybody than a busy life on a farm," said Jimmy Cagney, whose 75 movie roles enabled him to become a country gentleman.

"It's the most natural way to live. It's not so far removed from reality."

"I've been country-crazy myself since I was 5."

Gentleman Jim, the farmer, had to fight his way out from city streets to a place on the land.

Born in Manhattan's lower East Side, son of an Irish saloonkeeper who died young, Cagney went to work as a copy boy for the old New York Sun at 14. His first job in the theater was impersonating a chorus girl.

He knew many a lean year as a vaudeville hooper and Broadway actor before he won film immortality in 1930 by grinding a grapefruit in Mae Clark's face in "Public Enemy." Then came the golden deluge. But Jimmy, who was making \$150,000 a picture as long ago as 1937, is glad that neither his son, James, Jr., 17, nor his daughter, Cathleen, shows any interest in show business.

"It's a rough life," said the little redhead who graduated years ago from the roughneck roles that first won him fame.

"My boy is interested in farm genetics and Cathleen all her life has wanted to be a veterinarian. That suits me fine."

Cagney, who still dances daily to keep in shape, has plenty of pavement-free land now to rest his feet on. He has a 600-acre horse ranch in California, a 700-acre dairy farm with 90 cows near Millbrook, N.Y., and a 200-acre estate on Martha's Vineyard, where he likes to spend the summer just watching the grass grow.

Jimmy takes his farming seriously. He's trying to cross-breed Scottish Highland cattle with conventional dairy cows to produce cattle "that need no barning and no winter feeding."

"The goal is a cow with a built-in thermometer," he said.

Cagney looked mildly offended when asked if he could milk a cow himself.

"I've done it," he said. "It's a damned good thing to know when the power goes out."

Jimmy has just completed "Man of a Thousand Faces," a Universal-International film that tells the life story of Lon Chaney, who, like Cagney himself, began his career as a hooper.

"In order to be a hooper," he said.

Gilliam Farmers Drop Cloud-Seeding Program

CONDON, Ore. — Gilliam County farmers are dropping out of a cloud-seeding rain production program, directors of Tri-County Weather Research report.

Morrow County dropped out two years ago, leaving only Sherman County to pay for the program.

Ralph Potter, chairman of the Gilliam County directors, reported that last year 24 Gilliam County farmers contributed \$6,165 to support the program. This was \$835 less than was needed, he said.

Sherman County has financed the program through its grain growers' cooperatives. Tentative plans call for a \$34,000 cloud seeding program in the county for 1957-58.

Spare Tire Strikes Man When Automobiles Crash

PORTLAND — Clarence A. Moot, 30, was knocked unconscious by a spare tire Wednesday.

Moot, walking along the street 75 feet away when two cars collided, turned to see the rolling tire bearing down on him from the trunk of one of the automobiles.

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Neither of the drivers involved in the collision was injured.

He is handsome, friendly and

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could wield the most brute physical power was the BOSS. Until courts came into the picture, there was no such thing as justice. POWER was all that counted.

In what we call the "civilized" nations, courts have taken the place of the strong right arm. But in the world at large—that is to say, in the INTERNATIONAL community—the strong right arm still rules.

Let's repeat that in proposing an international court system that will settle world arguments without recourse to brute force Mr. Brownell is right.

Before there can be an effective international court system, there must be an INTERNATIONAL POLICE SYSTEM that will enforce the decisions of the courts.

Without police power to back it up, no court can be effective.

Who will be the policeman? IT SHOULD be United Nations. The UN is not without power. It has demonstrated on several occasions that it can marshal the great power of international public opinion. United Nations is a week reed to lean on, but I think most of us are convinced that it is better than no reed at all.

Still—The hard, cold fact remains that until UN has back of it adequate police power to enforce its decisions it won't amount to much in the pinches.

Sec. Humphrey To Leave Post Next Monday

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey leaves his government post next Monday.

The White House announced Humphrey's departure date Wednesday, and said Robert B. Anderson will be sworn in that morning as Humphrey's successor.

Anderson is a former deputy secretary of defense.

On May 29, the White House disclosed what had been expected—that Humphrey would leave the cabinet. But no effective date for the resignation was given at that time.

Both men attended Wednesday's cabinet meeting, and both were among the 19 government officials invited to a presidential stag party Wednesday night. A spokesman said, however, the dinner was not specifically intended as a farewell for Humphrey.

There have been reports the outgoing secretary may become chairman of the board of National Steel Co.

Confession Hoax, Officers Learn

OAKLAND, Calif. — Police Capt. Anthony Bolger announced Thursday that William T. Allen, 25, admitted his story of slaying two policemen at El Segundo, Calif., was "a lie to escape prosecution by those tough Chicago cops."

Allen, a fugitive from an Illinois mental institution, is wanted in Chicago and St. Louis for tavern holdups.

Bolger said he admitted the slaying hoax after being questioned six hours by two Southern California officers.

Bolger announced that he had informed Chicago and St. Louis authorities they could have custody of Allen if they desired.

Bolger also said he would turn Allen's alleged robbery confederate, David Costa, over to Chicago authorities.

Idaho Lumber Workers Receive Wage Increase

LEWISTON, Idaho — About 2,600 north Idaho workers of Potlatch Forests Inc. will receive a 5 cent an hour wage increase under an agreement announced here.

Officials of PFI and the International Woodworkers of America announced formal acceptance of a new contract to run until next May 31. The pay boost will be retroactive to June 1.

Union members approved the agreement in a vote tabulated Tuesday night.

Imports More

LONDON — Britain imported more cotton cloth than she exported last month for the first time in the 200-year-old history of the Lancashire textile industry.

PUC Plans Investigation Of Rates Charged By PPL, Commissioner Announces

SALEM — Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan announced Thursday he is making an immediate investigation of rates charged by the Pacific Power & Light Co.

He said he has received many complaints that the company is engaging in "wholesale departures" from its published rates.

"Most of the allegations," he said, "concern cutthroat competitive practices in seven or eight areas in the PPL system where that company is in direct competition with municipally owned, cooperatively owned or PUD-owned electrical systems."

"There is nothing wrong with legitimate competition as such, although in utility economics and regulation it is generally conceded that a well-regulated single utility is preferable and less costly to the public than two or more competitors."

"But it is important that the public should understand that certain competitive practices are absolutely illegal in the utility field. Among the practices prohibited by Oregon law are rates, discriminatory reductions or increases in rates, favoritism in rate making, the absorption of losses in one company-owned utility, such as water or telephone service, in order to provide a lever by which the company can force or entice patrons to use another utility service, such as electricity."

"All these abuses and a good many more have been alleged in the complaints received during the last six months, and I am told, long before that. An informal, preliminary investigation has tended to confirm a large number of these complaints."

"Therefore, I am announcing a formal, general investigation, to begin promptly, of the rates, practices, services, and perhaps the rate bases of all regulated utility enterprises of the Pacific Power & Light Co."

He said he has received no similar complaints about other power companies.

Morgan pointed out that violations of the law are punishable by "very considerable fines."

Don R. McClung, executive vice president of Pacific Power & Light Co. said of Morgan's statement:

"We are confident that any such investigation will show most of the complaints referred to by Mr. Morgan originate with the practices of unregulated public ownership systems that have been trying to destroy our business in the areas where they compete with us."

"Unfortunately, the commissioner is not empowered by law to investigate the public agencies with which we have been forced to compete."

"Examination of these situations, should clearly demonstrate the desirability of putting public power agencies under state regulation for they are required to follow the same rules as private companies."

"Our company is making vigorous efforts to provide its customers with the power they need at fair and reasonable rates. We have been holding the line against rising costs of all kinds and believe the power rates will be found to be low by any proper standard. We are also confident that the proposed investigation will prove the claims of any widespread abuses on our part to be unfounded."

Lewis And Clark Diary To Enter Legal Battle

ST. LOUIS — A legal fight over who should have possession of diary notes on the Lewis and Clark expedition — the government or the Minnesota Historical Society — has been taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The government bases its claim on the fact that William Clark was an Army officer when he went on the expedition exploring the West. U.S. Atty. George E. Mackinnon of St. Paul asked the court here this week to reverse the decision of Federal District Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye at Minneapolis that the 67 pages of notes were Clark's personal account and not official documents.

The state society was given the papers by a St. Paul resident, Mrs. Burnside Foster. The diary was found in 1953 in the attic of her home in a desk which had belonged to her father, a Civil War general. It wasn't known how he came into possession of the notes.

SPokane — A brave burglar broke into the Spokane Police Academy firing range house during the night and stole two silver shooting awards, two medals and two guns.

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